

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 2/28

9:20 am Education Time
6:30 pm THRIVE Praise Youth Worship
12:00 pm NYG Participant "To Go" Lunch Fundraiser (Coffee Bar)

Monday 2/29

Tuesday 3/1

5:45 am Body & Soul Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*
6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

Wednesday 3/2 Praise Team 5:30pm, Handbells 6:00pm

12:15 pm Midweek Lenten Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner: Pizza (Fellowship Area)
6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship (Sanctuary)
7:30 pm Intercessory Prayer Group Meeting (Great Room)

Thursday 3/3 Handbells 5:30pm, Choir 6:30pm

5:45 am Body & Soul Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*
6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
6:30 pm Basics 1&2 Class (Conference Room)
6:30 pm Early Communion Class (Room 122)

Friday 3/4 Presented by George Roller, Executive Director CCS

1:30 pm Knowing Your Faith - High School Assembly @LSA

Saturday 3/5 Message: The Art of Misdirection

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

Sunday 3/6 Message: The Art of Misdirection

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:20 am Education Time (Good Friday Choir Rehearsal)
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
6:30 pm THRIVE Community Group Mtg. (@Pastor Doug's)

Intercessory Prayer Group

RESCHEDULED: Intercessory Prayer Group Information Meeting on Wednesday March 2nd at 7:30pm in the Great Room. Contact Carole Keirl with interest or questions at 217-423-2475.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 887
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 858

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4th Presented by George Roller, Executive Director CCS
Knowing Your Faith - High School Assembly 1:30pm @LSA Gym

March 6th Additional Sunday rehearsals 3/13 & 3/20
Good Friday Choir Rehearsals Begin (9:15am in Sanctuary)

March 13th
Return "Change for Life" Baby Bottles for NLPC

March 18th
Church Building and Early Learning Center Closed

March 19th Sign up for these events in the Fellowship Area TODAY!
Iron Sharpens Iron Conference (Springfield, IL)
SHiNe Family Easter Event (10:00am @SPL)

March 24th
Maundy Thursday Worship (7:00pm @SPL)

March 25th Featuring Rehoboth Christian School & SPL Choirs
Good Friday Tenebrae Service (1:00pm & 7:00pm @SPL)

March 27th
Easter Sunday Worship (6:30, 8:00, 10:30am @SPL)
New Member Welcome at 10:30am Worship

Easter Breakfast (Serving begins at 7:30am)

March 31st
ELC Preschool Open House (6:00-7:00pm @SPL ELC)

April 2nd & 3rd "Transformed" - Church-wide series kickoff

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 27 & 28, 2016

Pastor Wray Offermann
Pastor Eric Trickey
Pastor Doug Bender

And your ancient ruins shall be REBUILT;
you shall RAISE UP the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the REPAIRER of the breach,
the RESTORER of streets to dwell in.

ISAIAH 58:12

Prayer Before Worship

Lord Jesus, as we gather from our various schedules, routines, and places of residence, help us feel at home here, with brothers and sisters in the faith, ready to hear Your teaching, experience Your presence, and celebrate Your promises. Make us of one mind in spirit and in heart and prepare us to act in accord with Your Word. Thank You, Jesus, for how you do this. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

You Have Saved Us

Scripture Reading

Healing Is In Your Hands

Baptism (Sunday 10:30am Only)

Message

"Relationship Changers: Healing Broken Relationships"
Colossians 3:12-17

Offering

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

Loving A Person



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BUILD THE HOME, CHANGE THE WORLD.

Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, as we come to You today we remember Your promise that You have loved us with an everlasting love and whoever comes to You, You will never cast aside. So, we dare to approach You with our broken relationships. Often we avoid the pain of owning up to our part in relationship failures. We blame those we should love. We turn away from those who need us. We build walls to protect our pride rather than humble ourselves. We throw away relationships rather than trust You to give us the strength and insight to fix them. Forgive us, and free us to make a fresh start. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

Words of Institution

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the following page. We encourage families to commune together. Prayer ministers are available at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you at this time.

Communion

Speak O Lord

It Is Well

Your Great Name

Prayers of the Church

A handout with this week's prayer concerns is available at the Usher's Booth for those who would like to continue to pray about these concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song

Trading My Sorrows

Take Your Lunch To Go - One Day Only

On Sunday 2/28 following the 10:30am service, you can stop by the Coffee Bar and pick up lunch "to go". For the suggested donation of \$5.00 each, you will receive a BBQ sandwich, potato casserole, coleslaw, and dessert. All proceeds will go toward the support of our 2016 National Youth Gathering participants.

Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

At our 10:30am worship service, we celebrate the baptism of Aiden Kingston Stone. Aiden was born February 12, 2016 to parents Jonathan & Jennifer (Pickerill) Stone. Please welcome Aiden and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



EASTER LILIES 2016

Celebrate the victory of the Resurrection of Jesus - place an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. They will be displayed in the sanctuary during Easter Services. The cost is \$10 each - place your order in the Fellowship Area.

IRON SHARPENS IRON - MARCH 19TH

Men's Conference in Springfield, IL - Sign Up Today!

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the "16th" birthday of Jan Allen on February 29th (her 16th Leap Year birthday) and her faithful service to St. Paul's.

Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (*They are not merely symbolically present.*)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

**For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.*

MESSAGE NOTES "RC: Healing Broken Relationships"

Community Life Discussion Questions are available along with the weekly Prayer Concerns at the back of the sanctuary.

Family Easter Event 2016

SHiNe will host the Family Easter Event on Saturday 3/19 from 10:00-11:30am at SPL. The event will feature family activities, Easter story, crafts, food and fun, along with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Donations of FILLED Easter Eggs and also breakfast food items are needed. Sign up today in the Fellowship Area.

TRANSFORMED: 50 Days of Transformation

Seven week series coming to SPL beginning April 2&3. Get ready now by signing up to HOST or PARTICIPATE in a small group. Order your All-In-One Workbook for \$15.00 and get one free (for your spouse, family member, friend, or neighbor). Visit our table at the Connection Center in the Fellowship Area today!

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Join us for Midweek Lenten Worship each week at 12:15pm & 6:30pm. Dinner is served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Area, offered this week by St. Paul's Early Learning Center (Pizza).

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER Follow @SHiNeSPL

Children's Ministry: SHiNe with us on Sundays at 9:20am (Saturday 6:15pm) for children's education time. PreK-K meet in 206. 1st-4th Gr. meet in 203 to start. Gr. 5/6 meet in the Choir Room. *Early Communion Classes meet Thursdays @6:30pm in Rm 122.*

BUILDING BLOCKS: Class for Parents/Caretakers and Babies to 3 year olds on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 211.

Youth Ministry: THRIVE Senior High Youth Sundays at 9:20am (Rm 214) (pastordoug@spldecatur.org). **All grades (7-12) are welcome in 214 on Sundays.**

THRIVE Praise: Youth Worship on Sunday 2/28 at 6:30pm. Next event: THRIVE Community on 3/6 at 6:30pm.