

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 3/27 EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Worship "It All Starts Here"
- 7:30 am Easter Breakfast (Great Rm & 122, served til 10:15am)
- 8:00 am Easter Worship "The BEAUTY of Sunday"
- 10:30 am Easter Worship "The BEAUTY of Sunday"
- 10:30 am New Member Welcome (during worship)

Monday 3/28 SPL Church Offices Closed - ELC is Open

Tuesday 3/29

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

Wednesday 3/30 Contact Mary Peck if interested at 217-428-4228

- 6:30 pm Hands Only Compression CPR Class (Great Room)

Thursday 3/31

- 5:45 am Body & Soul Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*
- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 6:00 pm Early Learning Center Preschool Open House (ELC)

Friday 4/1

Saturday 4/2 Message: "Transformed"

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

Sunday 4/3 Message: "Transformed"

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:20 am Education Time
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

BOARD OF ELDERS NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee for the 2016-2017 term of service for the SPL Board of Elders has formed. Led by Tom Klebe, the committee includes Ed Moss, Jim Buske, Keith Storck, and John Stock. They are currently accepting Elder nominations for two Elder-At-Large positions and Chair-Elect. Please contact Tom at TOM_KLEBE_895@comcast.net or 217-864-2596 or submit nominations to one of the committee members.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 852
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 838

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 30th Contact Mary Peck if interested at 217-428-4228

Hands Only Compression CPR Instruction (6:30pm @Great Rm)

March 31st LWML Mite Boxes due back to Church Office

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

April 2nd & 3rd Host a small group during this series - sign up now!

"TRANSFORMED" - Church-wide series begins in worship

April 10th

TRANSFORMED Small Groups begin meeting this week

April 16th Get your tickets today - call 217-233-2001

Annual LSA Dinner Auction (5pm @Mt. Zion Convention Center)

April 22nd-23rd

Central Illinois District LWML Convention (Jacksonville, IL)

April 24th

8th Grade Confirmation (10:30am Worship @SPL)

April 26th

Call Day at Concordia Seminary - St. Louis (7:00pm)

May 15th

SPL Semi-Annual Voters Meeting (2:00pm @Great Room)

June 13th-17th

"Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School (VBS) at SPL

June 23rd

WBGL Backyard Bounce @St. Paul's Lutheran Church (8a-12p)

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The BEAUTY of Sunday

10:30 AM WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 27, 2016

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Wray Offermann

Pastor Doug Bender

Prayer Before Worship

You taught us, Lord, that the greatest love a man can show is to lay down his life for his friends. But Your love was greater still, because You laid down Your life for Your enemies. It was while we were still enemies that You reconciled us to Yourself by Your death. What other love has ever been, or could ever be, like Yours? You suffered unjustly for the sake of the unjust. You died at the hands of sinners for the sake of the sinful. You became a slave of tyrants, to set the oppressed free. Amen.

Worship Feature

The Son Rose Anyway

Call to Worship

Alive

Welcome & Easter Greeting

Invocation

Opening Praise

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Scripture Reading

John 20:10-16

Man of Sorrows

Baptism

The Message

"The BEAUTY of Sunday"

John 20:10-16



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Confession of Sins

Gracious Father, You sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him.

Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned Your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced Your image in us.

Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

Offering God Our Gifts

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.

Happy Day

New Member Welcome

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

Easter Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Song

For All You've Done

EASTER LILIES

If you placed an Easter Lily honoring a loved one, it can be picked up today following worship.

Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

Today in worship, we celebrate the baptism of Dext Andrew Clubbs & Jett Michael Clubbs. Dext was born December 13, 2013 and Jett was born May 26, 2011 to parents Darin and Jamie (Johnston) Clubbs. Please welcome Dext and Jett and their family as they receive new life in Christ. Congratulations!



Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

Today in worship, we celebrate the baptism of Coby Scott Wickiser. Coby was born February 14, 2011 to parents Christopher and Tosha Wickiser. Please welcome Coby and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

Today in worship, we celebrate the baptism of Tosha Marie Wickiser. Tosha was born August 25, 1983 to parents Shawn Mitchell and Tina Tertocha. Please welcome Tosha and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 45th wedding anniversary on March 27th of Natalie and Gary Bernard and in thanksgiving for children and grandchildren.

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

"The **BEAUTY** of Sunday"

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

During today's worship we welcome the following new members to the SPL family: Doug & Coley Adloff, Darin & Jamie Clubbs, Jonathan Gruel, Hayley Hoffmeyer, Kim Hulva, Moriah Hulva, David Kibler, Allison Nolen, Marian Roberson, Jennifer Rose, Jerry & Julie Stevens, Robert & Sharon Stymets, Christopher & Tosha Wickiser. Blessings on each of you and your families!

Interested in Membership at St. Paul's?

The next session of Basics 1 & 2 begins April 6th
Class meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm - led by Pastor Eric
Contact the Church Office to sign up at 217-423-6955

TRANSFORMED Sign Up for a Small Group!

Seven week series coming to SPL beginning April 2&3. We are looking for a few more people to **HOST** a small group. Now is the time to get signed up for a **SMALL GROUP!** Visit our table at the Connection Center in the Fellowship Area today!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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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. Gr. 5/6 meet in the Choir Room.

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.** Confirmation Materials are now due.

THRIVE Community: Sr. High - Join Pastor Doug for TRANSFORMED on Sundays at 6:30pm starting Sunday, April 10th!