

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 3/13 *Return your Change for Life Baby Bottles today!*

9:20 am Education Time (Good Friday Choir Rehearsal)
6:30 pm THRIVE Alive Board Game Night (@Pastor Doug's)

Monday 3/14

Tuesday 3/15

5:45 am Body & Soul Exercise Class (Rm 122) *All Welcome!*
8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)
6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

Wednesday 3/16 *Praise Team 5:30pm, Handbells 6:00pm*

12:15 pm Midweek Lenten Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner: Ham & Potatoes (Fellowship Area)
6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship (Sanctuary)
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 3/17 *Handbells 5:00pm*

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

Friday 3/18 Church Building & ELC Closed Today

Saturday 3/19 *Message: Play the Part (Iron Sharpens Iron Conf)*

10:00 am Family Easter Event & Annual Egg Hunt
4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

Sunday 3/20 *Message: Play the Part*

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:20 am Education Time (Good Friday Choir Rehearsal)
9:30 am SPL Special Voters Meeting (Great Room)
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
12:00 pm SPL Guatemala Mission Team Meeting (Great Room)

BREAD BAKING HELPERS NEEDED

We are in need of fun, kind helpers to bake unleavened bread for Maundy Thursday with Sara Trickey: Dough Making Wed. 3/23 @4pm, Baking Thurs. 3/24 @9am. Contact Andrea (423-6955).

Final Midweek Lenten Worship

12:15pm & 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 16th
Dinner served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Area

This week's meal: Ham & Potatoes - Sponsored by Women's Ministry

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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 20th

Good Friday & Easter Choir Rehearsal (9:15am in Sanctuary)

March 23rd

Good Friday Music Rehearsal (6:30pm @SPL Sanctuary)

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 26th **NO SATURDAY WORSHIP**

Easter Sunday Music Rehearsals (Choir 10am, Praise Team 11am)

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

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

March 31st

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

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
MARCH 12 & 13, 2016

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Wray Offermann

Then desire when it has conceived
gives birth to SIN,
and sin when it is fully grown
brings forth DEATH.

JAMES 1:15

Prayer Before Worship

Matthew 6:9-13 (The Message)

Our Father in heaven, reveal who You are. Set the world right; Do what's best—as above, so below. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others. Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil. You're in charge! You can do anything you want! You're ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

This Is Amazing Grace

Scripture Reading

How Great Thou Art

Message

"The Enemy Doesn't Change: Very Small Sins"

Matthew 15:10-20



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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.

Because He Lives

Confession and Absolution

Forgive us Lord Jesus for the "little sins" that we have made a place for in our lives. Forgive us for nurturing them until they cause great hurt and giant messes in our hearts and our relationships. Take even the smallest of our sins from us Jesus, because we know that no sin is safe for us to hold onto. Only you are a safe harbor in this dark world, and in You there is no sin or darkness, not even a microscopic amount. Fill us with Your light and love. In Your name we pray. 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

Once And For All (Sunday Only)

It Is Well

Jesus Paid It All

Nothing

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

The Kingdom of God

SPL Special Voters Meeting

Sunday, March 20th at 9:30am in the Great Room
*In consideration of a recommendation for a call
Associate Pastor Outreach & Mission*

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is now accepting applications from qualified individuals for the Pastoral Administrative Assistant position (full time, M-F 8am-5pm). Contact Jan Allen for an application (423-6955). Please return by April 1, 2016.

IRON SHARPENS IRON - MARCH 19TH

Men's Conference (Springfield) - *Early Bird Rate still available*

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 58th wedding anniversary of Janet and Edwin Brozio.

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

"EDC: Very Small Sins"

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

EASTER SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

We have several serving opportunities available for Holy Week & Easter - Breakfast helpers, parking attendants, hosts/greeters. Visit spldecatour.org/category/volunteer-opportunities for details or contact the church office at 217-423-6955.

TRANSFORMED: 50 Days of Transformation

Seven week series coming to SPL beginning April 2&3. We are looking for a few more people to HOST a small group. PreOrder your All-In-One Workbook for \$15.00 and get one free (for your spouse, family member, friend, or neighbor) **BY 3/21**. Visit our table at the Connection Center in the Fellowship Area today!

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.

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. 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@spldecatour.org). **All grades (7-12) are welcome in 214 on Sundays.** Confirmation Pics due by 3/18.

THRIVE Alive: Board Game Night Sunday 3/13 - 6:30pm at Pastor Doug's Home (3151 St. Andrews Ct.). Winter Jam 3/20