

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 3/6

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

Monday 3/7

6:00 pm 20s/30s Group Mtg. & Study (Great Room)

Tuesday 3/8

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

Wednesday 3/9 Praise Team 5:30pm

11:00 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
12:15 pm Midweek Lenten Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner: Spaghetti (Fellowship Area)
6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship (Sanctuary)
7:30 pm SPL Guatemala Team "To Go" Meals (Coffee Bar)

Thursday 3/10 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)
1:00 pm Hinz Group Bible Study (Conference Room)
5:30 pm Discipleship Team Meeting (Conference Room)
6:30 pm Basics 1&2 Class (Conference Room)

Friday 3/11

Saturday 3/12 Message: Very Small Sins

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

Sunday 3/13 Message: Very Small Sins

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:20 am Education Time (Good Friday Choir Rehearsal)
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Intercessory Prayer Group - Praying for YOU

The Intercessory Prayer Group has formed and is ready to be praying for you! Contact Carole Keirl at 217-423-2475 or Sharon Knight at 217-454-3652 to bring your needs to them.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 819
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 847

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13th

Good Friday Choir Rehearsal (9:15am in Sanctuary - again 3/20)
"Change for Life" Baby Bottles for NLPC - Return by TODAY!

March 18th Power shut down begins 6:00pm on 3/17

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 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)

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

"Transformed" - Church-wide series begins in worship

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10:30 AM WORSHIP
MARCH 6, 2016

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Wray Offermann

But when you PRAY,
go into your room and shut the door
and pray to your FATHER who is in secret.
And your Father who SEES in secret
will REWARD you.



Prayer Before Worship

O Holy One of Heaven, I come into this place to find Your Presence. There is no other name, no other object or idea, in all the universe that can give me what I truly need. It is only You. You, O Father, are my Craftsman. You sent Christ to give us the words of eternal life. I come to seek an audience with You, and You alone. Let Your Word pour forth into my heart so that my lips can declare the glory of Your majesty. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Call to Worship

The River

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Today is the Day

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Calling Out to You

Baptism

Message

"The Enemy Doesn't Change: The Art of Misdirection"
Matthew 6:5-15



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Confession and Absolution of Sins

Merciful Father, I humble myself before You. I know that You desire perfection, just as You are perfect. In a spiritual battle of good and evil, You command us to stand fast - clinging to what is good, and hating the evil that surrounds us. But I confess, many times I stray across enemy lines. I surrender my body and soul to the power of the devil and become his agent, instead of Yours. You know the places where sin has taken a stronghold in my life. Crush them. Demolish them. And raise me up again, that I would receive the power of Your mercy, to go and sin no more. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Time of Prayer

Pastors and Prayer Ministers will be available today at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you during this time. We also encourage individuals and families to pray together where you are seated. Additionally, this week's prayer concerns will appear on the screens and a handout of these concerns is also available at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to continue to pray about these concerns outside of worship.

Speak to Me

Lord I Need You

Blessing

Closing Song

Hear Our Praises

Experience Midweek Lenten Worship

12:15pm & 6:30pm Weekly on Wednesdays thru March 16th

Dinner served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Area

This week's meal: Spaghetti - Sponsored by Guatemala Mission Team

THIS WEEK: Spaghetti To-Go after Wednesday Worship
\$5.00 each - Place your pre-order today at the Coffee Bar

Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

Today in worship, we celebrate the baptism of Weston Bradford Huckstep. Weston was born January 21, 2016 to parents Nicholas and Alison (Kickle) Huckstep. Please welcome Weston and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



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.

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 birth of grandson Shane Dean Spellman on February 24th, from his loving grandma, Karen Oesch.

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: The Art of Misdirection"

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 - Easter Breakfast coordinator, parking attendants, etc. 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. 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!

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 to start. 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.**

THRIVE Community: Community Group meeting on Sunday 3/6 at 6:30pm at Pastor Doug's Home (3151 St. Andrews Ct.)