

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday 4/10** Message: "Transformed: Spiritual Health"

8:00 am Guatemala Team Coffee Fundraiser (Coffee Bar)  
9:20 am Education Time / Basics 1 & 2 Class (Room 122)  
6:30 pm THRIVE Community (TRANSFORMED for Youth)

**Monday 4/11**

7:00 pm Schlosser Small Group (Conference Room)

**Tuesday 4/12**

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

**Wednesday 4/13**

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)  
6:30 pm Basics 1 & 2 Class (Conference Room)

**Thursday 4/14** Handbell 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)

**Friday 4/15**

**Saturday 4/16** Message: "Transformed: Physical Health"

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
4:30 pm Power Small Group (Great Room)  
5:00 pm Annual LSA Dinner Auction (Mt. Zion Conv. Ctr.)  
6:00 pm Guatemala Team Coffee Fundraiser (Coffee Bar)  
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

**Sunday 4/17** Message: "Transformed: Physical Health"

8:00 am Guatemala Team Coffee Fundraiser (Coffee Bar)  
8:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:20 am Education Time / Basics 1 & 2 Class (Room 122)  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
6:30 pm THRIVE Community (TRANSFORMED for Youth)

## ANNUAL LSA DINNER AUCTION

The Annual LSA Dinner Auction is Saturday, April 16th at 5:00pm (Mt. Zion Conv. Ctr.). Silent & Live Auction items available. Catered by the Beach House. Tickets \$50.00. Call 233-2001 to learn more.

## We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 815  
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 837

...Better Together!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 22nd-23rd**

Central Illinois District LWML Convention (Jacksonville, IL)

**April 24th**

8th Grade Confirmation (10:30am Worship @SPL)  
Ladies Shower Celebration for Baby Bender (1:00-3:00pm)

**April 26th**

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

**April 30th** With Presentation by Coach Derek Leonard

"Football, Family & Faith" Men's Ministry Event (8:00am @SPL)

**May 7th**

Pancake Breakfast for Guatemala Mission Team (@SPL)

**May 14th**

Women's Brunch Sponsored by Women's Ministry (@SPL)

**May 15th** SPL Foundation Planting for Eternity Weekend

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

**June 5th** Save the Date - More information to come

Retirement Celebration for Pastor Wray Offermann (4:00pm)

**June 13th-17th** Watch for more volunteer & registration info to come!

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

**June 23rd** Serving opportunities available. Contact Andrea Gerhard

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

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# TRANSFORMED

*How God Changes Us*

*Be transformed by the renewing of your mind . . .*

ROMANS 12:2

## SPIRITUAL HEALTH



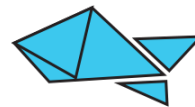
6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

APRIL 9 & 10, 2016

*Pastor Eric Trickey*

*Pastor Wray Offermann*

*Pastor Doug Bender*



Anyone who belongs to **CHRIST**  
has become a **NEW** person.

The old life is gone;

a new life has **BEGUN!**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 (NLT)

## Thoughts Before Worship

Every time you sin, it damages your dignity. When you break God's principles, you don't just hurt other people and God, you hurt yourself. Sin splits your soul. Every time you sin, it replaces a little bit of self-respect with a little bit of shame. Jesus Christ is in the dignity restoring business. He restores our dignity by erasing our sin, not ignoring it. Take a moment to talk to Jesus. Bring Him whatever you feel ashamed about, and ask Him to erase it. Then let your heart soar with gratitude that He has.

## Call to Worship

*Do What You Want To*

## Welcome & Announcements

## Invocation

## Opening Praise

*Jesus Move*

## Scripture Reading

Luke 15:24

*My Hope*

## Message

"TRANSFORMED: Spiritual Health"

Luke 15:11-24



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## Message Response

*My Lighthouse*

## Memory Verse

*2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)*

## 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.

*Help My Unbelief*

## Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, we have so often been thankless and self-centered rather than grateful and filled with praise for all You have done. Forgive us. We have allowed our souls to grow fat and lazy by seeking our own will rather than Your will for us. Renew us. We have wandered down paths that we know lead away from You, and avenues that have caused harm and chaos in our lives and in the lives of others. Lead us Jesus, and give us the courage to follow wherever that path may go. We surrender to Your will, and ask this in Your name. 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

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

*It Is Well*

## 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

## TRANSFORMED SPIRITUAL HEALTH

Following the seven weeks of our TRANSFORMED series, we will begin our First 90 Days, a cycle of community offerings where you can dig deeper into one of the seven areas. For Spiritual Health, we offer *40 Days of Purpose* in a group setting beginning in June (details to come in the weeks ahead).

Individually you might consider these additional resources:

*One Year Walk with God & One Year at His Feet* (Tyndale House)  
*Jesus Calling* (Thomas Nelson Publishing)  
*My Utmost For His Highest* (Oswald Chambers)

## Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Ashton Arwood on April 10th and for the 29th anniversary on April 11th of Jeff and Sue Entler.

## 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

## SPIRITUAL HEALTH

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

## TRANSFORMED

## ATTENTION HOSTS

Small Groups begin meeting this week (beginning April 10th). If you did not pick up your teaching materials last weekend, now is the time to get your Host Materials (Teaching DVD) by visiting our table at the Connection Center. You may also pick up session packets for those in your group who may not have books.

## TRANSFORMED DEVOTION DAY 1 Starts April 10th

## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S?

Basics 1 & 2 is now in session!

Sundays from 9:20-10:20am - led by Pastor Wray (Rm. 122)  
Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm - led by Pastor Eric (Conf. Rm.)  
*Childcare Available - Contact the Church Office at 217-423-6955*

## 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. *Special Guest Carol Brand from DCC Mom & Babies Program on 4/10!*

**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 - PAST DUE.

**THRIVE Community:** SPL Youth - Join Pastor Doug for TRANSFORMED on Sundays at 6:30pm starting this weekend on 4/10 (3151 St. Andrews Ct.)! We provide materials for you.