THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 5/8 Message: "Transformed: Relational Health"

9:20 am Education Time / Basics 1 & 2 Class (Conf. Room)

10:15 am The Morning Blend - Fellowship Time

6:30 pm THRIVE Community (TRANSFORMED for Youth)

Monday 5/9

7:00 pm Schlosser Small Group (Conference Room)

Tuesday 5/10

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 (LCR)

Wednesday 5/11 ELC Scholastic Book Fair Begins!

10:30 am Ministry to Mature: TRANSFORMED (Great Room)

6:30 pm Basics 1 & 2 Class (Conference Room)

Thursday 5/12 Choir 6:30pm (Great Room), Praise Team 7:00pm

5:45 am Body & Soul Exercise Class (Rm 122) All Welcome!

6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)

5:30 pm Discipleship Team Meeting (Conference Room)

6:30 pm ELC Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary)

Friday 5/13

7:00 pm Let the Heavens Open: Night of Praise & Worship

Saturday 5/14 Message: "Transformed: Relational Health"

10:00 am Women's Fellowship Brunch (Great Room)

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:30 pm Power Small Group (Great Room)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

Sunday 5/15 Message: "Transformed: Relational Health"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time / Basics 1 & 2 Class

10:15 am The Morning Blend - Fellowship Time

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE @LSA

Donate Blood - Thursday, 5/12 from 11:30am-5:00pm @LSA. Hosted by the LSA High School - Call 233-2000 to sign up.



ELC Scholastic Book Fair May 11th - 15th

Able to help? Contact Kim at 217-424-9183

The Journey Celebrating Pastor Wray Offermann

Sunday, June 5th at 4:00pm - Decatur Conference Center Tickets \$25 (Adults, Youth 13 & Up) - Pick up in the Fellowship Area You can also contribute to a gift for the Offermanns at the table and complete a special note card for Pastor Wray.

We Worship...

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

843 855

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5th Submit your materials to the Church Office Graduate Recognition (10:30am Worship Service)

June 5th Tickets now available \$25 - Adults & Youth (Age 13 & Up) Retirement Celebration for Pastor Wray Offermann (4:00pm)

June 11th Marriage Seminar @SPL - More information coming soon

Invest In Your Marriage with Randy & Monica Zachary (9a-12p)

June 13th-17th Visit the display in the Fellowship Area for info "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School (VBS) at SPL (9am-12pm) June 23rd Serving opportunities available: Contact Andrea Gerhard

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

August 5th-7th Serving opportunities available: Contact Andrea Decatur Celebration Christian Stage - Downtown Decatur

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP MAY 7 & 8, 2016

> Pastor Doug Bender Pastor Eric Trickey Pastor Wray Offermann



Above all, **LOVE** each other **DEEPLY**, because love COVERS OVER

a multitude of **SINS**.

1 PETER 4:8 (NIV)

Prayer Before Worship

Great Father and King, what privilege to once again set foot in Your holy dwelling. Better is one day here in Your courts than thousands anywhere else. I come again to be made new. This world has worn on our relationship. I've been distracted from You and been a distraction to myself and others. I'm here to learn from You again, and receive all the gifts You have in store for me. Thank You God for calling me Your own. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Do What You Want To

Memory Verse Review

Matthew 11:28 (NIV) New Verse: 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)

By Our Love

Message

"TRANSFORMED: Relational Health" Hebrews 10:23-25

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.

Shake



Confession and Absolution

Perfect God and Father, the only power I have to call out to You is because of the way that Christ has made for me. He was willing to sacrifice Himself and His relationship with You so that I could come to You as a son and daughter. But I've lost sight of this relationship. I've taken Jesus- my friend, brother, and Savior, for granted. Forgive me Father, for all the ways I have abused this gift of belonging to You. I repent of all my sins, and ask that You would look at me as You look at Jesus. In Your Son's 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

Ever Be

Do You Know

We Fall Down

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

Closing Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Happy Mother's Day!

Celebrating all women who nurture and grow the lives of others. Women are each welcome to a flower as you leave worship today

Next Weekend - SPL Foundation Planting for Eternity

Special Door Offering - To benefit SPL Guatemala Mission Team Gift matching - \$0.50 for every dollar donated

Please join us at SPL on Friday, May 13th at 7:00pm for Open Up the Heavens: A Night of Praise & Worship

Visit the table by the Connection Center to SIGN UP:

Serving Opportunities including Greeters - Hosts Coffee Ministry - Welcome Center Attendants Red Cross Blood Drive Donors (for 5/12 at LSA)

TRANSFORMED RELATIONAL 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 Relational Health, Joe & Colleen Woodington will lead the *Love Dare* study at SPL beginning in June.

Individually you might consider these additional resources:

The Relationship Principles of Jesus by Tom Holladay Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels The 5 Love Languages by Gary D. Chapman

Howers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Mike & Lee Ann Pickerill.

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	RELATIONAL HEALTH

TRANSFORMED FINANCIAL HEALTH 5/14 & 5/15

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

GET CONNECTED: WOMEN'S EVENTS

- <u>LWML Friends in Faith Salad Supper</u> is Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30pm (hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, 1960 E. Johns). Bring a salad, bread, or dessert to share. Guest speaker Darsonya Switzer. Call Carol Stafford if interested 217-429-1025.
- SPL Women's Ministry welcomes women of all ages to attend the <u>Women's Fellowship Brunch</u> titled "A Woman's Life TRANSFORMED: The Roles We Play" on Saturday 5/14 at 10:00am. Tickets are \$3.00 each includes Brunch & Program.

Semi-Annual Voters Meeting

SPL Members should plan to attend the Semi-Annual Voters Meeting on Sunday, May 15th at 2:00pm in the Great Room. We will receive congregational updates and information and will vote on the Board of Elders leadership for 2016-2017.

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.

CAVE QUEST VBS - June 13-17 at SPL!

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

THRIVE Community: SPL Youth TRANSFORMED on Sundays at 6:30pm [LOCATION: Brown Home - 4095 Graces Lane]