

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/17

10:15 am The Morning Blend - Fellowship Time

12:00 pm SPL Guatemala Mission Team Meeting (Room 122)

Monday 7/18

Tuesday 7/19

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)

9:30 am Physical Health: Morning Workout (SPL Outdoors)

Wednesday 7/20 Final Day - National Youth Gathering 2016

6:00 pm Relational Health: Love Dare (Room 122)

6:30 pm Spiritual Health: Purpose Driven Life (Conf. Room)

6:30 pm Vocational Health: Let Your Life Speak (S. Great Rm)

7:00 pm Emotional Health: Emotional First Aid (N. Great Rm)

Thursday 7/21

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)

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

6:30 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 group meeting (Great Room)

Friday 7/22

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery (Room 122)

Saturday 7/23 Message: "The Life of the World to Come"

7:00 am Men's Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)

5:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

SPL Guatemala Mission Team - Group One Departs

Sunday 7/24 Message: "The Life of the World to Come"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time / Basics 1 & 2

10:15 am The Morning Blend - Fellowship Time

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE GEARIGS

"Special thanks to the St. Paul's family for the abundantly generous gifts of meals, gift cards, and financial contributions. Astounded and amazed and above and beyond are hardly the right words to describe it. It is a blessing to be here and we are thankful to be part of such a caring and loving group of people. Thank you for helping us to feel very welcomed and loved in our new home." Love, Pastor Mark & Jennifer, Ezra and Noah

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 763

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 772

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 23rd & 24th www.fundraising.fmssc.org/DecaturCommunity
FMSC One for 200 Weekend - Donate the cost of one meal out!

July 23rd-30th & July 30th - August 6th

SPL Guatemala Mission Team Travel (Group 1 & 2)

August 5th-7th SERVE WITH US: Contact Andrea at 423-6955

Decatur Celebration Christian Stage - Downtown Decatur

August 13th & 14th

LSA Parent Meetings (following worship @SPL)

August 21st

FMSC Decatur MobilePack Special Offering Weekend (20/21)

Cross Tower Dedication (following 10:30am worship)

"Welcome Home" Church Picnic (12:00pm @SPL)

September 17 & 18 SAVE THE DATE - Make memories!

Dads, Grandpas & Kids Campout (@Camp CILCA)

September 23 & 24 SAVE THE DATE - Start forming your team!

Feed My Starving Children Decatur MobilePack Event @SPL

September 30 - October 22

Church Directory Photography @SPL - More details to come!

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
JULY 16 & 17, 2016

Pastor Mark Gearig

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender



Our HOPE for you is unshaken, for we know
that as you SHARE in our SUFFERINGS,
you will also share in our COMFORT.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:7

Prayer Before Worship

Father God, You are the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, the One who comforts me in all my affliction. Lord Jesus, You enter into my mourning and weep with me, fully understanding my pain and suffering. Holy Spirit, when I am in anguish You groan with me on my behalf. Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, help me to do the same when I see others who are mourning and distressed. Fill me with Your great compassion and love so that I may be Your loving presence, providing comfort to those in the midst of affliction. Amen.

Call to Worship

Worship the Great I Am

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Build Your Kingdom Here

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

All I Am

Children's Message

Message

"From Mourning to Dancing: Suffering of Others"
Entering into the Suffering of Others



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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.

If We Are the Body

Confession and Absolution

Lord, I must confess that I have not always been the comforter You have called me to be. Your love and compassion for me never end. Yet, all too often I have lacked compassion for those suffering before me. I have let fear of not having the right words hold me back. Forgive me Lord. Help me to see those who are in need and suffering through Your eyes. Fill me with courage and compassion that I may enter into their lives and walk with them. Amen.

Words of Institution (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on this page. We encourage families to commune together. Prayer ministers are located at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you at this time.

Communion (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

By Our Love

You Have Shown Us

Prayers of the Church

A handout with this week's prayer concerns is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to continue to pray for these concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song

Lay Me Down

Continue to be in prayer for our

National Youth Gathering Participants & Chaperones

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.

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

Flowers on the Altar - Correction for July 10th

Flowers on the Altar were placed to the glory of God, in celebration and honor of Lyetta Grace's birthday from her loving family.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Barry Sanders on the 2nd anniversary of his passing on July 18th, and in thanksgiving for the blessing of living with diabetes for 40 years, since July 1986, from Joy Sanders.

MISSION: GUATEMALA 2016

Our SPL Guatemala Mission Team is preparing for travel to Guatemala - Group One serves July 23-30 and Group Two serves July 30-August 6. Over this period of time, they will build three houses and provide a VBS experience for the local children each week. We invite you to be in prayer with us for these team members: (Group 1) JB Bruntjen, Andrew Buhr, Gloria Greene, Richard Heinkel, Kathy Luecke, Nancy McGlade, Sabrina McGlade, Kathryn Opperman, Danielle Peer, Chuck Schuette, (Group 2) Allison Butler, Julia Butler, Madison Butler, Paul Butler, Bob Fleck, Isaac Fleck, Ross Gaddis, Gloria Greene, Dalton Lunn, John Maas, Max Maas, Adam Mize, Jordan Mize, Wray Offermann, Ivan Peterson, Ross Peterson, and Tim White. May lives be blessed through their service!

MISSION: GUATEMALA - SUPPORT NEEDED

If you can provide a financial contribution for our mission work in Guatemala, contact Gloria Greene at ggreene34@aol.com

POSITION AVAILABLE LSA

The LSA is seeking a candidate for the School Nurse position for 2016-17 school year. Must have a current Illinois nursing license, enjoy working with children K-12, and be available to start 8/1. Part time M-F from 10am-2pm. Submit resumes to Allison Nolen at the LSA anolen@lsadecatur.net or call 233-2002.

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). **All grades (7-12) are welcome on Sundays.**

THRIVE Summer: SPL Youth Fun in the Sun Summer Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Stay tuned for info about upcoming events. Contact Pastor Doug if you would be willing to host one of these events week (pastordoug@spldecatur.org).