

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/24

10:15 am The Morning Blend - Fellowship Time

Monday 7/25

Tuesday 7/26

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

Wednesday 7/27

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)

5:30 pm Clean Up Crew: Christian Growth Ctr. & Warehouse

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

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

Thursday 7/28

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 7/29

4:00 pm Transformed Team Leaders Meeting (Conf. Room)

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery (Room 122)

Saturday 7/30 Message: "Biblical Transformation"

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 7/31 Message: "Biblical Transformation"

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

SERVE WITH US AT DECATUR CELEBRATION

As a sponsor of the Christian Stage at the Decatur Celebration, SPL will be continuing to support the stage but will also be assisting families through a changing station and nursing area. If you are interested and available to serve August 5th, 6th, or 7th, contact Andrea Gerhard (andrea@spldecatour.org or 423-6955).

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 725

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 744

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Decatur Celebration Christian Stage - Downtown Decatur

August 10th Learn more about ELC Preschool - Space Available

[Early Learning Center Preschool Open House \(6:30pm\)](#)

August 13th & 14th

LSA Parent Meetings (Saturday 7:15pm, Sunday 12pm @SPL)

August 17th Welcome Joel Witt, LSA Elementary Principal!

First Day of School Lutheran School Association (12pm dismissal)

August 21st

FMSC Decatur MobilePack Special Offering Weekend (20/21)

Cross Tower Dedication (following 10:30am worship)

"Welcome Home" Church Picnic & Family Fest (12pm @SPL)

September 10th & 11th New Adult Ed Classes Begin!

Food Collection Weekend for Decatur Kids Bags of Hope

September 17th & 18th SAVE THE DATE - Make memories!

Dads, Grandpas & Kids Campout (@Camp CILCA)

September 23rd & 24th SAVE THE DATE - Form your team!

Feed My Starving Children Decatur MobilePack Event @SPL

Visit <http://www.fundraising.fmsc.org/DecaturCommunity>

September 30th - October 22nd Family & friends can participate!

Church Directory Photography @SPL - More details to come!

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
JULY 23 & 24, 2016

Pastor Eric Trickey
Pastor Doug Bender
Pastor Mark Gearig



He will wipe away

EVERY TEAR from their eyes,
and DEATH shall be NO MORE...

REVELATION 21:4

Meditation Before Worship *The First Council of Nicaea (325 AD)*

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come!

Call to Worship

Hallelujah We Will Sing

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

My Lighthouse

Eye of the Storm

No Longer Slaves

Scripture Reading

Message

"From Mourning to Dancing: The Life of the World to Come"

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.

Abide with Me



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Confession and Absolution *Based on Revelation 2 & 3*
Help us, Father, to be faithful unto death, and even in the face of daily trials to stand firm.

Forgive us when we falter – in love for You and for our neighbor. Forgive us for our idolatry and for the times our lustful appetites rule our decisions. Forgive us for tolerating and making excuses for the sin in our lives. Wake us up from our spiritual slumber. Make us refreshing streams of hope, and warm and healing springs of your love. 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 this 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

Revelation Song

Worship the Great I Am

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Blessing

Closing Song

How Great Thou Art

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of 49 years of marriage on July 21st by Marilyn and Jim Corley.

MESSAGE NOTES The Life of the World to Come

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

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.*

ONE FOR 200 - FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

This weekend, we are encouraging families to give up one meal out and instead be home and have a Cementing Meal together, eat rice and veggies or less than you normally would, and take what you would have spent on a meal out and donate it to the FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack Event (1609-029AU). One Manna Pack Meal costs just 22 cents - the average person packs about 200 meals in a session at a cost of \$44.00, about the average cost of a family meal out. Make the sacrifice of ONE meal to impact MANY. Turn Hunger into Hope. You can donate online at www.fundraising.fmsc.org/DecaturCommunity (or if you choose to write a check, make it payable to FMSC and include our MobilePack number in the memo line 1609-029AU). Volunteer registration for this event will begin on August 22nd. If you have questions about our MobilePack or would be interested in being a Business Sponsor for this event, please contact Andrea Gerhard at andrea@spldecatur.org or 217-423-6955.



MISSION: GUATEMALA 2016

Please be in prayer for the members of our SPL Guatemala Mission Team as they travel and serve - Group One is serving July 23-30 and Group Two is serving 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. Please pray 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!

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). All grades (7-12) are welcome on Sundays.
THRIVE Summer: SPL Youth Fun in the Sun Summer Wednesdays at 6:30pm. **NEXT Event:** Meet at SPL on **Wednesday 7/27** at 6:30pm for a service project we will complete together. Contact Pastor Doug if you would be willing to host one of these events week (pastordoug@spldecatur.org).