

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/10

10:15 am The Morning Blend - Fellowship Time
2:00 pm Ordination & Installation Mark Gearig Reception follows

Monday 7/11

Tuesday 7/12

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)
12:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Area)

Wednesday 7/13 *THRIVE Fun in the Sun 6:30pm @Fairview Pool*

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
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 7/14 *National Youth Gathering departure 3:30pm*

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)
6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
5:30 pm Discipleship Team Meeting
6:30 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 group meeting (Great Room)

Friday 7/15

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery (Room 122)

Saturday 7/16 Message: "Entering into the Suffering of Others"

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)

Sunday 7/17 Message: "Entering into the Suffering of Others"

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE @SPL

Donate Blood - Tuesday, 7/12 from 12:30am-5:30pm @SPL.
Call Teena Lichtenberger at 520-1050 for an appointment.

SPECIAL THANKS

- Thank you to our church family for all the cards, prayers, food, visits, memorials, and special thanks to Pastor Eric for support, from the family of Don Olsen.
- Thank you to all those who helped unload and move everything into our new house, and for the many meals. Your help made the process smooth and easy, a blessing after a long, crazy day. From Pastor Mark, Jen, and Gearig Family

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16th-20th

National Youth Gathering 2016 (New Orleans)

July 23rd & 24th www.fundraising.fmsc.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*

"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

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
JULY 9 & 10, 2016

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Wray Offermann



"And I will ask the **FATHER**,
and He will give you another **HELPER**,
to be with you **FOREVER...**"

JOHN 14:16-17

Thoughts Before Worship

Martin Luther

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Call to Worship

Eye of the Storm

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Breathe On Us

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:28-32

Holy Spirit

Message

"From Mourning to Dancing: The Holy Spirit"
Our Comforter Amidst the Struggle - Romans 8:22-27

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.

Trust In You

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Confession and Absolution

Father God, I admit it. I have been a miserable paraclete on your behalf. I have attempted to understand and explain You in ways that have misled others, rather than trusting You and leaning on You for my understanding. I have lived in ways that do not testify to the truth that is in me, and I have suffered the consequence of all my sin. Please Father, send Your Spirit to defend me. Hear my groan as I cry out to You! I don't always have the right words, but You promise to listen and understand me anyway. Thank You for this, and most of all for the mercy of Your Son, Jesus. In His 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 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

Good Good Father

Worship the Great I Am

Lord I Need You

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

Trading My Sorrows

Please join us for the Ordination & Installation of Pastor Mark Gearig at 2:00pm on Sunday

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

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

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.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2016
 Youth and adults from St. Paul's and St. John's are attending the NYG 2016 in New Orleans from July 16-20, 2016. Please join us in prayer for these participants/chaperones from SPL: Kendall Albert, Sarah Barter, Jonah & Caleb Bayles, Gavin Brand, Emily Brown, James Brown, Allison Butler, Kayla Dunn, Wade England, Dylan Harjung, Aimee Howe, Blaize Hulva, Taryn & Grant Karsten, ClaraAnn Keane, Josh Mell, Aeden Miller, Wayne Moran, Parker Nichols, Jordyn Pate, Ross Peterson, Sidney Reynolds, Kelsey Robertson, Mya Tatum, Aaron Templeton, Thalassa Trickey, Clayton & Maddie Vought, Madisyn Watkins, Cody Williams, Alexis Willian, Rachel Wood, (Chaperones) Pastor Doug Bender, Johanna Bayles, Michelle Bender, Billy Hernan, Victoria Meier, Michael Peer, Tim Spinner, and Sara Trickey. May this experience be all God intends!

SPONSOR A PARTICIPANT FOR NYG
 We still need some help in covering the costs of this trip and invite you to partner with us in SPONSORING one of the PARTICIPANTS at different levels (\$100, \$200, \$350). You'll be partnered with a participant and receive several benefits. SPONSORSHIP FORMS available in the Fellowship Area.

POSITION AVAILABLE - APPLY NOW
 We are currently accepting applications for the Church Secretary/Office Manager position (full time, M-F 8am-5pm) (currently held by Mickey Johnson - retiring this year). Contact Ruthie Baum for an application (423-6955) or visit spldecatur.org/category/latest-news for the full listing. Applications due by July 15th

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.*

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: July 13th at Fairview Park Pool
 Contact Pastor Doug if you would be willing to host one of these events week (pastordoug@spldecatur.org).