THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 8/7 Join us for The Morning Blend at 10:15am! 11:30 am Christian Stage: Faith & Fitness Family Workout 8:30 pm Christian Stage: Colton Dixon (Also at 6:00pm)

Monday 8/8

Tuesday 8/9

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

Wednesday 8/10

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)

6:30 pm St. Paul's ELC Preschool Open House

6:30 pm THRIVE Fun in the Son (@Bender Home)

Thursday 8/11

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

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

5:00 pm Baby Blessings Sewing Group (Room 122)

5:30 pm Discipleship Team Meeting (Conference Room)

6:30 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Friday 8/12

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery (Room 122)

Saturday 8/13 Message: "Biblical Transformation: Israel"

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)

7:15 pm LSA Parent Meeting (Sanctuary)

Sunday 8/14 Message: "Biblical Transformation: Israel"

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 LSA Parent Meeting (Sanctuary)

St. Paul's Early Learning Center

-Preschool Open House: Wednesday 8/10 from 6:30-7:30pm -Now Hiring: PT Bus Driver, Teacher Positions. Visit the "Latest News" at spldecatur.org for current postings.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 730 4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance:

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17th Welcome Joel Witt, LSA Elementary Principal! First Day of School Lutheran School Association (12pm dismissal) August 20 & 21

FMSC Decatur MobilePack Special Offering Weekend (20/21) Children & Youth Ministry "Move Up" - First Bibles (All Services) August 21st

Cross Tower Dedication (following 10:30am worship)

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

August 27th & 28th

Church Directory Photography Sign Ups Begin this weekend September 4th

New Member Welcome (Brunch 9:15am, Welcome 10:30am)

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 Volunteer Registration begins August 22 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

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

> Pastor Mark Gearig **Pastor Eric Trickey** Pastor Doug Bender



"Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they shall receive MERCY."

MATTHEW 5:7

Praver Before Worship

Psalm 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

Call to Worship

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Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Open Up the Heavens

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:3-12

Forever Reign

Message

"Biblical Transformation: Joseph"

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.

Find Me Faithful



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Confession & Absolution

Lord God, I confess to you that my life has been one of self-service and godlessness. I have worshiped the creature instead of the Creator. I have served my worldly passions instead of Your people. I have sought to build my kingdom instead of Yours. I have depended upon my abilities instead of Your promises. I have clothed myself in pride and arrogance instead of the humility of Your son. In your great mercy, forgive me Lord. Put my self-serving pride to death that I might boast in you alone. 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 the following page. We encourage families to commune together. Prayer ministers are at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you at this

Communion (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

Cornerstone

Ever Be

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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

I Will Follow

CROSS TOWER DEDICATION - SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST Following 10:30am Worship

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	on Questions are available along with needs 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:

- Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
- Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
- 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.

Howers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Justin Baker, whom God called home on August 6, 2015. The family also gives God glory and praise for the life of Landen.



Regular Meetings resume on Friday, August 12th at 6:30pm

FMSC DECATUR COMMUNITY MOBILEPACK

COMMUNITY WIDE SPECIAL OFFERING WEEKEND

Saturday 8/20 & Sunday 8/21 - Churches across our community will together participate in a Special Offering for our FMSC Decatur Community MOBILEPACK MobilePack during this time, helping us to achieve raising the \$55K needed to fund the 250,000 meals we will pack. You can form a fundraising team and also donate online at www.fundraising.fmsc.org/DecaturCommunity. Our MobilePack number is 1609-029AU. Volunteer registration for this event will open on

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.

AUGUST 22nd. A great way for families to serve together!



Church Picnic & Family Fest

Sunday, August 21st 12:00 - 2:00PM

Food - Fellowship - Family Fun

Nelcome Home

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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. CHANGE: Gr. 5/6 meet in Room 205.

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 Son Summer Wednesdays at 6:30pm. **NEXT Event**: Wednesday 8/10 at 6:30pm at the Bender Home (3151 St. Andrews Ct.) Contact Pastor Doug for more info (pastordoug@spldecatur.org).

OFFICIAL "MOVE-UP" Weekend is August 20/21! All ages will move to the next grade level corresponding with year in school this weekend. FIRST BIBLES for Kindergarteners & Third Graders - All Services