

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 9/18 Join us for *The Morning Blend* at 10:15am!

9:20 am Art of Marriage (Room 105) / Education Classes

4:00 pm THRIVE Serve - Bags of Hope (@SPL)

Monday 9/19

6:00 pm 20s/30s Group Meeting & Study (Room 122)

Tuesday 9/20

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

8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

6:30 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Great Room)

Wednesday 9/21

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Pulled Pork (Fellowship Area)

6:30 pm F3 Classes Begin (@SPL - varied class locations)

Thursday 9/22 *Handbells 5:30pm / Praise Team & Winds 6:30pm*

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

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

1:00 pm Hinz Group Study (Conference Room)

6:00 pm Choir Potluck (Tile Area) - Rehearsal (Room 122)

6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 (KYLO begins 9/15 - Great Room)

Friday 9/23 FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack Event

3:00 pm Concordia Seminary STL (Pastor Bill Wrede)

Saturday 9/24 Message: "Grab A Shovel" / **MobilePack Day 2**

7:00 am SPL Man UP! Men's Ministry (Conference Room)

5:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Sunday 9/25 Message: "Grab A Shovel"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Adult, Youth, Children - Education Classes

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION TIME 9:20AM

Engage in digging new pathways to learning and life transformation on Sunday mornings at SPL! Connect through adult education options like Pastor's Class (Great Room), Art of Marriage (Room 105), Basics class (Conference Rm) and more. #90Days

CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE

As she retires, it's time to honor Mickey Johnson for the dedication, love, and leadership she has given to SPL for so many years. We invite you to be a part of a reception in her honor at 9:20am on Sunday, October 2nd at SPL. Questions? Please contact Molly Schroat in the church office at 217-423-6955.

MAN UP! MEN'S MINISTRY AT SPL

We invite all men to gather at SPL on Saturday, October 8th at 12:00pm as we kick off our new Man UP! Men's Ministry! Enjoy food (pulled pork) and fellowship (bags & washers) and learn more about what is ahead. Please bring a chair. Sign up today!

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 831

4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 808

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24th & 25th

Flu Shot Clinic @SPL (5:15-6pm 9/24, 9:30-10:15am 9/25)

September 30th - October 22nd Register online at spldecatour.org

Church Directory Photography @SPL **DON'T MISS OUT!**

October 8th

SPL Man UP! Men's Ministry Kickoff Event (12:00pm @SPL)

October 28th

SHiNe Fall Mission Fest & Night of Praise and Worship

November 1st Service of Remembrance (7:00pm @SPL)

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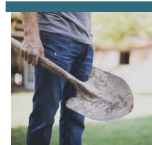


6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2016

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Mark Gearig



"This is what the LORD says:

Make this valley FULL of DITCHES."

2 KINGS 3:15B

Prayer Before Worship

God and Father, I pray for Your wisdom and understanding. Give me the confidence and strength to dig deep into my life. Uphold me with Your righteous, right hand. Open my ears to listen to Your Word, and unstick my feet to do what it says. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Here As In Heaven

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Open Up The Heavens

Scripture Reading

Hands to the Heavens

Message

"Grace Flipping Houses Into Homes: Fill the Ditch"

2 Kings 3:15-16, 20 (NIV 84)

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.

We Exalt Your Name



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Confession and Absolution

Most holy God, we know that this life matters to You. You've given us an incredible gift; a chance to live for Christ and serve our neighbors. Honestly Father, I become so overwhelmed. My schedule fills up and busyness overtakes me. I want to dig deep and bring about the kind of change that pleases You, but I get stuck lacking the energy and ability to see how to do it. I need Your help. I need Your grace to be the fuel of my efforts. Please forgive the many ways I've betrayed You. Pour out Your blessings over my confession. Restore me for Jesus' sake. In His name we pray, 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 available to pray with you at the front and back of the sanctuary at this time.

Communion (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Nothing Is Holding Me Back

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

Build Your Kingdom Here

MISSED YOUR CHANCE TO GET YOUR OWN SHOVEL?

#DigIn and pick up yours today!

Available at the back of the sanctuary

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Cearlock from Gertrude, Angela, Shawn, Katrina, Elizabeth and Mallory Cearlock.

MESSAGE NOTES

Fill the Ditch

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.*

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL FELLOWSHIP

SPL Women's Ministry invites women of all ages to the annual Fall Fellowship event on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00pm (Nelson Home). Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Sign-up today - directions and information available in the Fellowship Area.

FMSC DECATUR COMMUNITY MOBILEPACK

VOLUNTEER at our FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack Event hosted by SPL on **September 23 & 24!** There are FIVE sessions available: Friday 3:30-5:30pm & 6:00-8:00pm (Child-care), Saturday 9:00-11:00am, 11:30am-1:30pm (Childcare), and 2:00-4:00pm (setup & cleanup sessions also available). Go online to www.fundraising.fmssc.org/DecaturCommunity and click "Volunteer to Pack" to register today (or contact Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955). You can also still donate to the event via this site (MobilePack number 1609-029AU).

Able to SERVE as a greeter, parking attendant, at registration or help in other ways at this event? Need Childcare? Sign up at our table in the Fellowship Area TODAY!!

#DIGIN FOR THESE NEXT #90DAYS

Plenty of training and equipping available to you in our next #90DAYS at SPL! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:20am or for F3 Wednesdays (through 11/16) at 6:30pm (dinner at 5:30pm). It's not too late to #DigIn and get in the game. Learn more online at spldecatour.org/family-faith-formation. Childcare also available.

DON'T MISS OUT - SMILING FACES WANTED

We want to include every family in our "family album" and invite you to participate in our directory photography 9/30-10/22 at SPL. You'll receive a free 8x10 print just for participating. Be sure to come see us at our table in the Fellowship Area and SIGN-UP TODAY! You can also reserve your spot online at spldecatour.org.

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 Room 205. GET CREATIVE: Join us for F3 Wednesdays at 6:30pm thru 11/16!

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). **Confirmation (7/8) on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

THRIVE Youth: SPL Senior High Youth are invited to THRIVE Serve on Sunday 9/18 at 4:00pm for Bags of Hope at SPL. Contact Pastor Doug for more info (pastordoug@spldecatour.org). Join us for F3 Wednesdays through November 16th!