

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 9/4 Join us for *The Morning Blend* at 10:15am!

6:30 pm THRIVE Community (Meets @Bender Home)

Monday 9/5 Labor Day (Church Office, ELC, LSA Closed)

Tuesday 9/6

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

Wednesday 9/7

6:00 pm 7/8 Grade Confirmation Fellowship Event (Great Rm)

Thursday 9/8 Handbell Choir 5:30pm / Praise Team 6:30pm

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 (Conference Room)

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

Friday 9/9

Saturday 9/10 Message: "Bring Me A Harpist"

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

5:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Sunday 9/11 Message: "Bring Me A Harpist"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

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

10:15 am The Morning Blend - Fellowship Area

10:30 am Contemporary Worship (New Member Welcome)

6:30 pm THRIVE Alive - Pool Party (@Reynolds Home)

F3: FAMILY-FAITH-FORMATION FALL 2016

F3 Classes begin on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30pm (dinner at 5:30pm). Go online to spldecatour.org to register today!

DADS-GRANDPAS-KIDS CAMPOUT 2016

We invite Dads & Grandpas to bring their youngsters to Camp CILCA for our annual Campout this year on September 17 & 18. Don't miss out on making these memories. Sign up online at spldecatour.org or contact Clay Gerhard at cgerhard@live.com.

BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY ALBUM

We invite every family to be a part of our "family album" and participate in our directory photography 9/30-10/22 at SPL. You'll receive a free 8x10 print just for participating. Sign-up available this weekend in our Fellowship Area or online at spldecatour.org.

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 830
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 787

...Better Together!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10th & 11th Info at facebook.com/decaturbagssofhope

Food Collection Weekend for Decatur Kids BAGS OF HOPE

Art of Marriage & Basics Classes Begin (September 11th)

September 12th Call LSA at 233-2001 for more information

LSA Annual Golf Outing (12:30pm - Country Club of Decatur)

September 14th Registration available spldecatour.org - Sept. Events

Fall F3 Classes begin (Classes at 6:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm)

September 17th & 18th Register online at spldecatour.org

Dads, Grandpas & Kids Campout (@Camp CILCA)

September 20th Sign-up available in the Fellowship Area

Women's Fall Fellowship Event (6:00pm @Garner Park)

September 23rd & 24th Sign Up to Volunteer to Pack TODAY!

Feed My Starving Children Decatur MobilePack Event @SPL

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

September 24th & 25th

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

CONNECT WITH US!

Visit our Website & View our Blog at spldecatour.org

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour

Follow us on Twitter at @SPLDecatur

View our Live Stream at stpaulsdecatour.sermon.net

Subscribe to our SPL E-Updates at <http://eepurl.com/bu3tql>



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 3 & 4, 2016

Pastor Mark Gearig

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

"Unless the LORD builds the HOUSE,
those who BUILD it LABOR in vain."

PSALM 127:1



Prayer Before Worship

Lord, as I come into your presence, help me to slow down and quiet my soul so that I might find rest in You. Open my heart and mind to hear Your will and purpose for work in my life. Help me to better align my work to Your will and purposes so that all my labor might not be in vain, but might glorify You. Amen.

Call to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

I Have A Hope

Scripture Reading

All I Am

Message

"Good Work?"

Confession & Absolution

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.

Joy of the Lord



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New Member Welcome (Sunday 10:30am Only)

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 at the front and back of the sanctuary to pray with you at this time.

Communion (Saturday 6:00pm Only)

Here As In Heaven

O Come to the Altar

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

Glory to God Forever

New Member Welcome & Brunch - September 4th

Enjoy Brunch in the Great Room (9:15-10:15am)

**DECATUR KIDS BAGS OF HOPE Special Collection
September 10 & 11**

Food item donations - Helping us serve 90 kids this year!

GET READY FOR THE NEXT #90DAYS!

New Adult Education Classes Begin Sunday, September 11

*F3: Family-Faith-Formation Fall 2016 Session Begins
Wednesday, September 14 - Register at SPLDECATUR.ORG*

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the many ways He is at work in our church and our community.

MESSAGE NOTES

Good Work?

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.*

Family & Faith Celebration: New Members

This weekend at our 10:30am worship service, we welcome and celebrate the following SPL new members: Kristin Gullen, Stephanie Helphrey, Joey Jones, Douglas & Patty Maibenco, Mike Pundt, Greg & Kristy Rau, Kenneth & Denise Sarna, Stan & Kay Tuggle, and Stuart & Janet Whitfield. We congratulate these individuals and welcome them into SPL membership!

POSITION AVAILABLE: BUSINESS MANAGER

SPL is now hiring for the position of Business Manager. This is a full time position. Relevant duties include accounts payable, accounts receivable, financial matters and reporting, office management, facilities management, and additional responsibilities as directed by the Senior Pastor and/or Board of Elders. Visit the NEWS tab at spldecat.org for a full listing. Submit applications by September 9th. We desire for the candidate to start in September to allow for a time of training. Contact Molly Schroat in the church office with questions at 217-423-6955.

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 (Garner Park). Learn more & sign up in the Fellowship Area.

FMSC DECATUR COMMUNITY MOBILEPACK

VOLUNTEER TO PACK at our FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack Event hosted by SPL on September 23 & 24! Five sessions are 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).

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). **Confirmation (7/8) begins in September (11 & 14).** Confirmation Gathering on Wednesday 9/7 6:30-7:30pm.

THRIVE Youth: SPL Senior High Youth are welcome back to THRIVE Community on Sunday, September 4th 6:30-8:30pm. Contact Pastor Doug for more info (pastordoug@spldecat.org).