

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Sunday 1/01

9:20 am Education Time (Pastor's Class in dining room)

### Monday 1/02

6:00 pm 20's & 30's Small Group (Dining Room)

### Tuesday 1/03

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

6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

### Wednesday 1/04 Winter F3 Begins!

6:00 am Men's Basketball (LSA Gym)

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Sloppy Joes & Hot Dogs (Dining Room)

6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages (various locations)

### Thursday 1/05 (No choir rehearsal)

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

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

10:00 am ELC Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 "Freed to Live" (Great Room)

### Friday 1/06 Sr. High Youth Winter Retreat - Camp Lutherhaven

### Saturday 1/07 Message: "New Year: New Mind"

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

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

### Sunday 1/08 Message: "New Year: New Mind"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

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

10:30 am Contemporary Worship (Christian Growth Ctr. Dedication)

11:45 am Christmas Decor Removal (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm ELC Open House

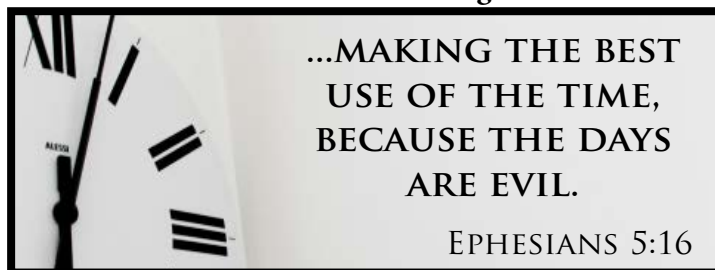


6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 31, 2016 & JANUARY 1, 2017

*Pastor Eric Trickey*

*Pastor Doug Bender*

*Pastor Mark Gearig*



### Prayer Before Worship

Lord, teach me to number my days that I may receive a heart of wisdom and use my limited time on this earth according to your will. Amen.

### Call to Worship

*When Hope Came Down*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Today is the Day*

### Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:15-21

*My Hope*

### Message

"New Year, New Time"

### 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.

*Welcome to Our World*

December Actual  
Giving as of 12/28  
\$209,546

December Budgeted Giving Need  
\$393,584

Yearly Actual Giving Through December 28th  
\$2,055,649

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through December 31st  
\$2,360,495

**\$304,846**  
needed by  
Dec. 31 to  
meet our  
budget goals.

### We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 1335 (Christmas)  
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 844

**...Better Together!**

### 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.

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