

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

### Sunday 1/08 *Basics Class Resumes Sunday!*

9:20 am Education Time (Pastor's Class in dining room)  
 11:45 am Christmas Decor Removal (Sanctuary)  
 12:00 pm ELC Open House

### Monday 1/09

### Tuesday 1/10

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)  
 6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

### Wednesday 1/11

6:00 am Men's Basketball (LSA Gym)  
 10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)  
 5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Chicken and Noodles (Dining Room)  
 6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir (Sanctuary)  
 6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages (various locations)

### Thursday 1/12

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)  
 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)  
 1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Conference Room)  
 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 6:00 pm Adult Choir Potluck (Dining Room) & Rehearsal  
 6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 "Freed to Live" (Great Room)

### Friday 1/13

### Saturday 1/14 Message: "New Year: New Commitment"

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 1/15 Message: "New Year: New Commitment"

8:00 am Traditional Worship  
 9:20 am Adult/Youth/Children - Education Classes  
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship (Christian Growth Ctr. Dedication)

December Actual Giving  
 as of 12/31  
**\$276,172**

December Budgeted Giving Need  
**\$393,584**

Yearly Actual Giving Through December 31st  
**\$2,122,275**

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

**\$238,220**  
 short of our  
 budget goals.

## We Worship...

Christmas Week in Worship: 1335 (Christmas)  
 Last Week in Worship: 610

**...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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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

JANUARY 7 & 8, 2017

*Pastor Eric Trickey*

*Pastor Doug Bender*

*Pastor Mark Gearig*



### Thought Before Worship

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." - Paul

### Call to Worship

*Soar*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Love the Lord*

### Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

*All I Am*

### Message

"New Year, New Mind"

### 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.

*Chain Breaker*

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## Confession and Absolution

God of mercy, as we leave the past behind and forge a new future with You, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions: our broken vows, our laziness and misuse of time and opportunity, our selfishness and our love of ease, our unkindness and indifference, our self-indulgence and our pleasure taken at the expense of others, our moments when we have not been true to You or ourselves, our lack of faith in your provision. For these sins of commission and omission, have mercy upon us.

## 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 the back 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

*Speak O Lord  
Nothing Is Holding Me Back  
He Knows My Name*

## 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.

## Closing Song

*Hear Our Praises*

## Dedication of the Christian Growth Center

*(Sunday 10:30 only)*

*Congregation please gather your belongings and process with us to the fellowship area.*

## The Lord's Prayer

## Blessing

*The St. Paul's Early Learning Center is available for tours following 10:30am worship.*

## MESSAGE NOTES

## New Mind

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

## Worship

### Life Sunday Services • January 21 - 22

During our 3 services (1/21-1/22) we will be celebrating our life in Christ with a special focus on Baptism. If you or a family member have not been baptized we have an opportunity for all during this weekend's worship services. Call Molly in the Church Office by January 16th if you would like to be included. 423-6955

## Children's Ministry

### SHiNe Children's Education • Saturday, 6:15pm • Sunday, 9:20am

Saturday Night - All ages meet in the Great Room  
Sunday Morning - PreK-K Room 206, Gr. 1-4 Room 205, Gr. 5-6 Room 211  
**Building Blocks** For Parents/Caretakers and Children (0-3 years) Room 203

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Education

THRIVE Senior High on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.  
7th/8th Grade Confirmation returns Sunday 1/8 at 9:20am in the Great Room

### THRIVE Serve • January 15

Bags of Hope packing at the SPL warehouse, 4:00-5:30pm.

### THRIVE Worship • January 22

Sr. High youth worship will be in the Great Room, 6:30-8:30pm.

## Men's Ministry

### Woodcutter's Retreat • February 3-5

Men join together for a weekend of service, bible study, fellowship and food at Camp Cilca. Sign-ups will be available on January 14/15 in the fellowship area.

## Life Transformation

### F3: Family Faith Formation

Plenty of training and equipping available to you in our next #90DAYS of Life Transformation at SPL! Join us for F3 classes for all ages on Wednesdays at 6:30pm (dinner at 5:30pm). To register online, visit spldecatur.org.

### New Classes

- **Road to Coronation** • A Crossways Study of the Passion Story  
(Led by Chris Schuette)
- **Fearless-Imagine Your Life without Fear**  
(Led by Scott & Jayne Powers)
- **Let Your Life Speak** • Listening for the Voice of Vocation  
(Led by Will Hernan)
- **Raising Christ-Centered Children** • Discipline with love, overcome parenting fears (Led by Joe & Collen Woodington)
- **The Daniel Plan** • Glorifying God in the way we eat, move and think  
(Led by Melanie Brown)
- **Renewing Your Mind** • God's guidance for managing your mind, emotions and behaviors (Led by Carol Josefson)
- **Contemporary Christian Issues & People**  
(Led by Jim Minton)
- **Basics 1 & 2** • A course for membership at St. Paul's  
(Led by Pastor Eric)
- **Confirmation** • For 7th & 8th grade youth (Begins January 11th)  
(Led by Pastor Doug)
- **SHiNe Time** • "My Bible ABC's" PreK - 1st Grade (Led by Linda Staff)  
"Using Your Creativity" 2nd - 6th grade (Led by Jennifer Power)
- **Oxford 2.0 "Freed to Live"** • Break free from Sin, find healing  
(Led by Karl Graf) Meets THURSDAYS at 6:30pm (12 week session)

### Flowers on the Altar

are to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mother, Ella Ramsey, on her birthday January 8th by Scott and Jayne Powers.

\*The 2017 Flower Chart is now posted in the Fellowship Area. Sign up to purchase an arrangement for our altar on the weekend that you choose.