

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 2/12

9:20 am Education Time (Pastor's Class in dining room)
2:00 pm Youth leave for Winter Jam (Peoria)

Monday 2/13

6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday 2/14

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)
9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)
6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 2/15

6:00 am Men's Basketball (LSA Gym)
10:30 am Mature Motivation (Room 122)
5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Soup Bar (Dining Room)
6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages (various locations)

Thursday 2/16 Handbells (5:30pm)/Adult Choir (6:30pm)

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)
6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)
6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 "Freed to Live" (Great Room)

Friday 2/17

7:00 pm Worship. Pray. Receive: Service of Healing

Saturday 2/18 Message: "Love Dares"

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)
4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SHiNe Time - 6:15pm)

Sunday 2/19 Message: "Love Dares"

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:20 am Adult/Youth/Children - Education Classes
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
4:00 pm THRIVE Serve: Bags of Hope Packing (Warehouse)

February Actual Giving as of 2/5
\$51,143

2017 Annual Budget =
\$2,372,600

February Budgeted Giving Need
\$163,222

Yearly Actual Giving Through 2/5/17
\$208,898

Under Goal
\$6096

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 2/5/17
\$214,994

We Worship...

4 week Average Worship Attendance: 816
Last Week in Worship: 931

...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
FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey
Pastor Doug Bender
Pastor Mark Gearig

LOVE IS patient and kind...
Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
1 Corinthians 13

Thought Before Worship

"In the absence of love, doctrine cannot remain pure; nor can hearts be held together in unity." -Martin Luther

Call to Worship

Spirit Break Out

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Made New

By Our Love

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Message

"Love is..."

Offering

Without Love

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.



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Confession and Absolution

Heavenly Father, Your love is the only reason I'm standing here now. You have loved me with an everlasting love, called me to be Your own. Your love made You give up the most precious thing You had, Your only Son, Jesus. As hard as it is to admit and think about, I've squandered that love so selfishly. I've settled for so much less than Your idea of love. I've struggled with impatience, rudeness, envy, boasting, pride, selfishness, and so many other vices that stand in the way of Your kind of love. Don't give me what I deserve, that would only end in death and eternal misery. Please give me what You've promised, a love that never fails. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake, and help me learn to love You, and those You put in front of me, more and more. In Jesus' name, amen.

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

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Holy Spirit

Praise Will Be My Song

Prayers of the Church and 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

I Will Follow

LOVE IS...

MESSAGE NOTES

***More than a moment**

***Action (Motion before emotion)**

***Restricting yourself to empower others**

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

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 45th Anniversary of Ivan and Janet Peterson.

Special Events

Worship, Pray, Receive: A Service of Healing

Join us on Friday, February 17th at 7pm for an evening of worship and prayer in the sanctuary led by Pastor Eric and our praise team ministry. Come and abundantly receive the Father's love for you!

SPL Volunteer Luncheon • March 5, 12:30pm

We want to honor all of our wonderful SPL Volunteers in all ministries! We are having a luncheon in your honor on Sunday, March 5th at 12:30pm in the Dining Room. Gluten free and child's meals options are available. Please RSVP by February 20th. Sign up by email: Molly@spldecatur.org or register online at spldecatur.churchcenteronline.com

Change for Life • January 21 - March 12

Take a baby bottle and fill it with your extra change to aid the New Life Pregnancy Center ministry here in Decatur. Bottles are available at the display in the Fellowship Area. All bottles need to be returned to St. Paul's by March 12th

SPL Mission:Guatemala

We invite you to dig in and play a vital part in our SPL Mission: Guatemala for 2017. Each donation of \$7 provides one "Building Block" for the two homes we will build. We need 700 blocks to build a house. Let's get building! Visit our table in the fellowship area to join in.

Children's Ministry

SHiNe Children's Education

Saturday, 6:15pm - All ages meet in the Great Room

Sunday, 9:20am - PreK-K Room 206, Gr. 1-4 Room 205, Gr. 5-6 Room 211

Wednesday at 6:30pm: "My Bible ABC's" PreK - 1st Grade Room 206,

"Using Your Creativity" 2nd - 4th grade Room 205, 5/6th grade 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 on Sundays at 9:20am & Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Great Room.

Winter Jam Concert • February 12

Christian Music's largest annual tour in Peoria! We are going to be a part of Jam Nation and receive early admission, premium seating and more! Cost will be \$20. More info soon!

THRIVE Serve • February 19

Sr. High youth will be packing Bags of Hope at 4:00pm in the warehouse.

THRIVE Alive • February 26

Sr. High youth bowling at Spare Time Lanes, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$3 per game.

Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Boxes

Mite Boxes can be returned when full to the church office or given to an usher when you attend worship. The Fiscal year for mite box donations (used for missions) is March 31. Any questions, please contact Carol Stafford, 429-1025.

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.

LSA

LSA Chicken Dinner • February 17

No need to cook dinner on this Friday night! Dine in or drive-thru from 4-7pm at LSA and pick up your dinner which includes 1/2 grilled chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and a roll. Tickets, \$10 each, are available at SPL on Jan. 21/22 & Jan. 28/29. Proceeds benefit the LSA Parent Teacher League.

LSA Dinner Auction • March 18

Save the Date! Tickets will be \$50 per person. Doors open at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm.

WORK DAY – SPL WAREHOUSE • February 18, 8:00am

Volunteers needed (20-30) to assist the SPL Building Committee in removing plywood and decking in the warehouse, operate drills and remove screws, help move plywood sheets and other light duty clean-up tasks. Contact Clay Gerhard at cgerhard@live.com or text 217-972-4102 if you can help.