

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 2/19

- 9:20 am Education Time (Pastor's Class in dining room)
4:00 pm THRIVE Serve: Bags of Hope Packing (Warehouse)

Monday 2/20 President's Day - No School

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

Tuesday 2/21

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)
8:00 am St. Paul's Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)
9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise Class (Room 122)
6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 2/22

- 6:00 am Men's Basketball (LSA Gym)
9:30 am Spiritual Formation Group (Great Room)
10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Family Room)
5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Pulled Pork (Dining Room)
6:00 pm SPL Children's Choir (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages (various locations)

Thursday 2/23 ELC Picture Day (Family Room)

- 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)
1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Family Room)
5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm Wind Ensemble/Adult Choir Rehearsals
6:30 pm Oxford 2.0 "Freed to Live" (Great Room)

Friday 2/24 ELC Picture Day (Family Room)

Saturday 2/25 Message: "Love Cleaves"

- 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 2/26 Message: "Love Cleaves"

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:20 am Adult/Youth/Children - Education Classes
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
6:30 pm THRIVE Alive: Bowling (Spare Time Lanes)



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey
Pastor Doug Bender
Pastor Mark Gearig

CHRIST JESUS...

emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant ...humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2

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

We Worship...

4 week Average Worship Attendance: 826
Last Week in Worship: 758

...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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Thought Before Worship

The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes. -- William James

Call to Worship

Spirit Break Out

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

In the River

Man of Sorrows

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Baptism (Sunday, 10:30am)

Message

"Love Dares..."

Offering

The Cause of Christ

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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Special Events

Confession and Absolution

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, who is the Love of God. Amen.

Words of Institution (Saturday only)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper (Saturday only)

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 (Saturday only)

O Come to the Altar

Nothing Is Holding Me Back

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

This Is Amazing Grace

Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism
 In our 10:30am worship, we celebrate the baptism of Iris Elizabeth Hammer. Iris was born August 23, 2016 to parents Jeff and Michelle (Voigt) Hammer. Please welcome Iris and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



LOVE DARES...	MESSAGE NOTES

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 loving memory of Karen Buechenschuetz by her husband, Bob.

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

Cancer Companions--Training Session • March 11

Support group partners' training will be Saturday from 9:00am-4:30pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Springfield. If interested, you must register in the church office by March 3rd.

Change for Life • January 21 - March 12

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

Deadline to join our mission team is March 1. 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.

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.

THRIVE Community • March 5

Care packages for college students. Meet in the dining room, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Men's Ministry

Iron Sharpens Iron • March 18

Men's conference held in Springfield on Saturday, March 18th from 8:30am--5:00pm Register now in the Fellowship Area (Half price to the first 50 men to sign up).

LSA

Kindergarten Round-Up • February 28

Do you know a child who is eligible to begin Kindergarten next year? Contact Susan Keane at skeane@lsadecatur.net for a tour and to be added to the mailing list for the new interactive Kindergarten Round-Up from 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

High School Concert • March 9, 7pm

LSA Dinner Auction • March 18

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

Easter Break • April 13-18

