

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

**Sunday 4/30** *Education Time --Be the Message Adult Groups*

12:00 pm Guatemala Mission Team Meeting (Family Room)

12:00 pm Be the Message Group (Jim Minton - Dining Room)

**Monday 5/01**

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

**Tuesday 5/02** *5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise*

8:30 am VBS Director Team Meeting (Great Room)

12:30 pm SPL Red Cross Blood Drive (also at LSA: Noon - 4pm)

6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

**Wednesday 5/03**

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

10:30 am Chair Fitness (Room 122)

6:30 pm Spring Basics Class (Conference Room)

6:30 pm Be the Message Group (Bob Watters - Dining Room)

**Thursday 5/04** *5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise*

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

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

6:30 pm Be the Message Group (Teena Lichtenberger)

**Friday 5/05**

**Saturday 5/06** *Message: Find Your Voice*

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

2:00 pm Pierantoni/Miller Wedding

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:30 pm Be the Message Group (Gearig/Power - Dining Room)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (Children's Time - 6:15pm)

7:30 pm Be the Message Group (Gene Mueller - Dining Room)

**Sunday 5/07** *Message: Find Your Voice*

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:20 am Education Time (Adult and Children)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship (Children's Time - 11:00am)

**April Actual Giving**

**\$189,191** as of 4/23

**April Budgeted Giving**

**\$155,633** as of 4/23

**Yearly Actual Giving Through 4/23/17**

**\$709,394**

**Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 4/23/17**

**\$722,722**

**2017 Annual Budget =**

**\$2,372,600**

**Under Goal**

**\$13,338**

### We Worship...

Easter Sunday Attendance: 1420

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 963

**...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**

**APRIL 29 & 30, 2017**

*Pastor Eric Trickey*

*Pastor Doug Bender*

*Pastor Mark Gearig*



### Thought Before Worship

Your image may communicate an outward brand, but your life shouts the real inner message.

--Kerry Shook, from "Be the Message."

### Call to Worship

*We Are*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*For All You've Done*

*Lord, Help Me Follow*

### Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:10

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

We speak way too much O Lord. Forgive our hurtful words, our thoughtless words, our angry and rebellious words, our self-serving words, our manipulative, justifying, excuse making, proud and arrogant words. For every sinful word we have spoken, have mercy on us Lord Jesus. And for those rare times we have been quiet when we should have spoken up, forgive us as well. Teach us to be hearers and doers. In Your name we pray, amen.

### Words of Institution (Saturday only)

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## 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)

*Like Incense/Step By Step*

*It Is Well*

*Healing Is In Your Hands*

## Prayers of the Church and The 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.

## Offering God Our Gifts

## Tears of the Saints

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.

Children dismissed for Children's Education Time.

(See information on next page for ages and locations of classes.)

## The Message

*"Be the Message"*

## Blessing

## Closing Song

*Lay Me Down*

BE THE MESSAGE	MESSAGE NOTES
My Life Message: _____	
_____	
1. Listen for the _____	
_____	
2. Recognize your sacred _____	
_____	
3. Embrace your _____	
_____	

## Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the clean scan results for Pastor Eric!

## Be the Message

## Sign Up for a Group!

Small and Large groups will begin meeting this week. If you have not signed up, see the Be the Message table in the Connection Center.

## Be the Message Action Fair

**April 29 & 30**

**Before you leave today:** Get connected in serving in a ministry area at SPL and learn more about our service projects. See the tables in the Fellowship Area.

## Special Events

### SPL Elder Nominations

The Nominating Committee for the Board of Elders, under the leadership of Malcolm Head, is currently accepting nominations for candidates for the Board of Elders for 2017-18. Please submit names of members who you feel would serve well in this role to Malcolm at malcolm.head@lgseeds.com (or to committee members David Horn, Tom Klebe, Jonathan Offermann, or Jeff Entler) by April 21st for consideration. (Final list of candidates will be presented in early May, prior to the Semi-Annual Voters Meeting on May 21st.)

**Red Cross Blood Drive** • May 2, SPL-12:30-5:30pm, LSA-12:00-4:00pm

**Flapjack Friday** • May 5

Looking for a way to put your faith into ACTION? We need 15 people to sign up to help us prepare, serve and clean up breakfast for the Bags of Hope children and families from French Academy. Also seeking donations of fresh or frozen fruit and griddles for cooking pancakes. Contact pastormark@spldecat.org

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon** • May 13, 11:00am

Women and girls ages 3+ are invited to "Walking with Grace," a luncheon with a baked potato bar. Bring a salad to share. Guest speaker: Cherylene Brennecke. Nursery available. To attend please pick up a free ticket at the women's ministry table in the fellowship area.

**SPL Semi-Annual Voter's Meeting** • May 21, 2:00pm

**Friends in Faith Spring Salad Supper** • May 23

At St. Paul's. Guest Speaker: Claudia Quigg. Contact Carol Stafford: 429-1025

## Children's Ministry

### Children's Education Time

**Saturday Evening (During Message Time)** – Ages 6 weeks-3 years (Nursery), PreK-K (Room 206), 1st-6th grade (Great Room)

**Sunday Morning at 9:20am** – PreK-K (Room 206), Gr. 1-4 (Room 214), Gr. 5-6 (Room 211); Building Blocks for Parents/Caretakers & Children 0-3yrs (Room 203)

**Sunday Morning (During 10:30am Message Time)** – Ages 6 weeks-3 years (Nursery), PreK-6 years (Room 206)

**"Maker Fun Factory" VBS** • June 12-19, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Register now at spldecat.org/churchcenteronline.com/registrations

**Robot Building Competition** • Due by May 30

Gear up for VBS 2017 by building a robot! They will be made at home, should be a family project, can be made out of any material (there are lots of ideas online), and can be any size. There are age categories (based on the age of the oldest child who helped build the robot). We will announce the winners the first day of VBS. Visit the VBS table in the Fellowship Area for more information or contact jennifer@spldecat.org with questions.

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Education

Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.

**Be the Message - Youth Community Group** • Sundays, 6:30pm

Meets at the Bender Home every Sunday night, 4/30-5/28.

## LSA

### Position Available

Varsity Boys Basketball coach. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact LSA Athletic Director, Kurt Younghouse. He can be reached at 217-233-2001 or kyounghouse@lsadecatur.net.

### Music Concerts and Art Fairs

K-4th - 3pm, May 7th • High School - 7pm, May 11 • 5th-8th - 7pm, May 14

**LSA 8th Grade Graduation** • May 18, 7:00pm

**LSA High School Graduation** • May 19, 7:00pm

### LSA Registration for 2017-18

Register your student now for \$150. Contact the LSA Office, 233-2001.

## ELC

### Position Available

The Early Learning Center is seeking a part-time janitor to work 5:30pm-8:30pm Monday thru Friday. Contact kim@spldecat.org if interested or call 424-9183.

**ELC Preschool Graduation** • May 11, 6:30pm

**ELC Scholastic Book Fair** • May 9-14