

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 4/16 *He is Risen!*

- 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Traditional Worship
- 7:30 am Easter Breakfast (Until 10:15am-Dining Room/Room 122)
- 8:00 am Easter Celebration Worship
- 10:30 am Easter Celebration Worship

Monday 4/17 Church office closed/ELC open

Tuesday 4/18 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise

- 8:30 am VBS Director Team Meeting
- 6:30 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 4/19

- 6:00 am Men's Basketball (LSA Gym)
- 10:30 am Motivated by More Chair Fitness (Room 122)
- 6:30 pm Basics Class (Conference Room)

Thursday 4/20 5:45am/9:30am Motivated by More Exercise

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team (Small Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Potluck/Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 4/21

Saturday 4/22

- 7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)
- 9:00 am Confirmation Testimonies and Pictures (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (Children's Time - 6:15pm)

Sunday 4/23 Confirmation Sunday

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:20 am Adult/Youth/Children - Education Classes
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship (Confirmation)

Be the Message

Sign Up for a Group!

Five week series coming to SPL beginning April 29 & 30. Now is the time to get signed up for a small group (meeting in homes) or one of the large groups which will meet here at church! Everyone will receive training as we prepare to take our faith beyond words to a LIFE of ACTION! Visit our table at the Connection Center in the Fellowship Area today to sign up.

Be the Message Action Fair April 29 & 30

Following all services get connected in serving in a ministry area at SPL and learn more about our service projects. Contact Pastor Mark with questions. pastormark@spldecatur.org

We Worship...

Last Week in Worship: 870
4 Week Avg. Regular Attendance: 848

...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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Visit our website at spldecatur.org

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatur

Follow us on Twitter at [@SPLDecatur](https://twitter.com/SPLDecatur)

View our Live Stream at stpaulsdecatur.sermon.net



8:00 AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig

Thought Before Worship

"Jesus Christ did not come into the world to make bad people good; He came into this world to make dead people live." -- Lee Strobel

Welcome & Easter Greeting

Call to Worship

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
LSB #457 v. 1-4

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

Gospel Response

O Praise the Name

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. **THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD.** He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Message Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
LSB #461 v. 1, 2, 8

The Message

"Death is the end?"
Pastor Eric Trickey



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Offering God Our Gifts

The Anthem

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.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, O Emptier of tombs. We have done evil hidden from men, but seen by You, and we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have intentionally and unintentionally harmed Your children, and we have failed to offer healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Jesus. Transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of Your Spirit. In Your name, Jesus, we pray.

“God Who Touches Earth With Beauty” (Adult Choir)

Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

Easter Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Celebration

Hallelujah Chorus

You are invited to join us at the front to sing!
Music available at the entrance to the Sanctuary and at the front.

**HALLELUJAH! HE IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

EASTER LILIES

If you placed an Easter Lily honoring a loved one, it can be picked up today following our 10:30am worship service.

MESSAGE NOTES

Death is the end?

JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST TODAY
Breakfast is being served in the Dining Room and Room 122 from 7:30-10:15am.
The menu includes biscuits & gravy, pancakes, fruit and pastries.
Enjoy this meal served by SPL Youth & Men’s Ministry.

New Member Basics Class • April 19

If you are considering becoming a member of SPL, a new Basics class is beginning on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Call Lisa at 423-6955.

Installation Service at St. John’s Lutheran Church • April 23

All are invited to attend as Pastor Adam Ray is installed as the Senior Pastor at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Decatur, IL next Sunday at 3:00pm. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Red Cross Blood Drive • May 2, 12:30-5:30pm

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.)

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

Special Events

Children’s Ministry

Children’s Education Time (No classes today)

Saturday, 6:15pm - All ages meet in the Great Room
Sunday, 9:20am - PreK-K Room 206, Gr. 1-4 Room 214, Gr. 5-6 Room 211
Building Blocks for Parents/Caretakers and Children (0-3 yrs) Room 203

Save the Date: “Maker Fun Factory” VBS • June 12-19

Coming Soon! Robot Building Competition

Get ready for this year’s VBS by building a robot! Robots will be due on or before May 30th. 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 will be age categories (based on the age of the oldest child who helped build the robot), and we will announce the winners the first day of VBS. More info soon! Contact jennifer@spldecatur.org with any questions.

Youth Ministry

Youth Education (No classes today)

THRIVE Senior High on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.
7th/8th Grade on Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.

8th Grade Confirmation • April 23, 10:30am

LSA

LSA Registration for 2017-18

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

Easter Break • April 13-18

High School Prom • April 22

Positions Available

Lutheran School Association is seeking a music education candidate to fill the middle and high school music position as well as an early primary teacher candidate. The candidate for music must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in Music Education. The teacher candidate must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. Please contact the school office at 217-233-2001 for additional information or to apply.

ELC

Position Available

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

ELC Preschool Graduation • May 11, 6:30pm

ELC Scholastic Book Fair • May 9-14

SPL Directories are here! If you had your photo taken, please pick up your complimentary copy at the Welcome Center.

Flowers on the Altar
Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Our Savior! He is Risen!