

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

### Sunday 8/20

9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)  
12:00 pm Welcome Home Church Picnic (SPL South Lawn)

### Monday 8/21

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

### Tuesday 8/22

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
6:30 pm Cancer Companions Community Mtg (Family Room)

### Wednesday 8/23

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)  
5:00 pm Women's Ministry Team Meeting (Family Room)

### Thursday 8/24

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)  
9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Family Room)  
6:30 pm Freed to Live Class (Family Room)

### Friday 8/25

#### Saturday 8/26 Message: Maintain Repair

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)  
4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (Children's Time - 6:30pm)

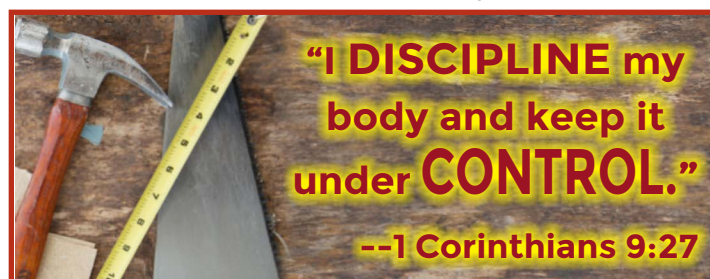
#### Sunday 8/27 Message: Maintain Repair

8:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship (Children's Time - 11:00am)



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
AUGUST 19 & 20, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey  
Pastor Doug Bender  
Pastor Mark Gearig



### Thought Before Worship

He who reigns within himself, and rules passions, desires, and fears, is more than a king. -John Milton

*Parents please remember to check in your child before worship at the SPL Kids check-in table in the fellowship center.*

### Call to Worship

*Your Love Awakens Me*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*The Lion and the Lamb*

*Even So Come*

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

Heavenly Father, You are the King of the Universe. How many times have I prayed for Your Kingdom to come, and then worked diligently for my will to be done. Forgive me for my lack of self-discipline, and for my abuse of those that you have entrusted to my care. I have abused them and myself with thoughtless words, angry words, mean looks and harsh tones. I have allowed the evil one to lead me into temptation, and have allowed selfishness and sin to reign over me. Forgive me Lord, for the sake of Jesus. I crown Him again as Lord of my life. Teach me what it means to live as a citizen of Heaven even while my feet touch this earth. Amen.

### "TELL ME MORE" - Beginning September 10th

Everyone has questions about tough topics.

What happens after I die?

Why do people do bad things?

Why are Christians hypocrites?

How do I respond to a broken relationship?

Maybe some of these are questions you have wondered about and never had anyone answer for you.

Over the course of four weekends, St. Paul's is one of fourteen Central Illinois churches who will be talking about these concerns during their worship services. In addition, study materials we will be available to our small groups who will meet during those weeks to further discuss these tough topics in a more intimate setting.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us with the invitation card included in your bulletin and pick up a yard sign in the fellowship area.

**Come and find answers to your questions.**

### 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.

### CONNECT WITH US!

Visit our website at [spldecatour.org](http://spldecatour.org)

Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour)

Follow us on Twitter at @SPLDecatur

View our Live Stream at [stpaulsdecatour.sermon.net](http://stpaulsdecatour.sermon.net)



BUILD THE HOME. CHANGE THE WORLD.

1 BACHRACH CT.  
DECATUR, IL 62526  
PH: 217-423-6955

[SPLDECATUR.ORG](http://SPLDECATUR.ORG)

## 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)

*Build My Life*

*Healing Is In Your Hands*

*Lord, I Need You*

### 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

*Alive in You*

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 SPL Kids' Time.

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

Children must be signed in to attend.)

### Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

### The Message

"Maintain Discipline"  
Pastor Eric Trickey

### Blessing

### Closing Song

*Unstoppable God*

## HOME MAINTENANCE

## MESSAGE NOTES

### "Maintain Discipline"

- We have elevated \_\_\_\_\_ to an inalienable right.
- Self-control is about saying \_\_\_\_\_.
- Say \_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Self-control is about saying \_\_\_\_\_ to what is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Self-control is about what you \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ on.
- False God #1 = \_\_\_\_\_.
- If the \_\_\_\_\_ is central, you will \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Obedience moves from a \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- When \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important thing, you don't lose \_\_\_\_\_.

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

## Special Events

### "WELCOME HOME" CHURCH PICNIC • August 20, 12pm-2pm

Come to fellowship and enjoy a relaxing time – games, music, and food vendors will be available (food to purchase) or you are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch. As a part of this weekend, we want to also be able to bless other families and school children by collecting food items for our **Decatur Kids Bags of Hope** ministry. Pick up a Bags of Hope Shopping List at the Connection Center in the Fellowship Area today. Items can be brought to our Bags of Hope Collection Station. Questions? Contact Pastor Mark Gearig--pastormark@spldecatur.org

### Feed My Starving Children MOBILEPACK • September 8, 9

Thank you for your continued support of the FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack – through your participation in the recent special offering and return of Fundraising Coin Boxes, this month we have been able to contribute an additional \$5,339.19 toward our goal. You can check in on our current progress and also register to volunteer for the MobilePack by visiting <http://give.fmsc.org/DecaturCommunity>. Would your business be interested in being a sponsor, along with SPL and TBC? Contact Andrea Gerhard at [andrea@spldecatur.org](mailto:andrea@spldecatur.org) to learn more and get involved.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL FELLOWSHIP • September 12

Save the Date! SPL Women's Ministry invites women of all ages to the annual Fall Fellowship event on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00pm at the Fairview Park Pavilion #3. Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Sign-ups will begin the weekend of August 26 & 27 in the Fellowship Area.

### New Life Pregnancy Center Banquet for Life • September 26

"Laugh for Life", featuring Mike Williams, Pro-Life Comedian, will be at the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel. Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm. Complimentary tickets are required (18 and older), contact 872-5556 by September 12.

### FALL FESTIVAL 500 • October 28

Celebrate the 500th year of the Reformation! Families can enjoy children's inflatables, carnival games, a German dinner, German Polka Band - "Die Musikmeister", and more. Events will begin at 4pm.

## Children's Ministry

### CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TIME • SPL KIDS

**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)

**NEW Junior Leadership Program (5th/6th grade)** Learn more at [spldecatur.org](http://spldecatur.org) Contact Jennifer Power at [jennifer@spldecatur.org](mailto:jennifer@spldecatur.org)

## Youth Ministry

### YOUTH EDUCATION

Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.

### 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Kickoff

Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30pm in the great room.

## Adult Education

### F3: Family-Faith-Formation

Fall Session 2017 begins Wednesday, September 13, 6:30pm

### Membership @ SPL: Basics 1 & 2 Classes Begin

Sunday, September 10th at 9:20am in the conference room.

Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm in the conference room.

### After School Tutors Needed for "Decatur Kids Soar Academy"

Want to make a positive impact on the children of our community? Starting in October, we will have an after-school tutoring program at French Academy. Join us for an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 5 at 5:30 pm in the dining room to find out how you can be a part of this ministry. If you are interested, but cannot attend, contact Libby Mize at [lnmize@hotmail.com](mailto:lnmize@hotmail.com).

### Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 5th wedding anniversary of Rob and Melissa Morehead.