

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 9/03

9:15 am Education Time (Adult/Youth/Children)

Monday 9/04 Labor Day-SPL Office and ELC Closed

Tuesday 9/05

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

5:30 pm Tutoring Informational Meeting (Dining Room)

6:30 pm Cancer Companions Meeting (Family Room)

Wednesday 9/06

10:30 am Mature Motivation-Chair Fitness (Room 122)

6:30 pm Confirmation Kickoff (Great Room)

Thursday 9/07

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)

5:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Adult Choir Potluck (Dining Room)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 9/08

Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack (12:30/3:30/6:00)

Saturday 9/09 Message: *What Happens After I Die?*

Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack (9:00/11:30/2:00/4:00)

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

4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)

Sunday 9/10 Message: *What Happens After I Die?*

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am Education Time (Adult/Youth/Children)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 11:00am)

EARLY LEARNING CENTER NOW HIRING

St. Paul's ELC is seeking a schoolage teacher, morning break person, and substitutes. Ideal candidates love Jesus and His children, are energetic and flexible, and have experience working with children in a DCFS licensed setting. Teacher candidates must meet DCFS minimum qualifications for positions and pass a background check. Applications accepted through September 8; interviews week of September 11, to start in September. To learn more or to apply for a position, please contact Kim Newingham at St. Paul's Early Learning Center at 217-424-9183.

We Worship...

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 772

4 Week Avg Worship Attendance: 774

...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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DO IT

FOR THEM

6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig

WHATEVER YOU DO,

WORK AT IT WITH *all your heart*

AS WORKING FOR THE LORD,

NOT FOR MEN.

COLOSSIANS 3:23

Thought Before Worship

"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does." — Martin Luther

Plan to attend SPL Kids: Worship? Parents, be sure to check in your child at the SPL Kids Table before worship begins. (3yrs-4th grade).

Call to Worship

Freedom Song

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Never Gonna Stop Singing

What a Beautiful Name

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Heavenly Father, I confess to You. I have not been at work in this world as I should. I have not given my whole heart to the people you've put in my life. I have refused to serve them and others, forgetting to see You in their faces. In other ways I have worked too hard, striving for selfish gain. In all of this, I've failed to show people how good You are. I've failed to be Jesus to my neighbor, and store up treasure in heaven. Speak to me, Lord. Renew my call. Fill me with passion and purpose, knowing that whatever I do, I can do it to Your glory alone. In Jesus' name. 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

You Have Shown Us

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Baptism

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.

Children dismissed for SPL Kids' Time

See information on next page for ages and locations of classes. Children must be signed in to attend.

Offering God Our Gifts

Called Me Higher

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.

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:23-24

The Message

"Do It For Them"

Pastor Doug Bender

Blessing

Closing Song

Salt and Light

Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

At 6:00pm worship, we celebrate the baptism of Hunter Charles Shingleton. Hunter was born July 31, 2017 to parents Cara and Edward Shingleton. Please welcome Hunter and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



At 10:30am worship, we celebrate the baptism of Harper Ann Swartz. Harper was born July 14, 2017 to parents Jennifer and Bradley Swartz. Please welcome Harper and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



MESSAGE NOTES

Worldly formula: Fulfilling Work = _____ + _____ + _____

Godly formula: Fulfilling Work = _____ + _____ + _____



DO IT FOR THEM

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

Feed My Starving Children MOBILEPACK • September 8, 9

There is still time to be involved in the FMSC Decatur Community Mobilepack event! Go to spldeatur.org/fmsc to connect with volunteer registration, childcare registration and more. Help us meet our goal of \$60K to pack 272,000 meals. Interested in being part of our event team? Contact Andrea Gerhard at andrea@spldeatur.org

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL FELLOWSHIP • September 12

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-up now in the Fellowship Area. Connect at facebook.com/groups/SPLWomen

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.

CANCER COMPANIONS @SPL

Beginning earlier this year, a group of lay leaders have been in training at SPL, learning to minister and provide support to those struggling with cancer in our community. Led by Monica Bessinger and Gary Trickey, this team is preparing to begin support group meetings in the month of September (9/19 at 6:30pm). This team of Cancer Companions would like to personally invite individuals to attend – who do you know that is battling cancer right now? Contact cards are available at the back of the sanctuary. Complete and return it to the Church Office, and let us know who you think could benefit from a Cancer Companion.

Children's Ministry

SPL KIDS

Worship: Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning (During Message Time): Ages 6 weeks-3 years (Nursery), 3 years-K (Rm 206), 1st-4th grade (Great Rm) 5th-6th Junior Leaders will leave with children (must have attended training)
Sunday Education (9:20am): PreK-K (Room 206), Gr. 1-4 (Room 213), Gr. 5-6 (Room 211); Building Blocks for Parents/Caretakers & Children 0-3yrs (Room 203)
F3 (Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm): 6 weeks-3yrs (Nursery), 3 yrs-K (Room 206): Bible App for Kids: Bible Adventure, 1st-4th grade (Room 213): Life With God, 5th-6th Grade (Room 211): Life with God

Youth Ministry

SPL YOUTH

THRIVE: Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.
 F3: Wednesday at 6:30pm (Grades 9-12)
7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 Kickoff: Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30pm in the Great Room.
 Classes: Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9:20am or Wednesday Sept. 13 at 6:30pm

Adult Education

F3: Family-Faith-Formation

Fall Session 2017 begins Wednesday, September 13, 6:30pm
 Visit our table in the Fellowship Area to sign up.

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.
 Register now at spldeatur.org/Family-Faith-Formation

After School Tutors Needed for "Decatur Kids Soar Academy"

Want to make a positive impact on the children of our community? This October, we begin 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 part of this ministry. If you are interested, but cannot attend, contact Libby Mize at lmize@hotmail.com.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 55th wedding anniversary Bob and Marie Boedecker from their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.