

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

### Sunday 9/24

9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)  
9:15 am Sunday Basics Class (Conference Room)

### Monday 9/25

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

### Tuesday 9/26

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

### Wednesday 9/27

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)  
5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Dining Room) - *Breakfast Casseroles*  
6:30 pm F3 Classes (Various locations-all ages)  
6:30 pm Basics Class (Room )

### Thursday 9/28 Handbells (5:30 sanctuary)/Adult Choir (6:30 choir room)

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)

### Friday 9/29

### Saturday 9/30 Message: How do we respond to broken relationships?

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 10/01 Message: How do we respond to broken relationships?

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

### Guatemala Mission Team: September 23 - September 30

Brent and Laura Amidon, Marsha Cordts, Pastor Mark Gearig,  
Gloria Greene, Richard Heinkel, Brad Lindsey, Daniel Luka,  
James Martin, Chuck Schuette, Tim White

### September Actual Giving

\$108,707 as of 9/18

### September Budgeted Giving

\$116,625 as of 9/18

### Yearly Actual Giving Through 9/18/17

\$1,476,601

### Under goal

\$146,606

### Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 9/18/27

\$1,623,207

2017 Annual Budget =  
\$2,372,600

### We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 873  
Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 912

### ...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  
SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig

## Why are Christians hypocrites?

### Thought Before Worship

"Knowledge is vain and fruitless which is not reduced to practice." - Matthew Henry

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

*Spirit of the Living God*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Jesus Move*

*You Have Shown Us*

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

Father, we try so hard to keep our appearances up. We hate weakness. We hide failure. We want to be strong, and good, and influential by our own power. But it's just not possible. I'm weak in so many ways and I fail daily. I want to do good, but the evil within me never lets up. You alone can turn a tomb into a victory. Forgive my sins Father. Be my strength and ever present help in trouble. Do it for Jesus' sake. In His name we ask this, amen.

### Words of Institution

### Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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.

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**Communion Songs**

*Do It Again  
King of My Heart  
Calling Out to You*

**Baptism (Saturday)**

**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 requests.*

**Children dismissed for SPL Kids' Time**

**Offering God Our Gifts**

*Mighty Fortress*

*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**

Romans 2:1-5

**The Message**

*"Why are Christians hypocrites?"*

Pastor Doug Bender  
Cindy Kuro: Freedom Sunday Guest Speaker

Pastor: God of wisdom and strength, break our heart for what breaks yours, give us the passion to strive to end injustice around the world and even here in our own country. Give us the strength to spread awareness about what breaks your heart. Give us the wisdom and power to do something about it. Give your children confidence to know we can make a difference.

**All: Lord Jesus, you call us to take action. Bless the organizations that stand for justice daily. Give us strength and wisdom and courage to fight injustice. Restore the victim's lives. Deliver them from slavery. We pray freedom for all.**

**Blessing**

**Closing Song**

*Unstoppable God*

**Tell Me MORE**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

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**National Human Trafficking Hotline: 888-373-7888**

*Flowers on the Altar*

Flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Pritts' birthday from Dave Pritts and family. Flowers at the pulpit are placed to the glory of God in celebration of the 54th Anniversary on September 28th of Tom and Jerrie Branson.

**Special Events**

**Be a part of our FAMILY ALBUM** • October 3-4

Are you new to SPL or did you miss the opportunity to be photographed last fall? Be a part of our "family album" and participate in our directory photography with Lifetouch. Times available from 2pm-9pm. Help us update our files with new contact information before we print our new books-stop at our table in the Fellowship Area. Photo session sign-ups also available at spldecatour.org. Reserve your spot!

**FALL FESTIVAL 500** • October 28

Celebrate the 500th year of the Reformation at St. Paul's! Children's carnival games and inflatables begin at 4pm, German dinner (full hot meal with dessert-see menu in the fellowship area), polka band "Die Musikmeisters" and concessions (hot dogs/Bavarian pretzels/Fitz's root beer) 4:30pm-6:30pm, and at 7pm join us in the sanctuary for the 2017 movie "The Case for Christ" (rated PG). Tickets for the German dinner (Adult plate-\$10/Child plate-\$5) are on sale now in the fellowship area or online. spldecatour.churchcenteronline.com/registrations All other events are free.

**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)- Led by Pastor Doug Bender

**Youth Ministry Info Meeting** • October 15

YOU. God is calling YOU, to use the gifts He has given YOU and invest in the next generation, our YOUTH. Within this family of faith, YOU have so much to share and it's time to pass it on... from YOU to them. Come, gather with our pastors and other leaders and find out about all the ways YOU can be serving and what exciting developments are ahead for our YOUTH ministry at SPL. Contact the Church Office with any questions at 217-423-6955.

**7th/8th Grade Confirmation**

Classes: Sundays at 9:20am or Wednesdays at 6:30pm during F3.

**Men's Ministry**

**Dads, Grandpas and Kids Campout @ Camp Cilca** • October 6-7

Men, join us for a fun-filled weekend making memories with your kids and grand-kids! Check out the table in the fellowship area for info and to sign up.

**Women's Ministry**

**LWML Fall Zone Rally** • September 28

Please join other ladies from the Decatur Zone churches for this gathering at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. This year's theme is "The Word of God is Our Fortress." To register or for more info contact Carol Stafford, 217-429-1025 or the church office.

**Women's Ministry Bible Study** • Begins October 10

"The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer, the lead actress in "War Room." This is a LifeWay Press, seven session study with video lessons and discussion. We will begin on Tuesday, October 10 at 10:30am led by Maryel Nelson in the Family Room and Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00pm led by Shannon Blesse in the Dining Room. Study guides are \$14, please call Sarah at the church office to sign up so that a study book can be ordered for you. 423-6955

*Our weekly Prayer Concerns sheets are at the back of the sanctuary.*

**Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism**

At 6:00pm worship, we celebrate the baptism of Graham Andrew Hernan. Graham was born July 25, 2017 to parents Alicia and William Hernan. Please welcome Graham and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!

