

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 10/15

- 9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)
- 9:15 am Sunday Basics Class (Family Room)
- 12:00 pm SPL Youth (What's in Store) Meeting (upper fellowship area)

Monday 10/16

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

Tuesday 10/17

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 10:30 am "Armor of God" Women's Study (Family Room)
- 6:00 pm "Armor of God" Women's Study (Dining Room)
- 6:30 pm Cancer Companions Meeting (Family Room)

Wednesday 10/18

- 10:30 am Chair Fitness (Room 122)
- 5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Dining Room) - *Chicken and Noodles*
- 6:30 pm F3 Classes (Various locations-all ages)/Basics Class

Thursday 10/19

- 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 Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 10/20

Saturday 10/21 Message- What Does This Mean: The Sacraments

- 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 10/22 Message- What Does This Mean: The Sacraments

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

October Actual Giving

\$76,252 as of 10/08

October Budgeted Giving

\$79,598 as of 10/08

Yearly Actual Giving Through 10/08/17

\$1,587,380

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 10/08/27

\$1,741,679

2017 Annual Budget =

\$2,372,600

Under goal

\$154,299

We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 844
Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 826

...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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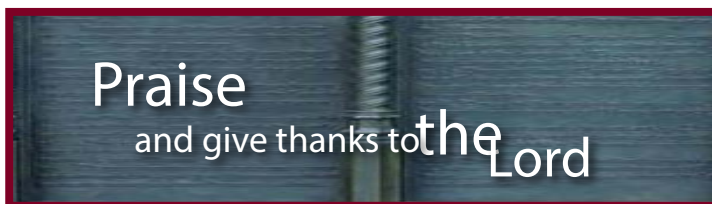
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey
Pastor Doug Bender
Pastor Mark Gearig



Thought Before Worship

The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us. -C.S. Lewis

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

This I Believe

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Glorious Day

What A Beautiful Name

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Lord God, your love for humankind, present in the beginning of all things, extends throughout history and touches even my life. Your love sees failings and forgives. Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears. Your love knows grief, and comforts the sorrowful. Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner. Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love. Forgive us the many times when we take for granted all that you have done for us. Transform us, through your Spirit, and empower us to serve you once again. 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 Songs (Saturday only)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Do It Again

Do You Know

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.

Offering God Our Gifts (Children dismissed)

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

Galatians 4:3-7

The Message

"What Does This Mean? - The Creed"
Pastor Mark Gearig

The Apostles' Creed

Blessing

Closing Song

We Believe

October is Pastor Appreciation Month
Give thanks for the men of God serving at SPL!

What Does This Mean?

MESSAGE NOTES

The Creed: Who Is God?

C _____ R _____ S _____

The One who...

_____ you _____

_____ you _____

_____ you _____

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

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE • October 24

If you have experienced loss and would like to honor your loved one, join us at the Service of Remembrance on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00pm. Preservice music begins at 6:30pm. A refreshment reception follows the service in the Fellowship Area.

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 at spldeatur.org --All other events are free.

St. John's Chicken and Noodle Dinner • October 22, 11am - 1pm
\$8.50 adults & \$3.50 children. Menu: Chicken and Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Drink & Dessert. Advance Tickets available at St. John's Lutheran Church office, 2727 N. Union Blvd. Tickets also sold at the door.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes • due by November 13
During the month of October, SPL Kids will be collecting supplies to be used for the packing of OCC Shoeboxes (packing Nov. 4/5/8). The SPL Kids Offering for the month of October will be put toward the cost of shipping each box (\$7.00/shoobox). Donations can be brought to the church office or SPL Kids classrooms. More details at SPLDECATUR.ORG.

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

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.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Bible Study • Begins October 10

"The Armor of God," Tuesdays 10:30am or 6:00pm starting 10/10). Call 423-6955 or visit spldeatur.org to sign up.

Advent by Candlelight • November 14, 6:00pm

"A Mother Remembers" -- SPL Women's Ministry invites women of all ages to be a part of Advent By Candlelight. Tickets are now available -- visit the table in the Fellowship Area for more event information, or to sign up to help serve (men). Donations to help cover the costs of food are also being accepted.

Sending Forth • The Bender Family

We will be sending forth Pastor Doug Bender and his family to his next call in Wisconsin. We will gather as a family of faith on Sunday, October 29th at 9:20am in the Dining Room for some goodies and fellowship and to celebrate the Benders. (No Adult or Child classes) If you want to give a special note or card to the family, please bring them at this time. Questions? Contact the church office at 423-6955.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Cearlock from Shawn, Katrina, Elizabeth, Malory, Gertrude and Angela.