

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

**Sunday 10/22** Education Classes for all ages @ 9:15am

9:15 am Sunday Basics Class (Family Room)

**Monday 10/23**

**Tuesday 10/24**

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)

7:00 pm Service of Remembrance (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday 10/25**

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)

5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Dining Room) - *Chili & Hot Dogs*

6:30 pm F3 Classes (Various locations-all ages)/Basics Class

**Thursday 10/26**

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)

5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Friday 10/27**

**Saturday 10/28**

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

4:00 pm Fall Festival 500 Carnival (Fellowship Area)

4:30 pm German Dinner (Dining Room-*serving till 6:30pm*)

7:00 pm "The Case for Christ" Movie - PG (Sanctuary)

**Sunday 10/29** Message- *What Does This Mean: The Reformation*

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am Send-Off Celebration for the Benders

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

**October Actual Giving**

**\$109,594 as of 10/15**

**October Budgeted Giving**

**\$119,396 as of 10/15**

**Yearly Actual Giving Through 10/15/17**

**\$1,620,722**

**Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 10/15/17**

**\$1,781,477**

2017 Annual Budget =  
**\$2,372,600**

### We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 803

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 748

**...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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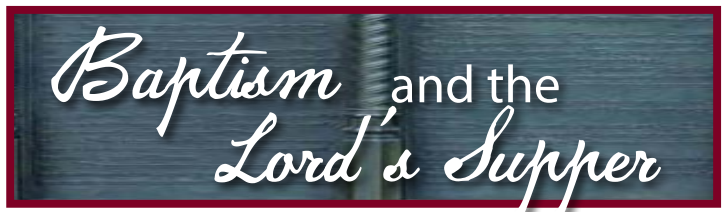


**6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP**  
**OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2017**

*Pastor Eric Trickey*

*Pastor Doug Bender*

*Pastor Mark Gearig*



### Thought Before Worship

The priest is not made. He must be born a priest; must inherit his office. I refer to the new birth-the birth of water and the Spirit. Thus all Christians must become priests, children of God and co-heirs with Christ the Most High Priest. --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

*In the River*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Grace Like a Wave*

*Spirit of the Living God*

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am deeply sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.



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## 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.

### Communion Songs

Nothin'

So Will I (100 Billion X)

Do You Know

### Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

A handout with this week's prayers is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to continue to pray for these concerns.

### 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.

LSA 5th & 6th Grade Choir - Sunday 10:30 only

Scripture Reading Romans 6:3-5

The Message "What Does This Mean? - The Sacraments" Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song Happy Day

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

## What Does This Mean? MESSAGE NOTES

### Lutheran definition of a Sacrament

- \_\_\_\_\_ Means
- Commanded by \_\_\_\_\_
- Offers the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

### 4 Levels of Baptism

- 1) Baptism of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Baptize means to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Baptism of repentance is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Baptism into \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ brings the power.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ does the work of baptism, not \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Baptism of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Only \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were anointed in the Bible.
  - b. We are \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the 21st Century.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism
  - a. Invites us to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our whole life long.
  - b. Be an \_\_\_\_\_, not a student of God.

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

## Special Events

### 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 by the Garni Woodwind Trio from Millikin University begins at 6:30pm. A refreshment reception follows the service in the Fellowship Area.

### Sending Forth The Bender Family • October 29

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.

### 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/shoebbox). Donations can be brought to the church office or SPL Kids classrooms. More details at SPLDECATUR.ORG.

### FALL FESTIVAL 500 • October 28 (No Saturday worship)

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



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OF ALL TIME

## 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

### 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

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

## Women's Ministry

### 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. 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.

### Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robbie Dillow by the Dillow family.

### Associate Pastor Call

Our Associate Pastor Call Committee continues to work diligently to review candidates for the available position. If you have a recommendation of a candidate, please contact Monica Hawkins (monicajhawkins@yahoo.com) or Darren Reynolds (darrenr@consociate.com) as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued prayers over this process!