

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 9/17

9:15 am Education Time (Adult and Children)
12:00 pm Mission: Guatemala Meeting (Family Room)

Monday 9/18

Tuesday 9/19

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 Rm)

Wednesday 9/20

10:30 am Chair Fitness (Room 122)
4:30 pm Fall Festival 500 Meeting (Family Room)
5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Dining Room) - *Pasta Night*
6:30 pm F3 Classes (Various locations-all ages)
6:30 pm Basics Class (Conference Room)

Thursday 9/21 *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)

Friday 9/22

Saturday 9/23 *Message: Why do people do bad things?*

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 9/24 *Message: Why do people do bad things?*

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

\$79,076 as of 9/10

September Budgeted Giving

\$77,750 as of 9/10

Yearly Actual Giving Through 9/10/17

\$1,446,970

Under goal

\$137,362

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 9/10/27

\$1,584,332

2017 Annual Budget =
\$2,372,600

We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 860
Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 877

...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 16 & 17, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Doug Bender

Pastor Mark Gearig

Why do
people do
bad things?

Thought Before Worship

When a man is getting better he understands more and more clearly the evil that is still left in him. When a man is getting worse he understands his own badness less and less. -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

Old Church Choir

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Do What You Want To

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.



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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 Songs (Saturday Only)

O Come to the Altar

Do It Again

Baptism

Prayer for the Mission: Guatemala Team (Sunday only)

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

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

Offering God Our Gifts

We Will Run

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 5:16-24

The Message

"Why do people do bad things?"

Pastor Mark Gearig

Blessing

Closing Song

Your Love Awakens Me

Tell Me MORE

MESSAGE NOTES

"Tell Me More" Discussion Guides are available for small groups in the church office.

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

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Grandpa "Tiger" Harjung by his grandchildren, Demi, Delany and Dylan.

Special Events

LIFETOUCH Photography • October 3-4

If you would like your photo taken and were not included in our recent family directory, you can sign up online at spldeatur.org for a time to have your picture taken.

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. spldeatur.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

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 grandkids! 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

THANK YOU to all who provided support and served with us in any capacity for the **FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack** Event September 8 & 9 at SPL. Together, and because of the extra hard work of people in session 5, we achieved our goal of 272,160 meals packed – these meals have the potential to feed 745 kids every single day for an entire year! And thanks to volunteers in session 4, we met a milestone of ONE MILLION MEALS packed here in Decatur since we began hosting MobilePack events in 2011. We were a bit shy of our financial goal for this event (each MannaPack costs 22 cents) – if you would still like to contribute to the pack or purchase a MobilePack T-Shirt (\$10), please contact Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955.

Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

At 10:30am worship, we celebrate the baptism of Emma Marie Neaville. Emma was born August 12, 2017 to parents Megan (Volle) and Andrew Neaville. Please welcome Emma and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!

