

SPL NEWS

MARCH 22 & 23, 2025

6:00 PM & 10:30 AM

OUR MISSION

St. Paul's Lutheran is a church where those longing for a **different** life find a **grace-filled** life in Jesus.



This Week's Scripture:

Ezekiel 33:7-20

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

This Week's Worship Songs:

Praise You Anywhere

Fresh Wind (Sunday)

Great Are You Lord

New Wine

Take My Life And Let It Be

Glorious Day



SPL FAMILY PICNIC

Coming next weekend! All families are invited to join us after the 10:30 AM service on **March 30th** in the Dining Room for a family "picnic"! We'll be providing hot dogs, chips, potato salad, cookies, and lemonade. We'll have board games available, and the Field House gym will be open for fun activities! Come enjoy some extra fellowship time with your family, or take this opportunity to connect with others and build community! All families are welcome!

THE HUNT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

This Easter, St. Paul's invites you to join us in Loving 217 by hosting neighborhood Easter Egg Hunts all throughout Decatur. We will provide the eggs, the support, and know-how; you provide the home and the heart. We will be holding all our hunts on **Saturday, April 12th!** Prayerfully consider hosting a Neighborhood Hunt of your own or in collaboration with friends/other families. Sign up in the Fellowship Area outside the Family Room.

EASTER FLOWERS - Sign Up Now

Help beautify St. Paul's Sanctuary - and your home - this Easter! Visit the sign up chart in the Fellowship Area, choose your flowers (lilies, tulips, daffodils or hyacinths), and place \$10 per pot (cash or check) in the envelope provided. After the 10:30 AM worship on Easter Sunday, take your flowers home for your table or to plant in your garden.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Are you a Thrivent member? Based on your premiums and investments, you may be eligible to designate a portion of Thrivent's charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. There's no cost to you! The amount of Choice Dollars a member can designate within a calendar year could be anywhere from \$25-\$5,000! Find out if you qualify, and choose where to direct your Choice Dollars: Call 1-800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836). Do this by **March 31** to tell them where to direct your remaining 2024 Choice Dollars.

ENCOUNTER THE ARK AND MORE

St. Paul's is sponsoring a motorcoach trip to the *Ark Encounter* and the *Creation Museum* from **July 8-11**. The Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark built according to the dimensions given in the Bible - that's over 500 feet long and over 50 feet high! At the Creation Museum you will step back in time, beginning with Creation, and see how God's Word provides the big-picture answers for our most difficult questions about science, the Bible, or your personal relationship with God. Look for the flyers around church for pricing details and join other St. Paul's family members on this great trip. Call Timi's Tours at 1-800-682-8214 to make your reservations. Be sure to tell them you are with St. Paul's!



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UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE

LSA RESALE SHOP WEEKEND AT ST. PAUL'S

March 29th and 30th the LSA Resale shop truck will be parked on St. Paul's campus. Put your items for donation in your trunk or backseat and bring them when you come next weekend. Stop by the truck before or after worship Saturday or Sunday. All proceeds will directly benefit Unity's Scholarship Fund.

UCS will be collecting quality used furniture items over the month of March and hosting a furniture resale weekend on **April 11th and 12th**. Have a furniture item you'd like to donate? Unity may be able to pick it up at no charge. Please email furniture@unitydecatour.org with a photo and estimated measurements of your item and we'll get back to you regarding scheduling a pick up or drop off time.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

APRIL 13 - **PALM SUNDAY** 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
 APRIL 17 - **MAUNDY THURSDAY** 6:30 PM
 APRIL 18 - **GOOD FRIDAY** 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM (COMMUNION SERVICE 12:30 PM & 6:30 PM)
 APRIL 20 - **EASTER SUNDAY** 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, & 10:30 AM

WHAT'S COMING UP AT SPL?

April 6 - Confirmation

April 18 - ELC closed for Good Friday

April 12 - The Hunt in the Neighborhood

April 21 - SPL Church Office closed for Easter Monday

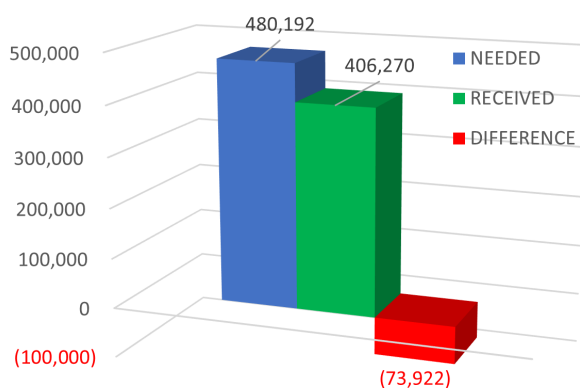
April 13 - Early Communion Class

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Roy & Kathy Lueke in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

WE WORSHIP BETTER TOGETHER

Last weekend attendance in person: 397
 Last weekend attendance online: 119
 Average attendance for the last 4 weeks: 531



GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY MARCH 2025

	3/9 to 3/15	MAR TOTAL	2025 CALENDAR YTD
NEEDED	\$43,654	\$87,308	\$480,192
RECEIVED	\$42,339	\$104,848	\$406,270
DIFFERENCE	(\$1,315)	\$17,540	(\$73,922)

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, 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 real presence of Jesus' Body and Blood in, with, and under 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 during worship. Grape juice is located at the center of the tray for those who need it. Children who have not taken Communion Class are invited to come forward and receive a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine. (Communion class is offered to those in 6th grade or older).

If you have any questions or concerns about Communion, please talk with a Pastor after service.

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