



SPL NEWS

MARCH 8 & 9, 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:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8B-13
Luke 4:1-13

This Week's Worship Songs:

Be Praised (Sunday)
Resurrecting
Lead Me To The Cross
Clean
Stand In Your Love

AWAKEN: A JOURNEY TO SHARING JESUS

During this 2-session workshop, you will be equipped to share Jesus with others in a relational way as the Multipli team, one of our partners in ministry, leads you through an overview of *3 Essentials for Sharing Jesus*. We will dive deeper into the key concepts of responsibility, permission, and access, receiving practical tools along the way. You will also be challenged to put them into practice as you journey through the weeks ahead. Join in on **Friday, March 14**, from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM and **Saturday, March 15**, from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. To register, scan the code or sign up in the Fellowship Area outside the Family Room.



RHYTHMS OF GRACE: COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Women of St. Paul's: join us for coffee (or tea), some tasty sweet treats, and meaningful conversations about faith, life, and whatever's on your mind on Sunday, **March 16** after 10:30 AM worship. This is a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages to share, build relationships, and connect with SPL Women's Ministry Team as we encourage one another and grow together. No registration needed; children are welcome.

THE HUNT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

This Easter, SPL 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.

SPL ADULT MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER

From **May 31st to June 7th**, 2025, St. Paul's will be taking a group of adults to Asheville, North Carolina, on mission to work with local families rebuilding their homes after the devastating hurricanes of the past year. The cost is \$450 per person. If you would like to go but funding is a concern, please talk to Pastor Bill. Scan the code to register or sign up at the table in the Fellowship Area today. Please register by March 15. Questions? Contact Pastor Bill or Gene Mueller.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Devin & Morgan Ringel, Paul & Jamie Stanzione, and Tim & DeeAnne Wisler joining St. Paul's this weekend. Meet & Greet them at a cake reception at 9:15 AM Sunday and come celebrate them in worship at 10:30 AM. Let them know we are glad to have them here!

FAMILY & FAITH CELEBRATION - BAPTISM

This weekend we joyfully celebrate the Baptisms of Grayson and Gavin Fleck, sons of Cody Fleck, grandsons to Bob & Terri Fleck. Please welcome them to our family of faith as they receive new life in Christ. Blessings!



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UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE

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? We 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.** Look for more details to come during the **LSA Resale Shop Weekend, March 29-30**, when the Resale Shop truck will be parked at St. Paul's taking donations before and after worship services. All proceeds will directly benefit Unity's Scholarship Fund.

JOIN US IN SONG FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Join us in lifting voices in praise for Holy Week and Easter services! All are welcome! If you're interested, please sign up in the choir room or reach out to Morgen - morgen@spldecatour.org or (405) 761-7450. Help us make it a powerful time of worship!

SPL FAMILY PICNIC

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!

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

Lunch/Worship 11:45 AM, Dinner 5:30 PM, Worship 6:30 PM
MARCH 12, MARCH 19, MARCH 26
APRIL 2, APRIL 9

HOLY WEEK

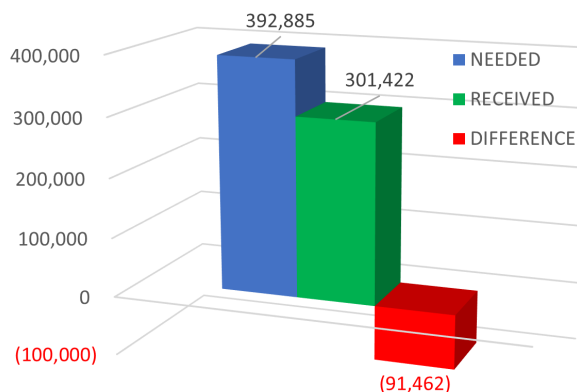
APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Doug & Coley Adloff in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary.

WE WORSHIP BETTER TOGETHER

Last weekend attendance in person: 442
Last weekend attendance online: 123
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks: 553



GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY FEB. 2025

| | 2/23 to 3/1 | FEB TOTAL | 2025 CALENDAR YTD |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| NEEDED | \$43,654 | \$174,616 | \$392,885 |
| RECEIVED | \$24,964 | \$179,062 | \$301,422 |
| DIFFERENCE | \$18,689 | \$4,446 | (\$91,462) |

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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