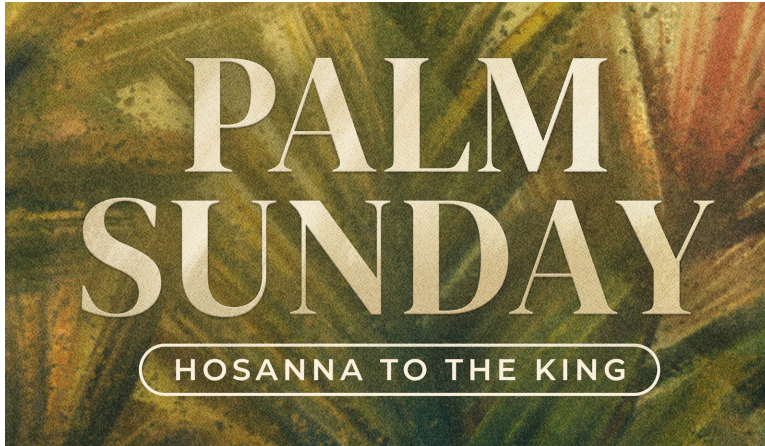


SPL NEWS

APRIL 12 & 13, 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 32:36-39

Philippians 2:5-11

John 12:12-19

This Week's Worship Songs:

Praise You Anywhere (Sunday)

Son Of Heaven

Palm Sunday Medley

Behold Our God

Echo Holy

No Other King

This Is Our God

HOLY WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

In worship on **Maundy Thursday**, April 17, at 6:30 PM we remember Passover and the Last Supper.

Our **Good Friday** Tenebrae worship (Service of Darkness) will be at 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM.

For those who wish to take communion on Good Friday there will be a brief service with confession, absolution, and the Lord's Supper at 12:30 PM & 6:30 PM.

There will be no worship service on Saturday, April 19.

Celebrate early on Sunday, April 20, at **Easter Sunrise Worship** (with Communion offered) at 6:30 AM.
Easter Sunday Celebration of Freedom will be at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM.

EXPERIENCE FAMILY-FRIENDLY BRANSON WITH YOUR ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Come along with the St. Paul's family on a motorcoach trip to Branson, Missouri this **September 24-26**. Highlights of this travel package include *The Clay Cooper Show* featuring singers, dancers, and musicians performing country, rock & roll, gospel, and patriotic favorites; and at the Sight & Sound Theater, **DAVID** - *master poet, fearless warrior, anointed king: you will experience one of the most legendary Bible stories come to life*. Look for the flyers around church for more details. Call Timi's Tours at 1-800-682-8214 to make your reservations. Tell them you are with St. Paul's!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING SOON

A new weekly Bible Study is starting up for the women of St. Paul's and the community. Come join with other sisters in Christ in the Family Room every Wednesday from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM beginning **April 23**. No need to register in advance.



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UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Church Families,

The annual Dinner Auction fundraiser for Unity Christian School will be held on **May 2, 2025**. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at www.UnityDecatur.org/auction. Additionally we would like to invite anyone who feels the call, to donate in the form of silent auction baskets, gift certificates, or desserts. We are aiming to collect 50 gift cards in denominations of \$10, \$25, or \$50, which will be featured on the "Lucky Lions Board". Volunteers for set up and clean up are always welcome. Your generosity, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference, and every donation brings us closer to our goal. If you are able to contribute in any way, please let us know by *Friday, April 25th*, or feel free to drop off any donations at the school office or reach out to frontoffice@unitydecatur.org to arrange pick up of any donations. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you on May 2, 2025.

The Unity Auction Committee

WHAT'S COMING UP AT SPL?

April 13 - Early Communion Class

April 18 - ELC closed for Good Friday

April 21 - SPL Church Office closed for Easter Monday

April 27 - Encounter Worship Sunday

April 28 - SPL Kids Play Date

May 8 - ELC PreK Graduation

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Chuck & Chris Schuette in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

WE WORSHIP BETTER TOGETHER

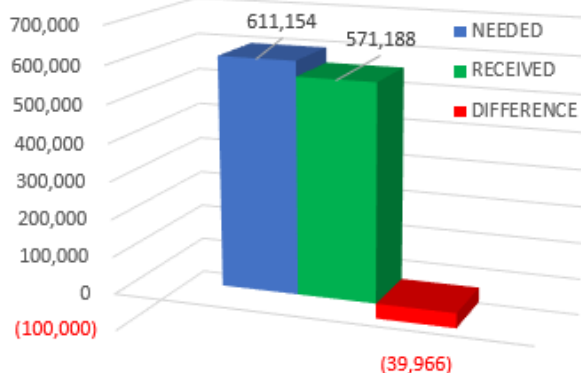
Last weekend attendance in person: 555

Last weekend attendance online: 110

Average attendance for the last 4 weeks: 544

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY MARCH 2025

	3/30 to 4/5	APR TOTAL	2025 CALENDAR YTD
NEEDED	\$43,654	\$43,654	\$611,154
RECEIVED	\$45,833	\$45,833	\$571,188
DIFFERENCE	\$2,179	\$2,179	(\$39,966)



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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