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Now Hiring --St. Paul's Early Learning Center

Our school-age classroom is in need of an energetic, patient, positive person who is excited to share the love of Jesus with children. Must meet DCFS requirements for school-age workers and complete a background check. Contact Kim Newingham at 424-9183 or kim@spldecatur.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12th

Return "Change for Life" Baby Bottles for New Life PC March 15th Worship at 12:15 & 6:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm Midweek Lenten Worship (through April 5th)

March 16th

ELC Preschool Open House (6pm-7pm)

March 18th

Iron Sharpens Iron (Springfield)

March 18th

LSA Dinner Auction

March 19th

New Member Welcome (10:30am worship)

April 8th

"THE HUNT" - Family Easter Event and Egg Hunt (10am-noon)

April 13th-14th

Maundy Thursday Seder Tasting 6:30pm

(Register online @ spldecatur.churchcenteronline.com)

Good Friday 1pm & 7pm

April 16th

Easter Sunday (6:30am, 8:00am, 10:30am)

April 19th

New Basics Class Begins for Prospective Members

April 23rd

Confirmation Sunday (10:30 worship)





6:30 PM LENTEN WORSHIP MARCH 8, 2017

Pastor Doug Bender Pastor Eric Trickey Pastor Mark Gearig

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Preparing for Worship

As we continue forward in this season of Lent, we journey together as we follow Jesus toward the cross; toward the death that ultimately brings resurrection life. We look to our Father to draw us close to Him, through His Son Jesus. We ask for His help in surrendering to Him the areas of our lives where we are struggling, where we need change. Whatever is before you, we pray that you persevere through your struggle throughout this season.

An eyewitness account is always best. This is because an eyewitness experiences an event with all their senses. As a result, he or she is able to give the most accurate and full picture of what happened. However, each eyewitness account of the same event is unique, because each person has a different perspective. Each person experiences the event in a slightly different way. Each unique perspective leads to a fuller and deeper understanding of the event and its impact.

This season of lent we look at the events of Jesus' suffering and death from the unique perspective of six well-known and sometimes notorious eyewitnesses. Through their testimonies we will be invited to feel their emotions and see through their eyes as we travel from the garden of Gethsemane to the foot of the cross. In doing so, we will be lead to a more profound understanding of the great love and compassion that is displayed in the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Jesus Paid It All

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Gospel Reading

Luke 22:47-51

Confession and Absolution

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

What a Beautiful Name

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.

Children dismissed for teaching time (Ages 0-3 and PreK-6)

Eyewitness of the Passion: Judas

Message and Teaching Time

"The Suicidal Insanity of Satan" Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Abide with Me LSB #878 v. 6

EASTER LILIES 2016

Celebrate the victory of the Resurrection of Jesus - place an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one. They will be displayed in the sanctuary during Easter Services. Place your order in the Fellowship Area today. The cost is \$10.00 each. Questions? Contact Heidi Sack at 423-6955.

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?
- 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.

Eyewitnesses of the Passion: Judas "The Suicidal Insanity of Satan"

(Luke 22:47-51)

The greatest sins in have not
the power of God, but have
set the stage for His work.
Luke 22:3-6
1. Did mess up an man?
Judas is not
Ephesians 2:1-3
Judas loved not and he
the truth.
2. Why would do this?
The done lost his
3. What was role in the of Jesus?
God was the of Jesus death.
Romans 5:8
is the way out of
The Lord's Prayer Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.
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