



SPL Junior Leadership Program

This fall, we are launching a special Junior Leadership Program for students in 5th and 6th grade. Beginning August 26th and 27th our SPL Kids Time offerings during both the Saturday (6:00pm) and the Sunday (10:30am) contemporary services will be as follows:

- 6 weeks old – 3 years: Nursery
- 3 years – Kindergarten: Room 206
- 1st-4th grade: Room 211

Instead of attending SPL Kids Time as a participant, your 5th or 6th grade student will have the opportunity to serve in one of the above-mentioned SPL Kids Time rooms. Students must be enrolled in the program and meet the requirements to serve during SPL Kids Time.

For pre-teens (or tweens), this is an ideal time to start getting connected to the larger body of believers through acts of service which correspond to God-given gifts and capacities. Children and teens who engage in meaningful acts of service within their church body are more likely to continue to be actively involved in the life of the church throughout their lives.

Additional Benefits:

- T-shirt & Lanyard
- Tools to help with their spiritual development (such a Bible, prayer journal, devotional, etc.)
- Pizza/Ice cream parties, etc.
- Fellowship opportunities
- A chance to discover your spiritual gifts through spiritual gift questionnaire and mentoring discussions
- Meet quarterly with an adult faith mentor
- And more!

Requirements:

- Complete a Junior Leadership application
- Be in at least 5th grade
- Attend a training annually (see dates below)
- Meet one-on-one with adult mentor quarterly (must meet once prior to beginning to serve)
- Stay in worship once a month and take sermon notes
- Commit to a plan for spiritual formation (including Bible reading and prayer)
- Be a help and not a hindrance while serving
- Follow through on commitments to serve (communicating absences, etc.)

Trainings *(Additional dates will be distributed in October)*

- Saturday, August 12th: 4:00-5:30pm
- Sunday, August 13th: 12:00-1:30pm
- Thursday, August 17th: 5:30-7:00pm

If you are a fifth or sixth grader interested in this program and you are interested in attending a training session, please contact me (jennifer@spldecalur.org). Complete the attached application and bring it with you to the session. Please also be sure to bring a list of available serving dates from the end of August through the end of October (as requested on the application). **Pizza will be provided at the training sessions.** Please feel free to contact me with any questions!



SPL Junior Leadership Program Application

Student's Name _____

Student's Grade/Age _____ Are you a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church? _____

Contact Information (phone number/email) _____

Can you commit to serving a minimum of once a month for one year? _____

Why do you want to be a part of the Junior Leadership Program? _____

What is your favorite verse or story from the Bible and why? _____

Do you follow Jesus? What does following Jesus look like in your life? _____

Circle the way(s) in which you would be interested in serving:

- Prayer leader (lead a repeat prayer)
- Bible story reader
- Song leader
- Ushering
- Reading Scripture
- Greeting
- Snack assistant
- Sitting with a small group of kids to help them participate

- Leading small group questions
- Helping new kids feel comfortable
- Other: _____

Circle the area(s) where you would most prefer to serve:

- Nursery
- Pre-K-Kindergarten Kids Time
- 1st-4th Grade Kids Time
- Worship Service (in Sanctuary)
- Other: _____



Availability

Please look at your family's calendar at the dates between **August 26th** and **October 29th** and list below the dates you are available to serve:

Training

Which training date will you be attending? (Please mark one)

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Thank you very much!

Please contact Jennifer Power at jennifer@spldecatour.org if you have any questions!

1 Timothy 4:12 *"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."*

Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*

Matthew 20:25-28 *"But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'"*

Matthew 28:18-20 *"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"*