

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Sunday 12/03

9:15 am New Member Brunch (Dining Room)  
10:30 am New Member Welcome during Worship

### Monday 12/04

**Tuesday 12/05** "Armor of God" Bible Studies today

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
6:30 pm Cancer Companions Meeting (Family Room)

### Wednesday 12/06

9:30 am Chair Fitness (Room 122)  
12:15 pm Advent Worship  
5:30 pm Advent Dinner (Dining Room) -Rotini Pasta/Salad  
6:30 pm Advent Worship

### Thursday 12/07

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)  
9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:30 pm ELC Christmas Program (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Friday 12/08** Ministry Architects Meetings -Room 122

**Saturday 12/09** Message - Give More: Joseph

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)  
3:00 pm Jones/Blickensderfer Wedding  
4:00 pm SPL Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)

**Sunday 12/10** Message - Give More: Joseph

8:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:15 am Education Classes for all ages  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 11:00am)

### November Actual Giving

\$176,842 as of 11/26

### November Budgeted Giving

\$196,830 as of 11/26

### Yearly Actual Giving Through 11/26/17

\$1,868,751

### Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 11/26/17

\$2,057,904

2017 Annual Budget =  
\$2,372,600

Under goal  
\$189,153

### We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 807  
Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 781

...Better Together!

### 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?
2. 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.

### CONNECT WITH US!

Visit our website at [spldecatour.org](http://spldecatour.org)

Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour)

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View our Live Stream at [stpaulsdecatour.sermon.net](http://stpaulsdecatour.sermon.net)

**SPEND LESS**  
Advent Conspiracy



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Mark Gearig

MY EYES HAVE SEEN *your salvation*  
THAT *you have prepared*  
IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL PEOPLES.

Luke 2:30-31

### Thought Before Worship

"If God be our God, He will give us peace in trouble. When there is a storm without, He will make peace within. The world can create trouble in peace, but God can create peace in trouble."--Thomas Watson

### Call to Worship

Rejoice

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

We All Bow Down

### Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, you remember us every moment of every day, in all of our triumphs and in all of our trials. But we are not like you. We forget so easily. We forget to love you as you love us. We forget to share your love with our family, friends and the world. We forget to focus on you in all of the hustle and bustle of the holidays, even though this is a season all about you. Forgive us for our forgetfulness and sin. Remember our sin no more, even as you remember us in your Kingdom forever. Amen

### Words of Institution (Saturday only)

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**Special Events**

**Celebrating the Lord's Supper (Saturday only)**

*If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the back page. We encourage families to commune together.*

**Communion Songs (Saturday only)**

*Make Room*

*Your Name*

**New Member Welcome (Sunday only)**

**Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer**

*A handout with this week's prayers is available at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to continue to pray for these concerns.*

**Offering**

*"Emmanuel (God With Us Forever)"*

*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.*

**Message**

*"Spend Less: Simeon"*

Pastor Eric Trickey

**Blessing**

**Closing Song**

*It's Christmas*

*(Away in a Manger, Go Tell It On the Mountain)*

**Advent Conspiracy**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

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*Flowers on the Altar*

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 30th wedding anniversary of Bryan and Angie Hunt.

**Welcome New Members!**

At 10:30am worship, we welcome into our SPL family of faith the following new members and their families: Tricia Aylesworth, Elaine Aylesworth, Larry & Marinda Beccue, Yvonne Beccue, Jack Blickensderfer, Martin & Angie Boehm, Janette Cooper, Olivia Cooper, Kevin & Kenna Cope, Cindy Ellis, Barry & Sherry French, Bob Kimmons, Steve & Connie Lusietto, Molly Osborn, Trudy Smith, Jason & Jennifer Thomas, and Shelby Young.

**Angel Tree** • Return gifts by December 6

Thank you for your amazing response! After you have purchased your gift, return the gifts /number attached by December 6th. Questions? Call Sarah at 423-6955

**ELC Christmas Program** • December 7, 6:30pm

Join the students of the ELC as they present "Christmas Step by Step" in the SPL Sanctuary. Refreshments to follow. Give the gift of reading this year – shop the ELC Scholastic Book Fair December 5th -11th (in the ELC lobby).

**Small Group Leaders Meeting** • December 10, 9:20am

Calling all small group leaders! Join Pastor Mark Gearig in the Great Room at SPL (2nd Floor) to connect and discuss Small Group ministry at SPL. We'll brainstorm and explore ways to revitalize and create future growth for this ministry area. Your input is valuable! Connect with pastormark@spldecat.org

**FAMILY SERVING FAMILY** • Advent Conspiracy Project

Make this Christmas different – be a part of our Advent Conspiracy (AC) project at SPL as we aim to meet the needs of our 135 Bags of Hope students in Decatur Public Schools. You can help – DONATE \$10 to for a backpack, \$10 or \$20 for needed meal cards (Envelopes are available at the table by the Connection Center – place in the basket on the table by 12/10); DONATE food items (found on our Bags of Hope Shopping List – return to the BOH collection station by 12/17); SERVE with us by participating in our AC Bags of Hope Packing Party on Sunday, December 17th following 10:30am worship in the Dining Room.

**Worship**

**Midweek Advent Worship "Christmas Reframed: The Sequel"**

Worship at 12:15pm (Traditional) & 6:30pm (Contemporary) Wednesdays. Upcoming on December 6 & December 13 (Dinner available at 5:30pm)

**SPL KIDS Family Christmas Worship** • December 17, 10:30am

Children of SPL will have an opportunity to play a role in leading worship as we prepare for Christmas – speaking, singing, and other special parts for kids and families. Additional resources for learning songs are available online in the SPL Kids Facebook Group (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/splkids>). If interested sign up at the SPL Kids table in the Fellowship Area or contact jennifer@spldecat.org

**Christmas Eve Choir**

We are looking for additional voices to join our praise choir for Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30pm in the sanctuary and Sundays (12/3, 12/10, 12/17) at 9:15am in the choir room. Child care available. Contact Linda Ippel 201-1930 or heidi@spldecat.org

**Christmas Poinsettias**

Celebrate the birth of Jesus - place a Poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one. They will be displayed in the sanctuary during the Christmas Services and picked up Christmas Day. Place your order in the Fellowship Area today. 6" pot (One plant, Red)- \$7.50 each, 8" pot (three plants, Red or Marble)- \$15.00.

**Children's Ministry**

**SPL KIDS**

**Worship: Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning** (During Message Time): Ages 6 weeks-3 years (Nursery), 3 years-K (Rm 206), 1st-4th grade (Great Rm) 5th-6th Junior Leaders will leave with children (must have attended training)

**Sunday Education** (9:20am): PreK-K (Room 206), Gr. 1-4 (Room 213), Gr. 5-6 (Room 211); Building Blocks for Parents/Caretakers & Children 0-3yrs (Room 203)

**Youth Ministry**

**SPL YOUTH**

All Ages: Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.

**SPL YOUTH - Ministry Architects** • December 8-10

We are working toward building a sustainable youth ministry at SPL – we need YOU to be a part of this important process. We welcome Ministry Architects here December 8-10 and invite youth parents and students to several Listening Group Sessions [Friday 12/8: Sixth Grade Parents @6:00pm | Saturday 12/9: 7th/8th Grade Students @8:30am, 7th-12th Grade Parents 9:30am, 9th-12th Grade Students @11:00am | Sunday 12/10: Stakeholders' Presentation @2:00pm]. All meetings will take place in Room 122 (Please use North entrance and parking). RSVP to the Church Office at 217-423-6955 for the session you will attend.

*Community Life Discussion Questions are available along with the weekly Prayer Concerns at the back of the sanctuary.*