

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 11/19

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
2:00 pm Voters' Meeting (Dining Room)

Monday 11/20

Tuesday 11/21

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

Wednesday 11/22

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)

Thursday 11/23 SPL Office and ELC Closed

9:00 am Thanksgiving Worship

Friday 11/24 SPL Office Closed - ELC Open

Saturday 11/25 Message - Worship Fully: Mary

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

Sunday 11/26 Message - Worship Fully: Mary

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
10:30 am Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 11:00am)
11:45 am Sanctuary Christmas Decorating

Family Serving Family –Funeral Luncheon Coordinator

During a time of loss, families need the most care. Here at SPL, we provide a funeral luncheon to families who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Would you be willing to be the person to lead the team of faithful caregivers who provide this special service? We are currently seeking a person to step into the role of Funeral Luncheon Coordinator. This leader is called into action at the time of a loss to help secure donated food items for the meal and also lead the serving team at the time of the luncheon. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Sarah Johnson in the Church Office by November 30th at 217-423-6955.

Yearly Actual Giving Through 11/14/17

\$1,774,248

Under goal

\$185,241

Yearly Budgeted Giving Through 11/14/17

\$1,959,489

We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 821
Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 831

...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.

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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Mark Gearig

WELL DONE,

good and faithful

SERVANT.

Enter into the joy of your master.

Thought Before Worship

"Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplored worlds occupied by the needs of others." — Barbara Bush

Call to Worship

Wonder

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Lay Me Down

All I Am

Confession and Absolution

God of amazing grace, You have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We have heard Your call and have responded with great affirmation and joy. Yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget. Times when we focus on the wrong things. Times when we put our money and our resources into our earthly possessions and not into a church that You have created and blessed. Help us to have faith, O God. Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by that faith. In Jesus name, Amen.

Words of Institution (Saturday only)

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.



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Communion Songs (Saturday only)

Broken Vellels (Amazing Grace)

O Come to the Altar

Baptism

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.

Message

"What Will You Bring to Your King?"

Pastor Eric Trickley

Offering

"Come to the Table"

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. Ushers will dismiss rows from front to back to bring our offerings and commitment cards forward to place in the baskets at the front of the sanctuary. 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.

Blessing

Kingdom Life

MESSAGE NOTES

At 6:00 pm worship, we celebrate the baptism of Isabella Karina Cline. Isabella was born September 7, 2017 to parents Kyle and Rebecca Cline. Please welcome Isabella and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 18th Wedding Anniversary of Jerry and Pam Johnson.

Special Events

Semi-Annual Voters Meeting • November 19, 2pm

All members of SPL are encouraged to attend our Semi-Annual Voters Meeting in the Dining Room. The Pastors and Board of Elders will lead discussion on important congregational updates including NEXT and Phase II progress, Associate Pastor Call Process, and a vote on the Budget for 2018.

Sanctuary Christmas Decorating • November 26

Strong people needed! Join us as we deck the halls, walls, sanctuary, stairs.... Plan to stay after the 10:30 am service to carry in 8 Christmas trees and decorate for the Advent and Christmas season at St. Paul's. A light lunch is provided. Bring your family and serve together. For more info, contact heidi@spldeatur.org

Red Cross Blood Drive • December 1

Located at LSA from 11am-4pm or at St. Paul's from 2pm-6pm.

To Register, go to www.redcrossblood.org

New Member Welcome Brunch • December 3

Our family grows as we welcome New Members on December 3rd. Help us celebrate with them by contributing breakfast items for the Brunch. Donate Breakfast Casseroles, Pastries, Muffins, Fruit, or Juice – Sign up at the table in the Fellowship Area.

Angel Tree • Return gifts by December 6

We are blessed that we may be a blessing to others! The SPL Angel Tree has returned with a range of items requested to meet the needs of families connected with local agencies like Baby Talk, New Life Pregnancy Center, and Northeast Community Fund along with additional family needs for some at SPL and St. Paul's Early Learning Center. Angels are now available for pick up in the Fellowship Area – be sure to indicate which Angel(s) you have selected on the sign up sheets provided by the tree. Questions? Contact Sarah Johnson in the Church Office (423-6955).

Worship

Thanksgiving Day Worship • November 23, 9am

"The Key to Giving Thanks"

Midweek Advent Worship "Christmas Reframed: The Sequel"

Worship at 12:15pm (Traditional) & 6:30pm (Contemporary) Wednesdays.

Offered November 29, December 6, December 13 (Dinner available at 5:30pm)

SPL KIDS Family Christmas Worship • December 17

Once again, children of SPL will have an opportunity to play a role in leading worship as we prepare for Christmas. We will prepare for this service in the weeks ahead leading up to the service at 10:30am on 12/17. If you are interested in being a part of this service, please contact Jennifer Power at 217-423-6955 or jennifer@spldeatur.org.

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)

F3 (Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm): 6 weeks-3yrs (Nursery), 3 yrs-K (Room 206):

Bible App for Kids: Bible Adventure, 1st-4th grade (Room 213): Life With God,

5th-6th Grade (Room 211): Life with God

Youth Ministry

SPL YOUTH

THRIVE: Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122.

F3: Wednesday at 6:30pm (Grades 9-12)

SPL YOUTH – Save the Date

We are working toward building a sustainable youth ministry at SPL – we need you to be a part of the process. We welcome Ministry Architects here December 8-10 and welcome youth parents and students to several Listening Group Sessions. Additional information will be coming to you in the week ahead.

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