

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

### Sunday 11/26

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages  
11:45 am Sanctuary Christmas Decorating

### Monday 11/27

### Tuesday 11/28

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)  
10:30 am Armor of God Women's Bible Study (Family Room)  
6:00 pm Armor of God Women's Bible Study (Dining Room)

### Wednesday 11/29

9:30 am Chair Fitness (Room 122)  
12:15 pm Advent Worship  
5:30 pm Advent Dinner (Dining Room) - *Chicken and Noodles*  
6:30 pm Advent Worship

### Thursday 11/30

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 Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Friday 12/01

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Room 122)

### Saturday 12/02 Message - Spend Less: Simeon

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 12/03 Message - Spend Less: Simeon

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

## Christmas Season Worship

### Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesdays 12:15pm & 6:30pm (11/29, 12/6, 12/13)

### Children's Christmas Worship

December 17, 10:30am

### Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 6pm & 8pm

(No regular weekend services Dec 23/24)

December 30 & 31 - regular worship schedule

### We Worship...

4 week avg worship attendance: 821  
Last Weekend's Worship Attendance: 791

...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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## WORSHIP FULLY

Advent Conspiracy



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP  
NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2017

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Mark Gearig

MY SOUL *magnifies the Lord*

AND MY SPIRIT

*rejoices in God my Savior.*

Luke 1:46

### Thought Before Worship

"The veneration of Mary is inscribed in the very depths of the human heart." --Martin Luther (1522)

### Call to Worship

*When Hope Came Down*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

*Even So Come*

### Confession and Absolution

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen.

### Words of Institution

### Celebrating the Lord's Supper

*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**

*Offering*

*Adore Him*

*Adore*

**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**

*“Be Born In Me”*

*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**

*“Worship Fully -- Mary”*

Pastor Eric Trickey

**Blessing**

**Closing Song**

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven*

**Advent Conspiracy**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

Series of horizontal lines for message notes.

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

**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.

**Special Events**

**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@spldecat.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).

**Camp CILCA Annual Banquet** • January 28, 5-8pm

At Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Springfield-- Fellowship Hall. The evening includes musical entertainment, dinner, and guest presenter Rev. Dr. Joel Heck who will speak about the importance of Creation for Christian faith and life. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the camp office at 217-415-2311 or camp@cilca.org. Child care will also be available for \$5.

**Worship**

**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@spldecat.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.

*Flowers on the Altar*

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 37th Wedding Anniversary of Richard and Barbara Light.