

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 1/14

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

Monday 1/15

6:30 pm 20's/30's Small Group (Dining Room)

Tuesday 1/16

5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 1/17

9:30 am Chair Fitness (Room 122)

5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Dining Room) - *Taco Bar*

6:30 pm Winter F3 Classes for all ages

Thursday 1/18

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 1/19

Saturday 1/20 Message - "Enlarge Your Soul Through Grief and Loss"

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)

4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)

Sunday 1/21 Message - "Enlarge Your Soul Through Grief and Loss"

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

10:30 am Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 11:00am)

January Actual Giving

\$ 60,320 as of 1/07

January Budgeted Giving

\$ 44,751 as of 1/07

2018 Annual Budget =

\$2,360,500

We Worship...

Worship Attendance Last Weekend: 726

4 wk Average Worship Attendance: 769

...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.

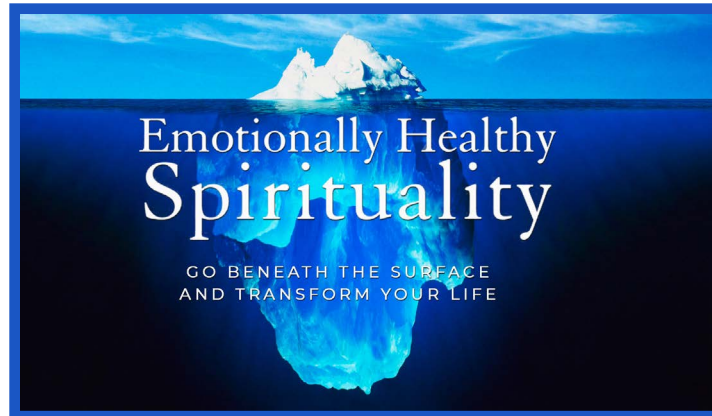
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
JANUARY 13 & 14, 2018

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Mark Gearig



Thought Before Worship

"The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light." -- St. John of the Cross

Call to Worship

Your Love Defends Me

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Glorious Day

Do It Again

Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, purge me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Purge my pride and my greed, my chasing after pleasure and my easy irritation. Purge me from spiritual gluttony, spiritual jealousy and spiritual laziness. Lord these sins are death to my soul, so purge me and fill me with Your life and forgiveness. Not my will, but Yours be done, now and forevermore. 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

It Is Well

Hungry

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

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.

Offering

Captain

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.

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Message

"Journey Through the Wall"
Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song

Your Love Defends Me

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality--MESSAGE NOTES

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

Family & Faith Celebration - Baptism

At 10:30am worship, we celebrate the baptism of Emma Michelle Force (12/28/2017). Parents are Bethany (Sack) and Garrick Force. Sponsors for Emma are Hannah Findlay and Jacob Yotter. Please welcome Emma and her family as she receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



Special Events

Women's Bible Study • Begins January 23

Join SPL Women as we begin a new study "Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted" by Priscilla Shirer (7 sessions). Maryel Nelson will lead a group Tuesdays at 10:30am in the Family Room. Go to spldecatour.org/women for more information and to register today.

LSA Red Cross Blood Drive • January 29

Give Blood, Save Lives. SPL is hosting another LSA Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, January 29th from 11:00am-4:00pm in Room 122. Sign up today on the kiosk by the Welcome Desk or online at www.redcrossblood.org.

F3: Family-Faith-Formation • Thru February 7

Renovate your life and improve your health! Join us for the Winter Session of F3 – a variety of classes are available for all ages. Visit the table in the Fellowship Area or go online to SPLDECATUR.ORG to register today!

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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 Wednesday Classes at 6:30 pm for all ages.

SPL KIDS Fahter-Daughter Dance • February 9

SPL Kids is hosting the fourth annual Father-Daughter Dance on Friday, February 9th at 6:00pm. This year's theme is "Let Your Light Shine" and includes a special time of fun, music, treats, and activities for fathers and daughters of all ages.

Tickets will be \$5.00 per family, available beginning January 20th. Additional help is appreciated with decorating, clean-up, and providing appetizers for this event – if you can help, contact Jennifer Power (jennifer@spldecatour.org).

Youth Ministry

SPL YOUTH

Gr. 7 – 12: Currently meet Sundays at 9:20am in Room 122

Confirmation (Gr. 7 & 8) Classes resume on Sunday 1/7 (9:20 am) and Wednesday 1/10 (6:30 pm) in the Great Room thru February 7th.

THRIVE Senior High meets SUNDays at 9:20 am and F3 Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 122.

Winter Jam Spectacular • January 27

Attention all SPL Youth! Join us for this year's Winter Jam Spectacular on Saturday, January 27th at Scottrade Center in St. Louis. Base ticket cost is \$15 (some additional costs may apply for transportation/food).

Connect with this event on the SPL Youth Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/SPLYouth) for more information about the event. Sign up by connecting with Matt Black and Matthew Gruenwald.

Prayer Ministers Needed

If you have a desire to partner with others in their journey of faith in prayer, St. Paul's is currently looking for people to serve in our prayer ministry during communion in our contemporary worship services. If you are interested, please contact Sue or Dan Curry (dan.susan.curry@gmail.com).

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for new life through baptism for Emma Michelle Force by her Grandparents, Heidi and David Sack.

2018 Flower Chart

If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a weekend of services, the sign-up chart is now available for 2018 on the kiosk in the fellowship center. Place in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or just to bless the St. Paul's congregation in worship. For questions, call Heidi Sack- 423-6955.