

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 4/08

- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
- 9:15 am "Red Letter Challenge"-Pastor's Class (Dining Room)

Monday 4/09

- 5:30 pm Women's Ministry Meeting (Family Room)

Tuesday 4/10

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 10:30 am Women's Bible Study-*Ruth* (Family Room)
- 6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 4/11

- 9:30 am Motivated by More: Chair Fitness (Room 122)
- 10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Red Letter Challenge Bible Study (Dining Room)

Thursday 4/12

- 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)
- 1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Family Room)
- 4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team (Sm. Conf. Room)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 4/13

Saturday 4/14 Message - "Red Letter Challenge: Forgiving"

- 7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)
- 4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm LSA Dinner Auction (Mt Zion Convention Ctr.)
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)
- 7:15 pm "Red Letter Challenge" Bible Class (Conf Room)

Sunday 4/15 Message - "Red Letter Challenge: Forgiving"

- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
- 11:40 am SPL Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (Dining Room)

April Actual Giving

\$ 43,472 as of 4/1

April Budgeted Giving

\$ 41,638 as of 4/1

2018 Annual Budget =
\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =
\$ 49,889

WE WORSHIP...

Good Friday Worship Attendance: 727
Easter Worship Attendance Last Weekend: 1182

...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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6:00PM & 10:30AM WORSHIP

April 7 & 8, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG



Thought Before Worship

"We ought to attract people to the church quite literally by the fun there is in being a Christian." -Zach Zehnder

Call to Worship

Only King Forever

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Open Up the Heavens

Lord I Need You

Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, You are never too busy for us. You took 33 years out of Your infinitely busy schedule to take on our frail flesh and dwell among us, so that we could dwell with You and the Father forever. Forgive us for being too busy for You. Forgive us for the lies we believe and the excuses we make that keep us from You. Give us the courage and the wisdom to prioritize You in our lives, no matter what the cost to our schedules. In Your name we pray, 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.

Communion Songs

It is Well

Speak O Lord



LOVE GOD. BUILD THE HOME. CHANGE THE WORLD.

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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 **Fear of the Lord**

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 **"Red Letter Challenge: Being"**
Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song **Only King Forever**



ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?
CONTINUE READING THIS WEEK
DAYS 13-19: FORGIVING
SHARE YOUR STORIES
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RED LETTER CHALLENGE

MESSAGE NOTES

Lined writing area for 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 Maddox Dean Head (3/14/18). Parents are Sasha and Rollin Head. Please welcome Maddox and his family as he receives new life in Christ. Congratulations!



RED LETTER CHALLENGE • Let's Do This!

The Red Letter Challenge is here at SPL! Connect with a large group study meeting at SPL - Saturday evening following 6pm worship, Sunday morning at 9:15am (Pastor's Class & WSCL), and Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Visit the RLC table in the Fellowship Area to pick up a copy of the book (suggested donation \$5.00). Share your stories and challenges with us (on FB, Twitter, Instagram) using #RedLetterChallenge and #SPLDecatur.

LSA DINNER AUCTION • April 14

Step back in time to vintage Hollywood and take on a starring role in "The Lion's Share" - this year's LSA Dinner Auction. Show your support for this ministry through the silent and live auction, and enjoy dinner and entertainment at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. Tickets \$50 each - Contact LSA at 233-2001.

[If you would be interested in donating an auction item, please contact Susan Keane at the LSA at 233-2001 or skeane@lsadecatur.net.]

SPL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION • April 15

"Without our volunteers, we would be in pieces!" The Pastors and Staff of SPL invite ALL VOLUNTEERS to gather on Sunday, April 15th following 10:30am worship for a special appreciation luncheon. Please RSVP by contacting Sarah Johnson at sarah@spldecatur.org or 423-6955 by April 9th. Don't miss it!

SPL Elder Nominations • Return nominations by April 20

The Nominating Committee for the Board of Elders, under the leadership of Steve Zarndt, is currently accepting nominations for candidates for the Board of Elders for 2018-19. Please submit names of members who you feel would serve well by April 20th for consideration. (Final list of candidates will be presented in early May, prior to the Semi-Annual Voters Meeting on May 20th.)

SPL MISSION: TEXAS • JULY 14-21

Please join us in prayer for our SPL Mission: Texas team and the work they will do as they help bring restoration and renewal to the struggling community of Rockport, Texas this summer (July 14-21). Connect with Pastor Mark about any specific requests or questions. Follow our SPL Mission Team group at http://facebook.com/groups/SPLMission

Women's Ministry

SPL WOMEN: BIBLE STUDY • Begins April 10

Women are invited to participate in a study of Ruth through "The Girl's Still Got It" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Led by Maryel Nelson, the 6-week study will meet at 10:30am-Noon on Tuesdays in the Family Room at SPL beginning 4/10. Register at SPLDECATUR.ORG/WOMEN or through the Church Office at 423-6955.

WOMEN'S RETREAT • May 5

SPL Women's Ministry is hosting "Bloom Where You're Planted" on Saturday, May 5th at SPL, featuring Bethany Schuette (Keynote) and several breakout sessions. Childcare will be available, lunch will be served. Tickets are \$8.00 each - Register and get your ticket by April 29th.

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 (9:15am): PreK-K (Room 206), Gr. 1-4 (Room 213), Gr. 5-6 (Room 211); Building Blocks-Parents/Caretakers/Children 0-3yrs (Rm 203)

Youth Ministry

SPL YOUTH

All Youth Gr. 7 - 12: Meet Sundays at 9:15am in Room 122
Are you a fan of breakfast cereal and morning cartoons? Get ready for some "animated" fun on Sunday mornings - "Cartoons & Cereal" with Sara Trickey at 9:15am (Room 122)! Come as you are and connect at http://facebook.com/groups/SPLYouth and on Twitter & Instagram @SPLDecatur.

LSA REGISTRATION • For 2018-19

Register now for the 2018-19 school year at Lutheran School Association! NEW students receive 50% off tuition (K-12). Call 233-2001 or visit lsadecatur.net.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Butch and Gloria Morrow.