THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR Sunday 5/13

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages Monday 5/14

5:30 pm Women's Ministry Meeting (Family Room) 7:00 pm Concert at LSA with Grades 5-8

Tuesday 5/15

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)
- 10:30 am Women's Bible Study *Ruth* (Family Room)
- 6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 5/16

9:30 am Motivated by More: Chair Fitness (Room 122)
6:00 pm SPL Youth Wednesday Night (Room 122)
6:30 pm ManUP Men's Ministry (Small Conference Room)
Thursday 5/17
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 5/18
Saturday 5/19 Message - "7 Pillars of Healthy Relationships"
7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)
2:00 pm Wedding (Holly Davis & Cody Flanders)
4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)

Sunday 5/20 Message - "7 Pillars of Healthy Relationships"

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

2:00 pm SPL Voter's Meeting (Dining Room)

May Actual Giving

\$ 36,598 as of 5/06

May Budgeted Giving

\$ 49,213 as of 5/06

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 692 Four Week Worship Average: 795

...BETTER TOGETHER!

2018 Annual Budget =

Year to date shortage =

\$2,360,500

\$ 87,966

NEXT

If you'd like to make a new gift to NEXT toward Phase II construction projects, or if you have questions about your current commitment, contact Lisa Lovekamp at 423-6955.

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?
- Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (*They are not merely symbolically present.*)
 Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?
- 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 May 12 & 13, 2018 PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY PASTOR MARK GEARIG

"Defining MOM" with

Heather Choate Davis



Thought Before Worship

"I don't believe there are devils enough in hell to pull a child out of the arms of a godly mother." --Billy Sunday

Call to Worship	After Your Heart
Velcome & Announcements	
nvocation	
Opening Praise	Glorious Day
	John 14:1-6
	Who You Say I Am

Confession and Absolution

Heavenly Father, You created mothers to be models of towering strength, comfort, safety and unconditional love. Forgive us for failing to live out these qualities in our lives. Forgive us for the times when we let our weaknesses make our decisions. Forgive us for the times when we pursue comfort and safety only for ourselves rather than provide it for others. And forgive us for the countless times that our love for You and others has been anything but unconditional. Set us free from our sins and give us your tender motherly heart dear Father. For Jesus sake, 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. Prayer Ministers will be at the front and back of the Sanctuary to pray with you during this time.



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Reckless Love

Do It Again

King of My Heart

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.

Dismissal of Children to SPL KIDS Worship

Offering

Slow Down

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

"Defining Mom" Isaiah 66:7-14a, John 14:1-6 Guest Speaker: Heather Choate Davis

Blessing

Closing Song

All the People Said Amen

GRACE FLIPPED HOMES

MESSAGE NOTES

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother, Edna Grinstead, by Cheryl Garlisch and Charley and Bev Brown.

SPL Semi-Annual Voters Meeting • May 20

Special Events

The Pastors and Board of Elders invite all members of SPL to gather in the Dining Room at 2:00pm on Sunday, May 20th for our Semi-Annual Voters Meeting. We will review the slate and elect the 2018-19 Board of Elders (including candidates Dave Koshinski (Chair-Elect), Michael Peer and Sam Morrow (Elder-At-Large), and receive ministry and NEXT updates. Childcare will be available.

VBS 2018: SHIPWRECKED · June 11-15

Come one, come all - it's time to register for VBS 2018 at SPL! All on board for SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus taking place June 11-15. This is ideal for kids ages 3 years through entering 5th grade (Fall 2018). Invite your friends and neighbors. Register now at the VBS table in the Fellowship Area or online at SPLDECATUR.ORG.

FAMILY SERVING FAMILY: VBS 2018 • Come Aboard and Serve It's all hands on deck for SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus VBS 2018 at SPL! Each one of you can have a role in its success as we serve the families of our community. Stop by the VBS table in the Fellowship Area today to pick up one of our Donation Needs or Amazon Wish List. Join our Serving Team in a role that fits you best - Sign Up Today! You can also help by attending our VBS prep sessions on Wednesdays (9am-12pm or 4pm-7pm) from May 9 - June 6. Online registration and info available at spldecatur.org or email jennifer@spldecatur.org.

RED LETTER CHALLENGE · Discover Your Gifts

Learn all about your spiritual gifts and leadership skills though the group of online assessments we are providing to you - Go to SPLDECATUR.ORG/RLC and click the AssessMe.org button to get started.

Women's Ministry

Children's Ministry

Friends in Faith Salad Supper • May 15

Gather with the women of the Central Illinois district at Trinity Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 15th. Doors open 5:30pm, Dinner 6:00pm with program to follow. All welcome! Bring salad, bread, or dessert to share. Sign up at the Women's Ministry kiosk or contact Carol Stafford with questions at 217-429-1025.

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)

SHIPWRECKED: BUILD-A-RAFT Contest • Due by May 29 You don't want to be stuck on a deserted island and miss VBS 2018 at SPL! It's time to BUILD-A-RAFT and help us prepare for SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus. All submissions are due by May 29th and will be used for VBS decor. All proceeds from contest voting will be donated to Decatur Kids Bags of Hope. Top money-raising submission will receive a grand prize (12 and under). Sign up now and get all the details at the VBS table in the Fellowship Area.

SPL YOUTH

Youth Ministry

All Youth Gr. 7 – 12: "Cartoons & Cereal" Sundays at 9:15am (Room 122)

SPL Youth Wednesday Night at 6:30pm (Room 122)

Come early to hang out and enjoy some snacks!

Connect at http://facebook.com/groups/SPLYouth & TW/Insta @SPLDecatur.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION · June 3

As the Class of 2018 graduates, we invite all high school and college graduates to be a part of Graduate Recognition at the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, June 3rd. If you'd like to also be featured in our print & screen presentation, please complete the form and submit a photo by 5/25 to andrea@spldecatur.org.

SAVE THE DATE · July 8

We'll welcome our soon to be Associate Pastor Bill Grueninger & celebrate with his Installation at SPL on July 8 at 4:00pm (Reception to follow).

SHOP THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Located in the lobby of St. Paul's Early Learning Center Your purchase helps to support learning and provides books for our ELC classrooms of all ages.