

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 5/06

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

Monday 5/07

Tuesday 5/08

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 5/09

9:30 am Motivated by More: Chair Fitness (Room 122)

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)

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

6:30 pm Red Letter Challenge Group Study (Conference Rm)

6:30 pm 20s/30s Group - RLC (Dining Room)

6:30 pm ManUP Men's Ministry (Small Conference Room)

Thursday 5/10

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)

4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team Meeting (Sm. Conf. Room)

6:00 pm Adult Choir Potluck (Dining Room)

6:30 pm [St. Paul's ELC Preschool Graduation \(Sanctuary\)](#)

7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal for Friday Worship (Sanctuary)

Friday 5/11

6:30 pm Red Letter Revival (Prayer and Praise Service)

Saturday 5/12 Message - "Defining Mom"

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 5/13 Message - "Defining Mom"

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

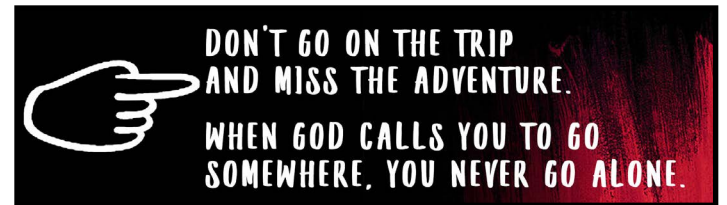


6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

May 5 & 6, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG



Thought Before Worship

If you want your neighbor to know what Christ will do for him, let the neighbor see what Christ has done for you.

-Henry Ward Beecher

Call to Worship

For the Sake of the World

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Only King Forever

Lord, Help Me Follow

Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, what You have done for me, the things I have seen, heard, and experienced, are beyond amazing. And yet, all too often I have kept this amazing reality to myself. I have failed to be Your witness and gladly share Your life-changing truth with others. Forgive me, Lord, for staying put and keeping quiet instead of going and telling of You. Enliven and empower me by Your Holy Spirit so that I cannot help but speak of all You have done. 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. Prayer Ministers will be at the front and back of the Sanctuary to pray with you during this time.

Communion Songs (Saturday Only)

Captain

Called Me Higher

April Actual Giving

\$ 184,258 as of 4/29

April Budgeted Giving

\$ 208,194 as of 4/29

2018 Annual Budget =

\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =

\$ 75,608

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 844

Four Week Worship Average: 824

...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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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

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: Going"
Pastor Mark Gearig

Blessing

Closing Song

Death Arrested

BE HERE ON **DAY 40** FOR THE
RED LETTER REVIVAL
FRIDAY, MAY 11TH AT 6:30PM



Join us next weekend as we begin the new series

GRACE FLIPPED HOMES with "Defining Mom"

Meet our special guest
Heather Choate Davis



CONTINUE READING THIS WEEK
DAYS 34-40: GOING

Discover your gifts & take the free assessment -
go to spldecat.org/rlc
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RED LETTER CHALLENGE

MESSAGE NOTES

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

RED LETTER REVIVAL • May 11

Celebrate together on DAY 40 of the RLC! You need to be here at 6:30pm on Friday, May 11th - gather to glorify God through a time of testimony, praise and worship. You'll also have the opportunity to pray with pastors and prayer ministers, and to pray over Pastor Eric and those fighting cancer. Don't miss it!

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 spldecat.org or email jennifer@spldecat.org.

SPL Semi-Annual Voters Meeting • May 20

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, and receive ministry and NEXT updates. Childcare will be available.

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. This is the final week of our group study times - come Saturday following 6pm worship, Sunday morning at 9:15am, and Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Share your stories with us (FB, Twitter, Instagram) using #RedLetterChallenge & #SPLDecatur. Let's finish strong!

Women'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.

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)

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.

Youth Ministry

SPL YOUTH

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

SPL Youth Wednesday Night at 6:30pm (Room 122) - Red Letter Challenge.
Come early to hang out and enjoy some snacks!

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Demi's 13th birthday and Dylan's 19th birthday by the Harjung Family.