

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 2/11

- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
- 9:20 am Break Through (New Youth Area-Upper Fellowship)
- 11:45 am Youth Space Blessing (Upper Fellowship Area)

Monday 2/12

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

Tuesday 2/13

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 10:30 am Women's Ministry Bible Study (Family Room)
- 6:00 pm Women's Ministry Bible Study (Family Room)
- 6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 2/14 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 9:30 am Motivated by More: Chair Fitness (Room 122)
- 10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Dining Room)
- 12:15 pm Ash Wednesday Lenten Worship
- 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner (Dining Room) - *Fried Chicken*
- 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Lenten Worship

Thursday 2/15

- 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)
- 6:30 pm Winter Basics Class (Family Room)
- 6:30 pm Early Communion Class (Dining Room)

Friday 2/16 *Woodcutters Retreat begins (Camp CILCA)*

Saturday 2/17 *Message - "Reliving the Passion: Bethany"*

- 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 2/18 *Message - "Reliving the Passion: Bethany"*

- 9:15 am Mission: Texas - Info Meeting (Great Room)
- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

February Actual Giving

\$ 47,124 as of 2/04

February Budgeted Giving

\$ 41,418 as of 2/04

2018 Annual Budget =

\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =

\$10,748

We Worship...

Worship Attendance Last Weekend: 832
4 Week Worship Attendance Average: 840

...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.

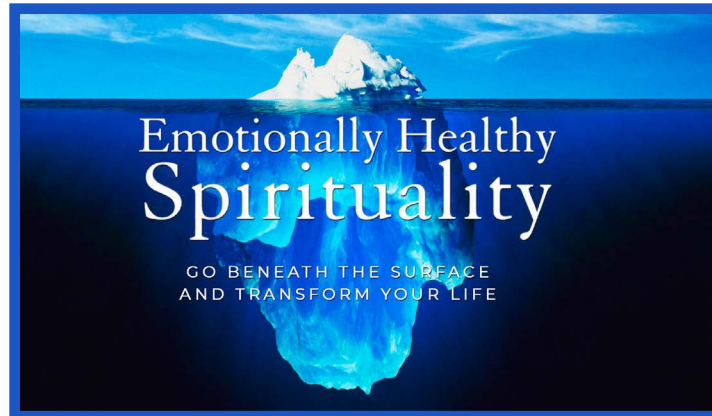
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6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2018

Pastor Eric Trickey

Pastor Mark Gearig



Thought Before Worship

"The sleepy like to make excuses."

-Benedict of Nursia (from the rule of St. Benedict)

Call to Worship

Reckless Love

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

All Because of Jesus

Matthew 7:24

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Lead Me to the Rock

Confession and Absolution

Merciful Lord, day after day the ocean stays in the boundaries you have set for it. Day after day I go outside the boundaries you have set for me. The reasons vary, but the result is always the same. I sin and fall short of the glory of God. Lord, I am here at your throne desiring your forgiveness. I thank you for your mercy that is always ready to reach out to me. I confess my sins, and I seek your abundant pardon. Lord, I ask for a fresh new motivation to follow your will and your ways. Teach me to plan my life around you. Amen.

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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

Build My Life

My Hope

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

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

Christ Be All Around 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

"Develop a Rule of Life"
Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song

Lay Me Down

Join us following 10:30 worship as we have a time of prayer and blessing over the new Youth Ministry Space upstairs.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality--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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Buechsenschuetz by Bob Buechsenschuetz.

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.

BREAK THROUGH: Time of Prayer & Blessing • February 11
Let's celebrate as we await the beginning of construction and new ministry opportunities ahead. We invite the congregation to join us for a time of prayer and blessing over the future youth space and the future of youth ministry following 10:30am worship on Sunday, February 11th (11:45am). We'll meet in the Upper Fellowship Area. You will also have an opportunity to make your mark on this important space and hear from ministry leaders about upcoming developments.

RELIVING THE PASSION - LENT @SPL • Begins February 14
Next week begins our new Lenten series "Reliving the Passion" - we'll follow Jesus' journey to the cross as told in the Gospel of Mark. Midweek Lenten Worship begins with Ash Wednesday (2/14) with services at 12:15pm & 6:30pm (dinner served at 5:30pm in the Dining Room. (Midweek services continue through 3/21)

IF YOU PREORDERED THE BOOK: Reliving the Passion book orders are in - please stop at the table by the Connection Center to pick yours up today. It is also available as an E-Book on Christianbook.com or through Amazon.

WOODCUTTER'S RETREAT • February 16-18
LAST CALL – join our ManUp Men's Ministry team for the annual Woodcutter's Retreat at Camp CILCA on Friday, February 16 – Sunday, February 18. Suggested donation is \$30 for the weekend (\$20 for Saturday Only). REGISTER TODAY in the Fellowship Area or online at SPLDECATUR.ORG/MEN

SPL MISSION: TEXAS - INFO MEETING • February 18
Are you looking for a great mission experience this summer? Our SPL Mission Team is serving stateside this year, with plans to participate in rebuilding and renovation in the Corpus Christi, TX area, recovering from Hurricane Harvey. Join Pastor Mark on Sunday 2/18 at 9:15am in the Great Room to learn more.

LSA REGISTRATION • February
Registration for the 2018-19 school year at Lutheran School Association begins February 1st. Current families should re-enroll in the month of February – registration fee is just \$50 per student through February 28th. NEW students receive 50% off tuition (K-12). Contact LSA at 217-233-2001 or visit www.lsadecatur.net.

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)

Early Communion Class • Begins February 15
For all 6th Graders and Parents – We're gearing up to begin our Early Communion Class on Thursday, February 15th! The class meets weekly for 4 weeks from 6:30-7:30pm in the Dining Room, (led by Pastor Eric Trickey) followed by one on one interviews. First Communion is on Maundy Thursday (3/29). Register by February 12th by contacting Lisa Lovekamp at lisa@spldecatur.org or 423-6955.

Youth Ministry

SPL YOUTH
All Youth Gr. 7 – 12: Meet Sundays at 9:20am (Returning to Room 122 on 2/18)
BREAK THROUGH: Celebrating SPL YOUTH • February 11
Calling ALL Junior and Senior High Youth! Don't miss out - join us February 11 at 9:20am in our future youth space (located on the 2nd floor behind the Upper Fellowship Area) for a time of worship, fellowship, and blessing as we "break through" into a new season of youth ministry at SPL. Let's celebrate as we await the beginning of construction and new ministry opportunities ahead.

SAFETY @SPL • Beginning February 17/18
Following some of the tragic events that occurred at places of worship in our country several months ago, our leadership determined it was important to take next steps to ensure that our family of faith can continue to worship freely here in a safe environment. You will begin to see some new faces in our Fellowship Area in the weeks ahead as we weekly welcome a Sheriff's Deputy who will be present during our times of worship. The officer will wear his badge and be properly identified and will remain in areas outside of the sanctuary. As you see them, please take a moment to meet them and help them to feel welcome here as they provide this service to us. Questions--Dale Tolly (dtolly@nwcable.net).