

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 9/16

9:15 am Education Classes (Children, Confirmation, Youth, Adults)

Monday 9/17

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

Tuesday 9/18

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

8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Family Room)

6:15 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Family Room)

Wednesday 9/19

5:30 pm F3 Dinner--Sub Sandwiches/Ice Cream (Dining Room)

6:30 pm F3 Classes (Children, Confirmation, Youth, Adults)

6:30 pm SPL Youth Wednesday Night @The Loft

Thursday 9/20

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

6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 9/21

Saturday 9/22 Message - "Moral Inventory"

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

7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL)

12:00 pm **Dads-Kids-Grandpas Campout (Camp Cilca)**

4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Sunday 9/23 Message - "Moral Inventory"

9:15 am Education Classes (Children, Confirmation, Youth, Adults)

DADS-GRANDPAS-KIDS CAMPOUT 2018

NEXT WEEKEND - September 22 & 23 (Optional 9/21 Stay) - Don't miss out on a great family bonding and memory making opportunity. Details available at the display in the Fellowship Area. Register online at SPLDECATUR.ORG. All are welcome!

September Actual Giving

\$ 65,561 as of 9/09

September Budgeted Giving

\$ 61,862 as of 9/09

2018 Annual Budget =
\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =
\$ 101,802

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 852
Four Week Worship Average: 814

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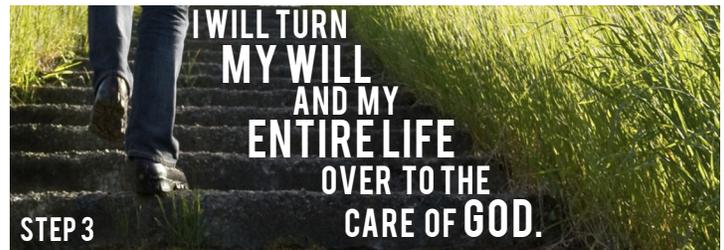
6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

September 15 & 16, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Thought Before Worship

"I was sick and tired of being sick and tired."--Anonymous

Call to Worship

You Are Good

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Breathe On Us

Do It Again

Confession and Absolution

Dear Lord, help me to see and admit that I am powerless over my sin. Help me to understand how sin has led to unmanageability in my life. Help me to understand this day the true meaning of powerlessness. Remove from me all denial of my sin, and forgive me for the sake of Jesus. 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 back of the Sanctuary to pray with you during this time.

Communion Songs

Here As In Heaven

Healing Is In Your Hands



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.

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

"I Can't, He Can, Let Him"
Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song

Break Every Chain

12 STEPS TO POWER

1. I admit that I am powerless over _____ and that my life has become unmanageable.
2. I believe that God -- through His action and those of His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit -- can restore me to sanity.
3. I will turn my will and my entire life over to the care of God.
4. I will make a searching and fearless inventory of my life to discover all the ways I have engaged in self-worship (by being in control instead of living surrendered to the will of God.)
5. I admit to God, to myself, and to another human being the exact nature of my wrongs.
6. I am entirely ready to have God remove all the defects in my character and replace them--through His presence--with the thoughts, emotions, will, behavior and relationship patterns of Christ.
7. I humbly ask God to help me become willing to deny myself -- and the desire to live life on my terms -- and to remove my shortcomings.
8. I will make a list of all the people I have harmed and become willing to make amends.
9. I will make direct amends to all I have injured.
10. I will continue to take personal inventory, and when I wrong someone, I will promptly admit it.
11. I will, through prayer, meditation, and the practice of other Christian disciplines, attempt to improve my conscious contact with God.
12. Having experienced some measure of authentic transformation as a result of surrendering all aspects of myself to the power and presence of Christ, I will carry this message to others and continue to practice these principles in all my affairs.

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

F3: FAMILY-FAITH-FORMATION • Wednesdays

Classes meet weekly through November 14th at 6:30pm - Dinner served at 5:30pm in the Dining Room (no class 10/31 due to Trunk or Treat Event).

FMSC DECATUR COMMUNITY MOBILEPACK • SEPTEMBER 29TH POWERPACK with us on Saturday, September 29th - 100,000 meals, 500 volunteers needed. DONATE TODAY at GIVE.FMSC.ORG/DECATUR Visit the FMSC table by the Connection Center. Questions? Contact Andrea Gerhard (217-423-6955). For CHILDCARE Needs or to ORDER A T-SHIRT: spldecat.org/fmsc

DECATUR KIDS BAGS OF HOPE • FILL THE TENT

In the month of September, help us FILL THE TENT for Decatur Kids Bags of Hope - help us meet the need to provide 135 weekend meal bags per week to three Decatur Public Schools! Make an online gift at spldecat.org today.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • Tuesdays (Sept 18 - Oct 30)

Starting this week: Maryel Nelson will be leading, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver in the Family Room from 10:30am-Noon. Contact Sarah Johnson in the Church Office to register (217-423-6955).

WOMEN'S FALL FELLOWSHIP • October 2

Join us at Fletcher Park (Mt. Zion) from 6:00-8:00pm. Hot dogs & drinks provided - bring a dish/dessert to share. Also collecting items for DK Bags of Hope. Sign up in the Fellowship Area or contact Teresa Glick (glickteresa@gmail.com).

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2019 • SEPTEMBER 30

Ready for the LCMS National Youth Gathering happening in Minneapolis, MN in July 2019? Now is the time to register (by October 15th) - 8th-12th grade youth/parents should attend an NYG Info Meeting on 9/30 at 12pm in The Loft. Contact Mona Hawkins with questions at monicajhawkins@yahoo.com.

SPL KIDS

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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)
Join us for SPL KIDS at F3 on Wednesday nights.

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All Youth Gr. 7 – 12: Sundays Mornings at 9:15am [Meets in The Loft]
SPL Youth Wednesday Night at 6:30pm [Meets in The Loft]
Connect at <http://facebook.com/groups/SPLYouth> & TW/Insta @SPLDecatur.
CONFIRMATION CLASSES Sundays (9:15am) and Wednesdays (6:30pm) [Great Room - 2nd Floor]
Get in the Game - Serve with our SPL Youth Ministry Team!
Contact Pastor Bill at pastorbill@spldecat.org or 217-423-6955 to learn more.

LSA

Job Opening • Substitute Teachers

LSA is currently seeking substitute teachers for the 2018/19 school year. Bachelor's degree required and must follow a background check paid for by the school. Please call 233-2000 to apply.

THANK YOU

The church staff would like to thank the Ministry to Mature Bible Study members for their generous donation for fabric to reupholster the Conference Room chairs.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 22nd Wedding Anniversary of Vic and Tara Zientara.

Matthew 5:3 *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

RED LETTER LIVING

WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Admit to yourself and to God the sin or situation that is causing you the most trouble in your life right now and turn it over to God in prayer.

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