

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 10/14

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

11:45 am "Family Talk" (Family Room)

Monday 10/15

Tuesday 10/16

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)

3:30 pm Junior & Senior High Loft Time (The Loft)

6:15 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Family Room)

Wednesday 10/17

3:30 pm Junior Leaders Loft Time (The Loft)

5:30 pm F3 Dinner--Casserole Night (Dining Room)

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

6:30 pm SPL Youth Wednesday Night @The Loft

Thursday 10/18

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

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

3:30 pm Junior & Senior High Loft Time (The Loft)

5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 10/19

Saturday 10/20

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

7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL)

10:00 am AA Big Book Study (Room 122)

4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Sunday 10/21

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

9:15 am New Member Mentor Training (Family Room)

12:00 pm SPL Youth Mentor Meeting (The Loft)

October Actual Giving

\$ 37,988 as of 10/07

October Budgeted Giving

\$ 42,980 as of 10/07

2018 Annual Budget =
\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =
\$132,208

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 685

Four Week Worship Average: 739

...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

October 13 & 14, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

Who is Our Father? Is "Father" a good way to describe God? What if I don't know what a "good father" looks like?

Thought Before Worship

Oh, it is wonderful to know that our Heavenly Father loves us - even with all our flaws! His love is such that even should we give up on ourselves, He never will.

-Joseph B. Wirthlin

Call to Worship

These Are the Names of God

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Open Up the Heavens

Good Good Father

Confession and Absolution

Loving Heavenly Father, though you want nothing more than for me to be Your beloved child, I struggle to believe it. My own fear and mistrust have kept me from You. Doubting Your love and concern for me, I have despised, rejected, ignored, and run away from You and Your will for my life. Forgive me, Father, for Jesus' sake. Cast out my fears and doubts that I may joyfully live as Your child. 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

How Deep the Father's Love For Us



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He Knows My Name

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 No Matter What

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 "God - The Father" Pastor Mark Gearig

Blessing

Closing Song How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art

Tell Me MORE

MESSAGE NOTES

Horizontal lines for message notes.

Tell Me MORE Discussion Guides are available for group study by the Connection Center and in Pastor's Class.

Videos available at www.tellmemore.church/videos

Our weekly Prayer Concerns sheets are at the back of the Sanctuary.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR... Matthew 7:11... WEEKLY CHALLENGE... #REDLETTERCHALLENGE #SPLDECATUR

"FAMILY TALK" @SPL - October 13 & 14

Are you a guest or fairly new to SPL? Do you have questions about the church, membership, or faith? Join us this weekend in the Family Room following the 6:00pm & 10:30am worship services.

NEW MEMBER MENTOR - Serve Opportunity

Interested in becoming a New Member Mentor? Contact Andrea Gerhard or Pastor Mark Gearig (217-423-6955) to let us know, and attend our short training session on Sunday 10/21 at 9:15am (Family Room).

MEMBERSHIP @SPL - November 4

Not a member of SPL? Ready to take the next step? Register now for our next Membership Class, happening Sunday, November 4th from 12:00-4:00pm in the Dining Room.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE - October 23

Losing a loved one is a difficult experience, and we want you to know that you are cared for, loved, and not alone in your time of grief, no matter how long it lasts.

SPL FALL FESTIVAL - October 31

The SPL Fall Festival is fast approaching - taking place Wednesday, October 31 from 6:00-8:00pm. Fall fun for all generations - featuring Trunk or Treat, games, inflatables, and concessions, PLUS the TASTE of SPL.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AS WE SERVE FAMILIES OF OUR COMMUNITY:

- We are seeking people/groups to take on one of the following: Trunk or Treat Station, Taste of SPL Station, Games Volunteers & Greeters, Decor/Set Up Team, Clean Up Team, Donations Needed: Candy, Apple Juice, and Country Time Lemonade Mix.

Visit the Fall Festival table in the Fellowship Area to sign up and pick up guidelines for Trunk or Treat Stations, Taste of SPL Stations, and Make-Your-Own Trunk Supplies.

Advent by Candlelight - November 13

SPL Women's Ministry invites women to attend "And It Came to Pass" on Tuesday, November 13th. Doors open at 6:00pm, program at 6:30pm, food and fellowship to follow.

Operation Christmas Child - Return boxes by November 14

Donate items for our SPL Kids OCC Shoebox Pack (by 11/1)

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) Join us for SPL KIDS at F3 - All Ages on Wednesday nights (6:30pm). JUNIOR LEADERS: Loft Time 3:30-5:30pm Wednesdays [The Loft]

SPL YOUTH

SPL YOUTH All Youth Gr. 7 - 12 Welcome: Sunday Mornings at 9:15am [Meets in The Loft] SPL Youth Wednesday Night at 6:30pm [Meets in The Loft] Junior/Senior High Loft Time: Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm [The Loft] REGISTER NOW for LCMS Youth Gathering 2019 - Visit SPLDECATUR.ORG CONFIRMATION Sundays (9:15am) | Wednesdays (6:30pm) [Great Rm - 2nd Flr] Get in the Game - Serve with our SPL Youth Ministry Team! Contact Pastor Bill at pastorbill@spldecatur.org or 217-423-6955 to learn more.