

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 11/18 Angels Available on Angel Tree

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

12:00 pm SPL Youth Thanksgiving Dinner (The Loft)

2:00 pm SPL Family Meeting [Voters Mtg] (Dining Room)

Monday 11/19

Tuesday 11/20

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

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

6:15 pm Lay Ministry Meeting (Family Room)

Wednesday 11/21

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

6:30 pm SPL Youth Wednesday Night @ The Loft

Thursday 11/22 ELC and SPL Office Closed

9:00 am **Thanksgiving Worship**

Friday 11/23 SPL Office Closed

Saturday 11/24 Message - "Giving It Away"

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (The Loft)

7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL)

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

2:00 pm Canaday Family Open House (Dining Room)

4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Sunday 11/25 Message - "Giving It Away"

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

Perhaps you decorated a table, made cookies, or donated appetizers for Advent by Candlelight. Maybe you helped serve the ladies Tuesday night, plated salads, decorated the sanctuary, or helped clean up the kitchen. Many contributed time and energy to make Advent by Candlelight a huge success and the Women's Ministry Team wants to thank everyone who helped make this event happen. A special thanks for the many gifts given to New Life Pregnancy Center. To God be the Glory!

November Actual Giving

\$89,131 as of 11/11

November Budgeted Giving

\$96,716 as of 11/11

2018 Annual Budget =
\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =
\$158,442

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 814

Four Week Worship Average: 802

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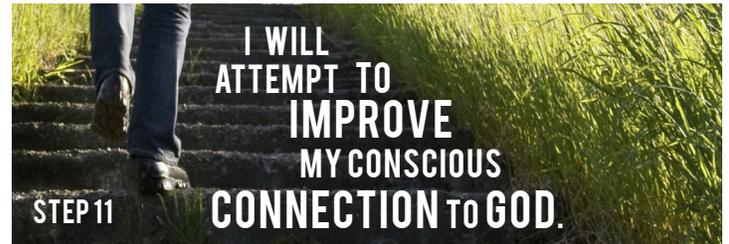
6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

November 17 & 18, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Thought Before Worship

The Eleventh Step: We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out.

Call to Worship

After Your Heart

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Breathe On Us

Here Again

Confession and Absolution

You speak to us in many ways, through rushing wind or still small voice, in Scripture's Word or through Your Grace. We in turn find many ways, to hear the world's insistent voice break through the silence, and take Your place. Forgive us for our distraction and disregard. Help us hear Your voice above the noise of this world, recognize the difference, and follow only You. 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 back of the Sanctuary to pray with you during this time.

Communion Songs (Saturday Only)

Who You Say I Am

King of My Heart



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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

"Spiritual Life"
Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song

Won't Stop Now

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, as I understand Him.
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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 18th Wedding Anniversary of Nancy and Gene Mueller. Flowers at the Pulpit are in celebration of the 19th Wedding Anniversary of Pam and Jerry Johnson.

Family Meeting • November 18 2pm

All members of SPL are encouraged to attend our Semi-Annual Voters Meeting in the Dining Room this Sunday at 2:00pm. Our Pastors and Board of Elders will share important congregational updates including Phase II progress. We will also consider the proposed ministry Budget for 2019. Childcare is available.

SPL Angel Tree • Angels Now Available

We are blessed that we may be a blessing to others! The SPL Angel Tree has returned with a range of items requested to meet the needs of families connected with local agencies like Baby Talk, New Life Pregnancy Center, Salvation Army and Northeast Community Fund along with additional family needs for some at SPL and St. Paul's Early Learning Center. Find your Angel today on the tree in the Fellowship Area – be sure to indicate which Angel(s) you have selected on the sign up sheets provided. Questions? Contact Sarah Johnson in the Church Office at 217-423-6955. Return all gifts (w/Angel) to SPL by December 5th.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP • November 22 at 9:00am

Canaday Family Open House • November 24 1:30-3:30pm

Everyone is invited to an open house for Pastor Matt and Bethany Canaday at SPL in the Dining Room. We will be offering support and encouragement to the Canaday family after the recent diagnosis of their 4 year old son, Lincoln, with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. During the gathering we will have a special time of prayer at 3pm. Please come and share your love with the Canaday family.

SPL Christmas Decorating • December 1

Strong people needed! Join us as we deck the halls, walls, sanctuary, stairs.... Plan to join us any time from 8am - 12pm on Saturday 12/1. We will be moving 15 Christmas trees and decorating for the Advent and Christmas season at St. Paul's. Breakfast is provided. Bring your family and serve together. For more info, contact heidi@spldecat.org

New Member Welcome • December 2

Red Cross Blood Drive • December 7

Located at LSA from 11am-4pm or at St. Paul's in Room 122 from 2pm-6pm. To Register, go to www.redcrossblood.org

SPL WOMEN

Women's Bible Study • November 27

All women are welcome to continue to gather with us for Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am in the Family Room. We'll begin "Front Porch Conversations: Starting Point" on November 27th (led by Maryel Nelson). Contact Sarah in the Church Office to register 423-6955.

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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 - All Ages on Wednesday nights (6:30pm).
JUNIOR LEADERS: Loft Time 3:30-5:30pm Wednesdays [The Loft]
GODLY PLAY: Learn more! Visit the Needs Board in SPL Kids Area (2nd Floor) or contact Jennifer Power (423-6955)

SPL YOUTH

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All Youth Gr. 7 – 12 Welcome: Sunday Mornings at 9:15am [Meets in The Loft]
 SPL Youth Wednesday Night @The Loft (6:30pm weekly)
 Junior/Senior High Loft Time: Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm [The Loft]

SPL YOUTH THANKSGIVING DINNER • November 18 12:00pm

Join us in The Loft this Sunday!! Need info? pastorbill@spldecat.org

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that **RED LETTER LIVING** Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!
WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Evaluate your life physically, emotionally, relationally and spiritually. Ask God to give you specific direction in the areas where you are weak.
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