

## THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

### Sunday 12/16

- 9:15 am Adult Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am SPL KIDS Christmas Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Bags of Hope Packing Party (Dining Room)

### Monday 12/17

### Tuesday 12/18

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:30 am Women's Bible Study: Starting Point (Family Room)
- 3:30 pm Junior & Senior High LoftTime (The Loft)

### Wednesday 12/19

- 11:00 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
- 12:15 pm Advent Worship "Love All" (Traditional)
- 3:30 pm Junior Leaders LoftTime (The Loft)
- 5:30 pm Advent Dinner (Dining Room)
- 6:30 pm Advent Worship "Love All" (Contemporary)

### Thursday 12/20

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study
- 3:30 pm Junior & Senior High LoftTime (The Loft)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Friday 12/21 LSA Noon Dismissal

### Saturday 12/22 Message: "God Guides the Wise"

- 7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry: Men's Fraternity (The Loft)
- 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 12/23 Message: "God Guides the Wise"

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

### Monday 12/24 ELC Closed

- 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship: "A Different Way"
- 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship: "A Different Way"

### Tuesday 12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! ELC/Offices Closed

- 10:00 am Christmas Day Worship: "Behold"

### December Actual Giving

\$113,190 as of 12/09

### December Budgeted Giving

\$120,048 as of 12/09

2018 Annual Budget =

\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =

\$171,291

## WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 820

Four Week Worship Average: 762

## ...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

December 15 & 16, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



### Thought Before Worship

Mary used the manger; the angels praised the manger; the shepherds told of the One born in a manger. What will you do? What is keeping you from making your heart his manger—the centerpiece, the conversation piece of your life?

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

Procession (Sunday only)

Silent Night

Opening Praise

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Away In a Manger

### Confession and Absolution

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 Worship Center to pray with you during this time.

Communion Songs (Saturday only)

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Children sing)

Your Name

Emmanuel (God With Us Forever)



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