

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 12/09 Have questions about SPL? Stop by Family Talk after worship!

9:15 am Adult Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

3:00 pm LSA K-6 Christmas Concert (at LSA)

Monday 12/10

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

Tuesday 12/11

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 12/12

11:00 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)

12:15 pm Advent Worship (Traditional)

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

5:30 pm Advent Dinner (Dining Room)

6:30 pm Advent Worship (Contemporary)

Thursday 12/13

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

1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study Group (Conference Room)

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

4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team Meeting (Small Conf. Room)

5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 12/14

Saturday 12/15 Message: "Magnificent Manger"

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 12/16 Message: "Magnificent Manger"

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

10:30 am SPL KIDS Christmas Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:45 am Bags of Hope Packing Party (Dining Room)

December Actual Giving

\$69,580 as of 12/07

December Budgeted Giving

\$60,024 as of 12/07

2018 Annual Budget =

\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =

\$156,572

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 698

Four Week Worship Average: 759

...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 8 & 9, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Thought Before Worship

"If your investments are limited to this earth, you are the world's worst investor."

Call to Worship

Hope For Everyone

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Rejoice

Revelation Song

Confession and Absolution

God of amazing grace, you have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We have heard your call and have responded with great affirmation and joy.

Yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget. Times when we focus on the wrong things. Times when we put our money and our resources into our earthly possessions and not into a church that you have created and blessed.

Help us to have faith, O God. Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by that faith.

In Jesus name, 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 Worship Center to pray with you during this time.



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Communion Songs

Messiah

O Holy Night

Offering

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

A handout with this week's prayers is available at the back of the Worship Center 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

"Don't Make God's Big Things Small"
Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song

Angels We Have Heard On High

Red Letter Living Challenge

Seven Acts of Service - #3



MESSAGE NOTES

Series of horizontal lines for taking message notes.

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Tom and Brenda Wilson. Flowers at the Pulpit are in celebration of the 24th Wedding Anniversary of Dennis and Lois Miller.

Special Events

Advent Conspiracy • Midweek Worship

Dig in to Advent Conspiracy through Midweek Advent Worship, happening Wednesdays at 12:15pm and 6:30pm up to December 19. Dinner is served in the Dining Room weekly at 5:30pm provided by a ministry area each week.

Advent Conspiracy Project: BAGS OF HOPE • DONATE NOW

We are now gathering the needed food items and donations needed to pack 135 backpacks for our Bags of Hope students (Packing Party December 16th).

We need the following to fill all 135 backpacks:

- 405 Bottles of Water
- 270 Chef Boyardee Cups
- 540 Mac & Cheese Cups
- 810 Fruit Bars
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- 810 Ramen Noodles
- 540 Pop Tart Packs
- 270 Hot Cocoa Packets
- 540 Juice Pouches
- 1080 Oatmeal Packets
- 810 Granola Bars
- AND....

\$5400 total funds needed to cover the cost of 135 Backpacks, 135-\$10 Gift Card, and 135-\$20 Gift Card. To date, we have received \$1353.00 - let's bring it home this week to help ensure all costs and supplies are covered! Donations can be received at the table located by the Connection Center. Don't forget: You and your family can **PACK WITH US** on Sunday, December 16th (after 10:30am Worship)!

F3: Family-Faith-Formation • Registration opens this week

Get equipped in the new year! The Winter Session of F3 is January 9 - February 27 at SPL, meeting Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Classes for Adults, Youth, Kids, including Loving Our Kids on Purpose, Made for a Mission, Hebrews, and more.

Mission: Texas • Info Meeting 12/9 at 9:30am (Room 122)

Come along with Gene Mueller for a pop-up mission trip back to Rockport, Texas this January 5-13. Especially looking for construction workers, but anyone welcome. Contact Pastor Mark for info at pastormark@spldecatur.org.

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)

JUNIOR LEADERS: Loft Time 3:30-5:30pm Wednesdays [The Loft]

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP: Children leading 10:30am worship on Sunday, December 16th. Please plan to attend one (or both) rehearsals: Sat. Dec. 15th from 3:30-5pm & Sun. Dec. 16th from 9-10:15am.

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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 LoftTime: Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm [The Loft]

ELC & LSA

ELC Scholastic Book Fair • Thru December 11

Shop the ELC Scholastic Book Fair - hours posted in the ELC Lobby this week.

LSA CHRISTMAS CONCERT • December 9

Enjoy the LSA K-6 Christmas Concert & Bake Sale - December 9 @LSA 3:00pm



Christmas
AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Different Way" Christmas Eve
DECEMBER 24TH | 6:00PM & 8:00PM

"Behold" Christmas Day
DECEMBER 25TH | 10:00AM



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WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Seven Acts of Service #3

THE SERVICE OF COMMON COURTESY

What deed of compassion can I perform this week?