

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 12/23

- 9:15 am Education Classes (Children, Youth, Adults)
- 9:15 am Adult Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday 12/24 ELC/SPL Offices 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/SPL Offices Closed

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

Wednesday 12/26

Thursday 12/27

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

Friday 12/28

Saturday 12/29 Message: "Every Heart a 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 12/30 Message: "Every Heart a Manger"

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

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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

December Actual Giving

\$173,941 as of 12/19

December Budgeted Giving

\$180,073 as of 12/19

2018 Annual Budget =

\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =

\$170,564

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 855
Four Week Worship Average: 785

...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 22 & 23, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Thought Before Worship

In order to find Jesus, every one of us needs direction.

God gives it.

- Max Lucado

Call to Worship

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader 1: The fourth week of Advent we remember the gift of Love we have in Christ. The light of the candles is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us. Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's love in human form. The Bible says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Reader 2: Love is patient, love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love is not quick to take offense, it keeps no records of wrongs, it does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true. There is nothing that love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance. Love never ends. As we light this candle, we remember that we are called to love like Christ loves us. As we light this candle, we are reminded that we are called to show that love in the way we treat others.

(We light the four candles on the Advent Wreath.)

Reader 3: Let us pray - Loving God, we thank You for Your gift of love - shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by loving others as Christ loves us. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen

Opening Praise

O Come All Ye Faithful

We All Bow Down



LOVE GOD. BUILD THE HOME. CHANGE THE WORLD.

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