

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 1/13

9:15 am Education Classes (Children, Youth, Adults)
9:15/11:45am Family Talk (Meet w/Pastor in Family Room)
12:00 pm SPL Kids Training (Dining Room)

Monday 1/14

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

Tuesday 1/15

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 (Large Conference Room)

Wednesday 1/16

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Appetizers (Dining Room)
6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages
6:30 pm SPL Youth Confirmation (7th/8th grade classes)

Thursday 1/17

6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)
3:30 pm Junior & Senior High Loft Time (The Loft)

Friday 1/18

Saturday 1/19 Message: "Grace On Everything"

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 1/20 Message: "Grace On Everything"

9:15 am Education Classes (Children, Youth, Adults)
9:15 am New Member Mentor Training (Family Room)



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

January 12 & 13, 2019
PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY
PASTOR MARK GEARIG
PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Thought Before Worship

"The tragedy about history - personally and globally - is that while we may learn it we rarely learn from it."

— Rasheed Ogunlaru

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Death Was Arrested

Here Again

Confession and Absolution

Lord You came to this earth not just to save us, but to model for us how beautiful a human life can be. You have also given us so many wonderful examples of people in history, in our families, and in our personal relationships of how to follow you in obedience and blessing. Forgive us for all of the times we insist upon learning things the hard way. For the times we have ignored your examples and chased after our own ideas and selfish desires. Teach us how to live as wise children who watch closely and listen to our loving Father. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

GIVING

TRY SOMETHING NEW IN THE NEW YEAR

We've made a few changes to the ways you can give online at SPL - fewer clicks and more options! It's easy - Visit

SPLDECATUR.ORG and click GIVING from our home page to access online giving via debit or credit card. If you'd like to set up an ACH or repeating gift option, contact Lisa Lovekamp at 217-423-6955 for a login for The Front Porch at SPL.

December Actual Giving

\$409,075 as of 12/31

December Budgeted Giving

\$300,122 as of 12/31

2018 Annual Budget =
\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =
\$98,979

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 828
Four Week Worship Average: 756

...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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Healing Is In Your Hands

My Hope

Lord I Need You

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.

Offering

Mighty Fortress

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

"The Easy Way or the Hard Way?"

1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song

Won't Stop Now

New to SPL? Come with your questions and join our pastor for Family Talk in the Family Room following worship today

SURVIVE & THRIVE

—1 CORINTHIANS—

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 in loving memory of Kristen, Carrie and our parents, by Jeri and Roger Wenberg.

Special Events

F3: Family-Faith-Formation ▪ Thru February 27

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, Bible Study: Hebrews, Lutheranism 101, Lead Where You Are: EAGER to Share, plus classes for youth and children. Register now at SPLDECATUR.ORG & in the Fellowship Area.

Commitment 2019 ▪ Don't Make God's Big Things Small

If you missed your opportunity to return your Commitment Card for 2019 in worship last month, you still have time. Cards are available at the tables by the doors as you leave worship. You can return completed Commitment Cards in the basket at Offering time during worship or to Lisa Lovekamp in the Church Office.

Membership @SPL ▪ February 3

Interested in Membership at SPL? Ready to take the next step? Our next Membership class session is happening on Sunday, February 3rd (12:00-4:00pm in the Dining Room). Learn all about what it means to be a committed member of this family of faith. Registration is available online at SPLDECATUR.ORG or by contacting Lisa Lovekamp at lisa@spldecatatur.org or 217-423-6955.

NEW MEMBER MENTORS: We'll also need a few more New Member Mentors for our next Membership class - if you were interested but not able to participate in the last group, please contact Pastor Mark Gearig (pastormark@spldecatatur.org or 217-423-6955). Next Training Session is January 20th at 9:15am (Family Room).

Cancer Companions @SPL ▪ January 22

Are you currently receiving treatment or caring for someone with cancer? Find support through Cancer Companions at SPL. Join us on the first and third Tuesdays each month at 6:30pm in the Family Room beginning January 22nd. If you plan to attend, call Sarah Johnson in the Church Office at 217-423-6955.

SPL WOMEN

SPL Women ▪ Opportunities for You

BIBLE STUDY: All women are welcome to gather for "Front Porch Conversations: Starting Point" on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am in the Family Room. Contact Sarah in the Church Office at 217-423-6955 for information.

LEADERSHIP: Get involved with SPL Women - all are welcome at the team meeting on Monday, January 14th at 5:30pm in the Family Room.

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: LoftTime 3:30-5:30pm Wednesdays - Resumes 1/9

LOVE IS AN OPEN DOOR: Father-Daughter Dance | February 8th 6:00-8:00pm \$5 per family, appetizers and desserts will be provided.

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)

Youth Gr. 7-8 Confirmation Classes resume Sunday 1/6 and Wednesday 1/9 SAVE THE DATE - Confirmation Retreat February 1-3, 2019 (St. Louis)

Junior/Senior High LoftTime: Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm Resumes 1/8

WINTER JAM 2019 - Save the Date for January 27 in St. Louis! \$20 each, we leave church at 1:30pm. Contact Pastor Bill for info (pastorbill@spldecatatur.org).

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction.



WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Thank your Godly mentors and leaders. Email or Mail an encouraging letter of gratitude for the example they have set for you. If you don't have a mentor, find one! Thoughtfully select a person who is in a committed relationship with Jesus who can provide guidance and insight and set up a time to meet with them.

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