

## THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

### Sunday 1/06

9:15 am Education Classes (Children, Youth, Adults)  
11:45 am SPL Christmas Decor Removal (Sanctuary/Fellowship Area)

### Monday 1/07 Lutheran School Association - Classes Resume

### Tuesday 1/08

10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Family Room)  
6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Large Conference Room)

### Wednesday 1/09

10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Large Conference Room)  
5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Pulled Pork, Beans, Potatoes (Dining Room)  
6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages  
6:30 pm SPL Youth Confirmation (7th/8th grade classes)

### Thursday 1/10

6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)  
1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Large Conference Room)  
4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team (Small Conference Room)

### Friday 1/11

### Saturday 1/12 Message: "The Easy Way or the Hard Way?"

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)  
7:15 pm Family Talk (Have Questions? meet w/Pastor in Family Room)

### Sunday 1/13 Message: "The Easy Way or the Hard Way?"

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



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

January 5 & 6, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



### Thought Before Worship

"I love you without knowing how or when or from where. I love you simply, without problems or pride."

— Pablo Neruda

### Call to Worship

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Glorious Day*

*What A Beautiful Name*

### Confession and Absolution

O Lord our God, You know the ways this past year in which our lives have not represented truth and knowledge. You know the times in which we struggled to be warm and caring and the times when we did not choose goodness. Forgive us Lord, for those times when our lives did not reflect Your love. Give us Your help and healing in our lives that we may begin this New Year with hope and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 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

\$394,593 as of 12/31

### December Budgeted Giving

\$300,122 as of 12/31

2018 Annual Budget =

\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =

\$113,462

### WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 709

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.

### CONNECT WITH US & SHARE YOUR STORY

Visit our website at [spldecatour.org](http://spldecatour.org)

Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatour)

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**Communion Songs (Saturday Only)**  
*Come As You Are*  
*It Is Well*

**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** *Thrive*  
*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** *"How to Survive and Thrive"*  
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
 Pastor Eric Trickey

**Blessing**

**Closing Song** *In Christ Alone*

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK...**  
 Please join us after 10:30am worship on Sunday to help take down the Christmas decorations

**SURVIVE & THRIVE** MESSAGE NOTES  
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*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 celebration of the 33rd Wedding Anniversary of John and Barb Ninnemann.  
 Flowers at the Pulpit are placed in loving memory of Lauren Ashley McNamara for her birthday (January 10) and in celebration of the 7th wedding anniversary of Monte and Brenda Rodgers.

**F3: Family-Faith-Formation** • REGISTER NOW  
 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.

**Mission: Texas** • January 12-20 (CHANGE OF DATES)  
 Come along with Gene Mueller for a pop-up mission trip back to Rockport, Texas happening January 12-20, 2019. Especially looking for construction workers, but anyone welcome. Contact Pastor Mark for info at pastormark@spldecatu.org.

**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@spldecatu.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@spldecatu.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. Questions? Connect with 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**

**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

**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! More details coming soon. Contact Pastor Bill for info (pastorbill@spldecatu.org).

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 1 Cor 1:26

**RED LETTER LIVING**

**WEEKLY CHALLENGE:**  
 Read 1 Corinthians 1:26. Make an honest list of all your prejudices. Repent of them and ask God to show you a clearer, more accurate way of thinking.

**#REDLETTERCHALLENGE #SPLDECATUR**