

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 3/24

- 9:15 am Education Classes
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal for Good Friday (Choir Room)

Monday 3/25

- 6:00 pm SPL Women Bible Study (Dining Room)

Tuesday 3/26

- 10:30 am SPL Women Bible Study (Family Room)
- 3:30 pm Junior & Senior High LoftTime (The Loft)
- 6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Large Conference Room)

Wednesday 3/27

- 11:00 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
- 12:15 pm Lenten Worship
- 3:30 pm Junior Leaders LoftTime (The Loft)
- 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner: Chicken and Noodles (Dining Room)
- 6:30 pm Lenten Worship

Thursday 3/28

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 3:30 pm Junior & Senior High LoftTime (The Loft)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm Early Communion Class - 6th Grade (The Loft)

Friday 3/29

Saturday 3/30 Message: "He Chose to Love Us Forever"

- 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)R

Sunday 3/31 Message: "He Chose to Love Us Forever"

- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
- 9:15 am Enjoy the LSA Junior High Band in Fellowship Area



6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

March 23 & 24, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

Thus he shall make ATONEMENT FOR THE Holy Place, because of the UNCLEANNES of the people... Leviticus 16:16

Thought Before Worship

"With the veil removed by the rending of Jesus' flesh, with nothing on God's side to prevent us from entering, why do we tarry without?"

--A.W. Tozer

Call to Worship

Better Is One Day

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

There Is A Kingdom

Excerpt from "He Chose the Nails" - Chapter 9

Won't Stop Now

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 51:1-7, 10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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.

OFFERING GOD OUR GIFTS - GROWING THE KINGDOM

Actual Giving Year to Date

\$448,682 as of 3/17

Budgeted Giving year to Date

\$446,900

2019 Annual Budget =
\$2,260,000

Ahead of Budgeted
Giving = \$1782

Praise the Lord! Thank you for your faithful generosity!

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 740

Four Week Worship Average: 758

...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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Communion

Remember

Nothing Is Holding Me Back

Holy Spirit

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

Let Your Glory Fall

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. Our staff will pray over any items you include in the prayer portion located on the back of your card.

Message

"He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence"
Pastor Mark Gearig

Blessing

Closing Song

10,000 Reasons

Don't "Give Up" - "Give IN" to Jesus this Lenten Season!

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY 12:15PM & 6:30PM | Dinner 5:30pm (thru 4/10)

HE CHOSE THE NAILS

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.

HOLY WEEK @SPL

- Make sure you don't miss it - Put these dates on your calendar
The HUNT - Saturday, April 13th (10am-12pm)
Maundy Thursday Seder Experience - April 18th (6:30pm)
Good Friday - April 19th (Worship at 1:00pm & 7:00pm)
Easter Breakfast - April 21st (7:30-10:15am)
Easter Sunrise Worship - April 21st (6:30am)
Easter Celebration Worship - April 21st (8:00am & 10:30am)

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the altar are in celebration of the 31st wedding anniversary of David and Kay Sleeth. Flowers at the pulpit are to the glory of God and in celebration of the 48th wedding anniversary of Natalie and Gary Bernard by their children and grandchildren.

The HUNT - April 13

The HUNT Family Easter Event returns to SPL on Saturday 4/13 from 10am-12pm. You can help it be a success - pick up Easter Eggs to fill & guidelines (from table in Fellowship Area) or come fill them at SPL during the week. DONATE gift cards for prize giveaways. Plan to serve. Invite family & friends! Work nights ahead at SPL on April 1 & 8 at 5:30pm. Connect with Pastor Mark or Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955.

NOW HIRING - Apply by April 1

SPL is now accepting applications for a Part Time Janitorial Position (with desired start in April). Expected hours are 6am-10am, Monday-Friday, with as needed coverage for special events (20-25 hours/week). Qualified persons should apply by April 1st. Application/Information is available at SPLDECATUR.ORG and the Church Office. Questions? Contact Mick Bollhorst (mick@spldecat.org or 217-423-6955).

FAMILY SERVING FAMILY - EASTER - April

There are multiple opportunities for you to lead out and serve this Easter at SPL, beginning with The HUNT 4/13 and continuing with Seder Meal (4/18) and Easter Breakfast (4/21) prep and serving. Donate & sign up today in the Fellowship Area!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL - April 18

Celebrate Maundy Thursday and First Communion (6th Gr) with a Seder experience on 4/18 at 6:30pm. Register now in the Fellowship Area or at SPLDECATUR.ORG

SPL ADULTS

SPL WOMEN

"GOING BEYOND" with Priscilla Shirer - Simulcast Event at SPL, Saturday 4/6 9:00am-4:30pm (\$25). Register NOW here or at SPLDECATUR.ORG/WOMEN

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday mornings at 10:30am in the Family Room. New study "The Red Sea Rules" by Robert J. Morgan (Book \$6). Confirm your attendance at the table in the Fellowship Area or call Sarah at 217-423-6955 for info.

EVENING SECTION "Discerning the Voice of God" MONDAYS at 6:00pm. Led by Alissa Henkel. Join us in the Dining Room thru 4/15. Childcare available.

SPL ManUP MEN'S MINISTRY

THIS WEEKEND: Iron Sharpens Iron 3/23 - First United Methodist, Springfield
BIBLE STUDY: Men's Bible Study weekly Thursdays at 6:30am [Conference Rm]

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

EARLY COMMUNION: 6th Gr/Parents - Thursdays in The Loft 6:30pm (thru 3/28)

SPL YOUTH

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All Youth Gr. 7 - 12 Welcome: Sunday Mornings at 9:15am [Meets in The Loft]
SPL Youth Dine with us on Wednesday Night @The Loft (before worship weekly)
Confirmation: Rehearsal + Brunch April 27th, Confirmation 10:30am April 28th
Junior/Senior High LoftTime: Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm [The Loft]
Next LCMS Youth Gathering Meeting: March 31st at 6:00pm [The Loft]

DINNER TIME: Dine at Panda Express for LCMS Youth Gathering - April 9th 4-9pm -AND- Pick up Papa Murphy's on April 17th. Get your flyer today!

LSA

LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

LSA Annual Dinner Auction: WALK AS LIONS on Saturday 4/6, Mt. Zion Convention Ctr (Doors at 5pm, Silent Auction, Dinner 6:30pm, Live Auction). Tickets \$50 each. Call 233-2001. (Tickets available at SPL March 30/31 at worship times.)

THE ROCK SLINGER & HIS GREATEST HIT Musical coming to LSA on Friday, April 12th at 7:00pm - featuring some of very our own SPL students! Don't miss it!

CAMP INVENTION: A high-energy, hands-on STEM camp happening at LSA June 3-7 (9:00am-3:30pm). Register at invent.org/camp or 800-968-4332

Let us draw near with a true heart... Hebrews 10:22

WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Think of a sin barrier that stands between you and Jesus. Tell someone you trust about it to let yourself and God know that you are serious about tearing the barrier down.

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