

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 3/10 Daylight Savings Time Begins (2am)

9:15 am Education Classes

9:15/11:45 am "Family Talk" (?s-Meet with a Pastor-Family Room)

Monday 3/11

5:30 pm SPL Women Ministry Team Meeting (Family Room)

6:00 pm SPL Women Bible Study (Conference Room)

Tuesday 3/12

8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

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 3/13

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: Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls (Dining Room)

6:30 pm Lenten Worship

Thursday 3/14 LCMS Youth Gathering Panera Fundraising Night (4-8pm)

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)

4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team (Small Conference Room)

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 3/15

Saturday 3/16 Message: "He Chose to Forgive Us"

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)R

Sunday 3/17 Message: "He Chose to Forgive Us"

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

9:15 am Mission: Texas Interest Meeting (Family Room)

Actual Giving Year to Date

\$354,361 as of 3/03

Budgeted Giving year to Date

\$372,300

2019 Annual Budget =
\$2,260,000

Year to Date Shortage =
\$17,939

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 778

Four Week Worship Average: 742

...**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

March 9 & 10, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

*You were bought,
not with something that ruins like gold or silver,
but with the
PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST.*

--1 Peter 1:18

Thought Before Worship

"You can do more than pray after you have prayed; but you can never do more than pray until you have prayed." -- A.J. Gordon

Call to Worship

Great Things

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

The Wonderful Cross

Excerpt from "He Chose the Nails" - Chapter 3

Jesus, Son of God

Confession and Absolution

Merciful Lord, We remember the sending of Your perfect Son, Jesus Christ, who experienced true death that we may experience true life. We confess that we are people broken by sin; our patience is fleeting and our demands are insatiable. Forgive us for our reluctant hearts and doubt prone minds. Grant to us Your faith for where we fall short, Your hope for what You desire in our lives. May we be overcome less by the floods of this world and overwhelmed more by the Baptism of Your Holy Spirit. It is in Jesus Christ that we pray all things, 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

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Man of Sorrows
Tremble

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

At the Cross

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 Be One of Us"
Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song

Only King Forever

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

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

FAMILY AND FAITH CELEBRATION - BAPTISM

Following 10:30am worship, we celebrate the Baptism of Jameson Scott Williams (9/7/17). His parents are and Kyleigh Martin and Scott Williams. We also celebrate the Baptism of Norah Michelle Martin (2/14/19), daughter of Mackenzie Martin. Please welcome Jameson and Norah as they receive new life in Christ. Congratulations!



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His continued love, leadership, and provision for His church.

Special Events

MISSION: TEXAS Meeting • March 17

There is still much work to be done for the Hurricane Harvey recovery effort in Rockport, Texas and our SPL Mission Team will travel there to serve again June 1-8. Won't you help your neighbor and join our team? Come learn more from Pastor Mark and past team members on Sunday 3/17 at 9:15am in the Family Room.

Protecting Life • March 20

Illinois Family Institute invites people to be a part of showing support for Life on March 20th at their Pro-Life Rally & Lobby Day in Springfield at the Capital (illinoisfamily.org). Learn more about Life & our response at lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/life-ministry

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). Donate gift cards for prize giveaways. Plan to serve. Ready to help? Connect with Pastor Mark or Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955.

SPL ADULTS

SPL WOMEN

"GOING BEYOND" with Priscilla Shirer - Simulcast Event at SPL on Saturday, April 6th 9:00am-4:30pm. Tickets \$25, including meals & materials, available next week). Childcare available \$15/child for the day. Register now in the Fellowship Area or online at SPLDECATUR.ORG/WOMEN (credit/debit card payment).

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday mornings at 10:30am in the Family Room. Current study "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. Call 217-423-6955 for info.
NEW SECTION ON MONDAYS at 6:00pm. Led by Alissa Henkel. Join us in the Dining Room thru 4/15. Childcare available.

SPL ManUP MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S FRATERNITY: Men's Ministry Saturday mornings at 7:00am [The Loft]
BIBLE STUDY: Men's Bible Study weekly Thursdays at 6:30am [Conference Rm]
IRON SHARPENS IRON: For men of all ages, conference in Springfield on 3/23 from 8:30am-4:55pm. Register NOW - HALF PRICE to first 50 men. Info at the table in the Fellowship Area or talk to Michael Peer (peerpressure70@gmail.com)

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

EARLY COMMUNION: 6th Graders & Parents - Classes thru 3/28. Led by Pastor Bill, Thursdays in The Loft 6:30-7:30pm. Info? Contact pastorbill@spldecatour.org

SPL KIDS

SPL YOUTH

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 Panera for LCMS Youth Gathering - March 14th 4-8pm
Get a flyer at the Connection Center or in the posted event on Facebook.

SPL YOUTH

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. NOW COLLECTING donations for Silent & Live Auction. Call 233-2001

SAVE THE DATE: LSA Spring Musical "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit" (Gr. 3-6) A great family-friendly event at 7:00pm on Friday, April 12th.

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 2 Corinthians 12:7

RED LETTER LIVING

WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Rather than "giving up" something rather harmless, ask Jesus for help during these 40 days of Lent to give up a bad or destructive habit for the rest of your life.

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