THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 4/14 Palm Sunday

9:15 am Education Classes

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

9:15 am/11:45am Family Talk (?s for Pastor in Family Room)

Monday 4/15

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

Tuesday 4/16

8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

3:30 pm Junior & Senior High LoftTime (The Loft)

6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Large Conference Room)

6:30 pm Cancer Companions (Family Room)

Wednesday 4/17 LCMS Youth Gathering Fundraiser @Papa Murphy's 11a-8p

9:00 am Seder Meal Prep (All Day-Kitchen)

5:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal for Good Friday (Sanctuary)

Thursday 4/18 Maundy Thursday

6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)

9:00 am Matzah Baking (LSA Kitchen)

3:30 pm Junior & Senior High LoftTime (The Loft)

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Seder Meal (Seating begins 6pm)

Friday 4/19 Good Friday (ELC closed)

1:00 pm Good Friday Worship with Handbells

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship with Strings/Handbells

Saturday 4/20 No Saturday Worship

7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL)

10:00 am Easter Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

10:00 am AA Big Book Study (Room 122)

Sunday 4/21 Easter Sunday

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Traditional Worship

7:30 am Easter Breakfast (Until 10:15am-Dining Room/Room 122)

8:00 am Easter Celebration Worship

10:30 am Easter Celebration Worship

Monday 4/22 Church Office Closed / ELC Open

Tuesday 4/23 St. Paul's ELC Preschool Pop-In (6:00pm)

Actual Giving Year to Date \$611,912 as of 4/07

Budgeted Giving year to Date \$593,625

2019 Annual Budget = \$2,260,000

Year to Date Ahead = \$ 18,287

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 754 Four Week Worship Average: 774 Wednesday Lent Average: 260

...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

April 13 & 14, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY PASTOR MARK GEARIG PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

"HOSANNA!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" -- John 12:13

Thought Before Worship

"I didn't go to religion to make me happy... If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity." — C.S. Lewis

Call to Worship

Only King Forever

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Excerpt from "He Chose the Nails" - Chapter 15

Here I Am to Worship

Confession and Absolution

You asked for my hands, that You might use them for Your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave You a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life, that You might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve You—only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of Your cross. 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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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

All Hail King Jesus

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

"Pick Up Your Cross" Pastor Bill Grueninger

Blessing

Closing Song

Go To Dark Gethsemane (v. 1, 2)

Stripping of the Altar

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.

HOLY WEEK @SPL Don't miss out on these opportunities! 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 Worship - April 21st (6:30am, 8:00am & 10:30am)

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Tracey Roesch and the 55th Wedding Anniversary of Phil and Pat Curry.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL • April 18

Celebrate Maundy Thursday & First Communion (6th Gr) with a Seder experience on 4/18 at 6:30pm. If you've come or have never come before, you don't want to miss this unique opportunity to experience the Passover & Last Supper. ALL WELCOME - invite friends and neighbors! You won't see it again for a few years. Reserve your spot - visit the table in the Fellowship Area or SPLDECATUR.ORG (Registrations).

F3: Family-Faith-Formation • Begins April 24

Register now for this four week Spring Session, meeting 4/24-5/15 on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Dinner served at 5:30pm weekly. A variety of classes & serve opportunities are available for all ages. Register at SPLDECATUR.ORG or in the Fellowship Area.

Healing with Pastor Paul Teske • May 4 & 5

Are you in need of healing from physical, mental, or relational brokenness? All are welcome to experience a special worship service focused on healing with LCMS Pastor Paul Teske on Saturday, May 4 at 6:00pm (Praise & Worship, Message, Healing Prayer). He will also be our guest for Pastor's Class on Sunday 5/5 at 9:15am.

You can also attend a special "Lunch & Learn" with Pastor Teske titled "Healing for Today", a historical perspective and current day application of healing in the Church. This will take place Sunday 5/5 beginning at 12:00pm. If interested, please contact Sarah in the Church Office at 217-423-6955 to reserve your spot.

POSITION STILL AVAILABLE • Apply Today

SPL is accepting applications for a Part Time Janitorial Position (with desired start in April). Expected hours are 6am-10am, (M-F, 20-25 hrs/wk). APPLY NOW. Application available at SPLDECATUR.ORG and the Church Office (217-423-6955).

SPL WOMEN

SPL ADULTS

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays 10:30am (Family Room). New study "The Red Sea Rules" by Robert J. Morgan. Questions? Call Sarah at 217-423-6955 for info. EVENING STUDY MONDAYS at 6:00pm. Led by Alissa Henkel. Join us in the Dining Room. Childcare available. NEW STUDIES BEGIN IN MAY!

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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]

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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)

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: April 28th at 6:00pm [The Loft]

DINNER TIME: Pick up Papa Murphy's on April 17th - AND- Dine at Buffalo Wild Wings for LCMS Youth Gathering - May 6th 5-9pm Get your flyer today!

LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

LSA & ELC

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

ST. PAUL'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER

PRESCHOOL POP-IN: Have a three or four year old in your life ready for preschool (Fall 2019)? Come check out St. Paul's ELC on April 23rd (6-7pm) at the Preschool Pop-In! Call 217-424-9183 or visit ELCDecatur.org for info.

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24



WEEKLY CHALLENGE: What kind of burdens are you carrying that are preventing you from following Jesus? Lay them down.

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