

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 3/31

- 9:15 am Education Classes
- 9:15 am Enjoy the LSA Junior High Band in Fellowship Area
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal for Good Friday (Choir Room)
- 6:00 pm LCMS Youth Gathering Meeting (The Loft)

Monday 4/01

- 5:30 pm The HUNT - Work Night (Rm 122 & Warehouse)
- 5:30 pm Women's Ministry Meeting (Family Room)
- 6:00 pm SPL Women Bible Study (Dining Room)

Tuesday 4/02

- 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)
- 6:30 pm Cancer Companions (Family Room)

Wednesday 4/03 PawPrint Ministries Fundraiser @Blue Brew 7a-5p

- 12:15 pm Lenten Worship
- 3:30 pm Junior Leaders LoftTime (The Loft)
- 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner: Sloppy Joes, Mac N Cheese (Dining Room)
- 6:30 pm Lenten Worship

Thursday 4/04

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 8:30 am LIFT Women's Fellowship (Dining 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)

Friday 4/05

Saturday 4/06 Message: "The Narrow Way"

- 7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL)
- 8:00 am "Going Beyond" Simulcast (Sanctuary)
- 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 4/07 Message: "The Narrow Way"

- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
- 9:15 am Pancake Machine Training (Warehouse Area)

Actual Giving Year to Date

\$489,690 as of 3/25

Budgeted Giving year to Date

\$504,600

2019 Annual Budget =
\$2,260,000

Year to Date Shortage =
\$15,910

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 758
Four Week Worship Average: 760

...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 30 & 31, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

Behold, I have ENGRAVED YOU on the palms of my hands; --Isaiah 49:16

Enjoy the LSA Junior High Band before 10:30am worship!

Thought Before Worship

Love was compressed for all history in that lonely figure on the cross, who said that He could call down angels at any moment on a rescue mission, but chose not to – because of us. At Calvary, God accepted His own unbreakable terms of justice. --Phillip Yancey

Call to Worship

Great Things

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Your Love Awakens Me

Excerpt from "He Chose the Nails" - Chapter 9

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Confession and Absolution

Lord Jesus, I cannot count the sins that I have done and am still doing. I have forgotten most of them and no longer feel any guilt. Whatever is in me, apart from Your grace, is sin and condemned. I must altogether despair of myself, my works, and my powers. I know not what else to do but to pray for Your mercy. My joy and comfort is that You grant me, a poor sinner, the forgiveness of all my sins out of Your pure grace. I give You thanks. 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.



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Communion (Saturday only)

Nothing

Come As You Are

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

Red Letters

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 Love Us Forever"
Pastor Bill Grueninger

Blessing

Closing Song

Behold the Lamb

SING WITH US - GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER

Rehearsals Sunday 9:15am or Thursday 6:30pm

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

Horizontal lines for message notes.

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

- HOLY WEEK @SPL Make your Holy Week & Easter Plan today!
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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Shirley Beals on her birthday by her daughter, Debbie Perry.

Special Events

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 - Work nights ahead at SPL on April 1 & 8 at 5:30pm. DONATE gift cards for prize giveaways & Food Items. Plan to serve. Invite family & friends! Connect with Pastor Mark or Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL April 18

Celebrate Maundy Thursday & First Communion (6th Gr) with a Seder experience on 4/18 at 6:30pm. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the Passover & Last Supper. ALL WELCOME! Register in the Fellowship Area or at SPLDECATUR.ORG

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!

NOW HIRING Apply by April 1

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).

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Begins April 24

Save the date - Four week Spring Session begins 4/24, meets Wednesdays 6:30pm. Registration begins this week SPLDECATUR.ORG

SPL ADULTS

SPL WOMEN

"GOING BEYOND" with Priscilla Shirer - Simulcast Event at SPL, Saturday 4/6 9:00am-4:30pm (\$25). DON'T MISS IT!! Register SPLDECATUR.ORG/WOMEN

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 thru 4/15. Childcare available.

LIFT Women's Fellowship: Thursday 4/4 8:30-10am (Dining Rm). 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]

PANCAKE MACHINE TRAINING: Sunday, April 7th at 9:15am [Warehouse]

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

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 Dinner Auction: Due to a lack of ticket sales the auction will be postponed until later in the year. A new date will be announced once the 2019/20 school year begins. The LSA apologizes for the inconvenience this cancellation may have caused.

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!

And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Matthew 26:75

RED LETTER LIVING

WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Learn from Peter's mistakes. This week, tell someone whom you have been nervous to talk to about Jesus, that Jesus loves him/her.

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