

## THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

**Sunday 5/26** Message: "Red Letter Living: Serving"

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

10:30 am SPL Mission Team Blessing & Sending (in Worship)

**Monday 5/27** Memorial Day --SPL Office & Early Learning Center Closed

**Tuesday 5/28**

10:30 am SPL Women Bible Study (Family Room)

6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Large Conference Room)

**Wednesday 5/29**

9:00 am VBS Prep Morning Session (Childcare available)

5:30 pm VBS Prep Evening Session (Great Room/Warehouse)

6:30 pm SPL Youth - Wednesday Night @The Loft

**Thursday 5/30**

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

7:00 am Community Prayer Breakfast (Decatur Conference Ctr.)

**Friday 5/31**

**Saturday 6/01** Message: "Red Letter Living: Giving"

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (The Loft)

7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL)

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

4:00 pm Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

**Sunday 6/02** Message: "Red Letter Living: Giving"

9:15 am Education Classes for all ages

10:30 am 2019 Graduate Recognition & Blessing (in Worship)

12:00 pm Membership @SPL Class (Dining Room)

12:00 pm VBS Adult Serve Team Training (Great Room)

SPL MISSION TEAM

### MISSION: TEXAS

JUNE 1 - 8, 2019 | ROCKPORT, TX

Join together in praying over the SPL Mission Team preparing to serve in Rockport, Texas: Richard

Heinkel and grandson Alex, Jayden Holthaus, Dakota Miloser, Sam Morrow, Gene Mueller, Al Schelling, Allie Schelling, Izzie Schelling, and Chuck Schuette. The team is led by Pastor Mark Gearig. May God use this team to continue to bring restoration and healing to the homes and families of this community.

Actual Giving Year to Date

\$ 904,357 as of 5/19

Budgeted Giving year to Date

\$ 868,500

2019 Annual Budget =  
\$2,260,000

Year to Date Ahead =  
\$ 35,857

## WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 733

Four Week Worship Average: 787

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

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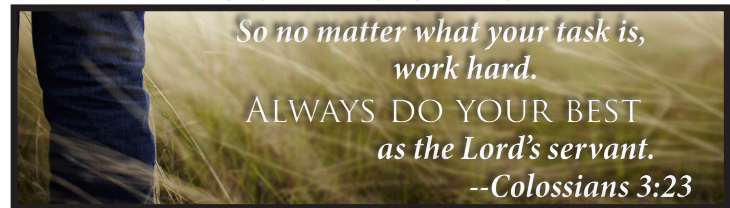
## 6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

May 25 & 26, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



### Thought Before Worship

--C.S. Lewis

"Aslan is a lion - the Lion, the great Lion." "Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion..." "Safe?" said Mr Beaver "...Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

### Call to Worship

Welcome the Healer

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

Glorious Day

What a Beautiful Name

Holy Spirit

### Confession and Absolution

Gracious God, You have called us to seek You, but instead we seek possessions that lead us astray. You have called us to seek You, yet we seek the opinions of others. You have called us to seek You, but we seek ourselves. Forgive us for seeking pleasure and fulfillment anywhere outside of You. Forgive us and make us new. 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.

### Communion Songs

I Give You My Heart

Oceans (Where Feet Meet)

Welcome the Healer



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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.*

SENDING FORTH: Join us in a special prayer and blessing over our SPL Mission Team at this time in 10:30am worship.

**Offering** *Follow You Anywhere*  
 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** *"Red Letter Living: Serving"*  
Pastor Bill Grueninger

**Blessing**

**Closing Song** *Follow You Anywhere*

Have a blessed *Memorial Day!*

*"The memory of the righteous will be a blessing." Proverbs 10:7a*

**NEXT WEEKEND - PLANTING FOR ETERNITY**

Continue to invest in the next generation and support the SPL Foundation through this special door offering

**RED LETTER LIVING**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

Additional space available in your series guide

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*A Prayer List is available at the back of the Worship Center, take one and continue to pray for our members' needs through the week.*

Be sure to pick up your free copy of the Red Letter Living series guide which includes the reflections, daily devotions and challenges you will complete throughout this series. Share your stories via social media with us using: #REDLETTERCHALLENGE #SPLDECATUR #REDLETTERLIVING

**RED LETTER LIVING**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**  
 Flowers on the Altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Norma Beckmeier by her daughter Deborah, and in honor of all those who have served our country.

**MEMBERSHIP @SPL** • JUNE 2  
 Interested in Membership at SPL? Ready to take the next step? Our next Membership class session is happening NEXT WEEKEND on Sunday, June 2nd (12:00-4:00pm, 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@spldecatour.org or 217-423-6955.

**Hearing from God & Healing** • June 8  
 Pastor Paul Teske returns for a free workshop about hearing from God and healing. All are welcome to come on Saturday, June 8 (1-3pm) in the Sanctuary. Contact Sarah in the Church Office with any questions (217-423-6955).

**SPL Family Meeting** • June 9  
 Gather with us for our Semi-Annual Voters Meeting in the Dining Room on Sunday, June 9th at 12:00pm. We will consider candidates for the 2019-20 Board of Elders, the Change the World 2020 Initiative, and ministry updates.

**BOARD OF ELDERS CANDIDATES for 2019-2020:** The following leaders are being presented for consideration by the Elder Nominating Committee, led by Craig Willis: David Koshinski (Chairman, 1 yr), Michael Peer (Chair-Elect, 1 yr), Jeff Hawkins (Elder at Large, 2 yr), Darren Reynolds (EAL, 2 yr), Dale Tolly (EAL, 2 yr), Jim Buske (EAL, 2 yr). Sam Morrow will continue current EAL term.

**SUMMER SERVE** • Save the Date  
 WBGL Morning Show Backyard Bounce at SPL (June 26, 8am-12pm)  
 SPL Youth Mission: Decatur (July 25-27)  
 Decatur Celebration Christian Stage | Family Oasis | Kids Block (August 2-4)  
 Feed My Starving Children Decatur Community MobilePack (September 27 & 28)

**SPL ADULTS**

**SPL WOMEN**  
 Call Sarah Johnson at 217-423-6955 to reserve your spot for these studies!  
MONDAYS at 6:00pm (Dining Room) led by Alissa Henkel (Childcare available). New study "Fervent: A Woman's Battle to Serious, Specific & Strategic Prayer" (Priscilla Shirer) STARTED 5/13 (Materials \$15)  
TUESDAYS 10:30am (Family Room) led by Maryel Nelson. New study "Breathe" (Priscilla Shirer) STARTED 5/14 (Guide \$11)

**SPL ManUP MEN'S MINISTRY**  
MEN'S GROUP STUDY: Weekly on Saturday mornings at 7:00am [The Loft]  
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)  
**Sunday Education** (9:15am): PreK-K (Room 211), Gr. 1-4 (Great Room), Gr. 5-6 (Room 213); BUILDING BLOCKS-Parents/Caretakers/Children 0-3yrs (Rm 203)

**VBS 2019 "ROAR"** (June 10-14): Participant Registration (3 yrs-5th Gr) available at SPLDECATUR.ORG - Click "Registrations" to get started. You can also support VBS by donating items - needs posted at VBS table in the Fellowship Area (or shop our Amazon Wish List). Be a part of a **VBS SERVE TEAM** (Gr 6 - Adult) - find out all that is available in Latest News at SPLDECATUR.ORG

**VBS 2019 "ROAR" Safari Animals Contest:** Build your own Safari Animal and help us bring ROAR VBS to life! A great family project - return by May 30th for voting. Contest rules/information available at VBS station in Fellowship Area.

**SPL YOUTH**

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 All Youth Gr. 7 – 12 Sunday Mornings at 9:15am & Wednesdays 6:30pm WEEKLY  
 Summer of YOUTH is coming - don't miss Kiddie Pool Kickball on June 5th at SPL

**LSA & ELC**

**LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**SUMMER CAMPS:** Girls Basketball Camp (4th-8th | May 28-30); Art Camp (7th-8th | June 3-7)(9th-12th | June 17-21); Volleyball Camp (4th -8th | June 25-27)  
 Contact the LSA Office at 233-2001 for more information and to register.  
**CAMP INVENTION:** Hands-on STEM camp at LSA June 3-7 (9:00am-3:30pm) for incoming 1st-6th graders. Register at invent.org/camp or 800-968-4332

**ST. PAUL'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER**  
CAMP ELC: Camp based Summer School Age Program - Sign up today for summer fun!  
**NOW HIRING:** Seeking qualified Teachers - Call 217-424-9183 to inquire and apply.