



ARE YOU A WORLD CHANGER

ready to make a difference in the lives of children & families in our community?

You have the opportunity to join our team as a Classroom Teacher here at St. Paul's Early Learning Center! Positions available at multiple age levels on this experienced, well-established team - inquire and apply at 217-424-9183. Connect with Kim Newingham (kim@spldecat.org) to learn more!

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 8/25

- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
- 9:15 am Confirmation Class for Gr. 7/8 (Room 122)

Monday 8/26

- 5:30 pm SPL Women Bible Study: Movie Night (Decatur Public Library)

Tuesday 8/27

- 5:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 10:30 am SPL Women Bible Study (Family Room)

Wednesday 8/28

- 10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm SPL Youth -- Wednesday Night @The Loft

Thursday 8/29

- 5:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)

Friday 8/30

Saturday 8/31 Message: "Witness or Judge"

- 7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (The Loft)
- 7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 10:00 am AA Big Book Study (Room 122)
- 4:00 pm Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 9/01 Message: "Witness or Judge"

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
- 9:15 am Pastor's Class - Guest Ed Bacon, NECF (Dining Room)
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Monday 9/02 Labor Day SPL / ELC / LSA Offices Closed

Actual Giving Year to Date

\$ 1,440,277 as of 8/18

Budgeted Giving year to Date

\$ 1,400,000

Year to Date Ahead = \$ 40,277

2019 Annual Budget = \$2,260,000

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 784
Four Week Worship Average: 712

...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

August 24 & 25, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

I HAVE **LEARNED** IN
WHATEVER STATE I AM
TO BE **CONTENT**

PHILIPPIANS 4:11

Thought Before Worship

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

Call to Worship

King of Kings

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Today Is the Day

Here Again

Confession and Absolution

God, You want me to be completely loyal, so put true wisdom deep inside of me. Remove my sin and make me pure. Wash me until I am whiter than snow! Let me hear sounds of joy and happiness again. Don't look at my sins. Erase them all. God, create a pure heart in me, and make my spirit strong again. Don't push me away or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Your help made me so happy. Give me that joy again. Make my spirit strong and ready to obey You.

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

It Is Well

The Stand



LOVE GOD. BUILD THE HOME. CHANGE THE WORLD.

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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 *Defender*

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 *"My Name Is...Servant or Master?"*
Pastor Bill Grueninger

Blessing

Closing Song *Won't Stop Now*



DECATUR COMMUNITY MOBILEPACK

SPECIAL OFFERING

Give what you feel moved to give and help us turn HUNGER into HOPE this September! Baskets are located at the doors as you leave worship today.

HELLO
My Name Is

MESSAGE NOTES
Servant or Master?

FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack • Donate and Serve
 Feed My Starving Children Decatur Community MobilePack is approaching and we're ready to pack 200,000+ meals again (September 27 & 28). Each meal costs just 24 cents, and we need your help to raise over \$44K. DONATE today - Checks are payable to FMSC (indicate #1909-079SC on memo line). You can also donate and REGISTER to SERVE online at <https://give.fmsc.org/decatour> (#1909-079SC). INTERESTED IN BEING A BUSINESS SPONSOR? Contact Andrea Gerhard at 217-423-6955 or andrea@spldecatour.org.

NEXT Celebration & Field House Preview • September 8
 DON'T MISS Sunday, September 8th at 12pm (lunch available beginning at 11:45am). Enjoy food, fellowship, inflatables, demos, prizes, tours, an official Ribbon Cutting Dedication and Field House Preview as we celebrate all that God has been able to already accomplish through NEXT Phase II construction at SPL. Stay to the end to witness a "Celebrity" Free Throw contest! Special thanks to our many leaders through the years and through the project, Elders, Building Committee, and countless people who served and brought this to reality.

F3: Family-Faith-Formation • September 11
 Get equipped for life this fall beginning September 11th. Classes meet weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30pm through November 13th. Dinner served at 5:30pm. Options available for every age and stage. View all options and register online at SPLDecatur.org or at the table in the Fellowship Area.

FIELD HOUSE FRIENDS: We are seeking adults to join our F3 team as a part of a rotation of people who will engage and supervise children utilizing the Field House before (6-6:25pm) and after (7:35-8:00pm) F3 classes on Wednesdays (starting 9/11). Contact Pastor Mark Gearig or Jennifer Power at 423-6955 to learn more.

Pastor's Class - Special Guests • September 1 & 8
 Join us for Pastor's Class on Sundays at 9:15am in the Dining Room. On 9/1, learn from our special guest Ed Bacon, Director of Northeast Community Fund. Find out about all of the new developments at NECF and opportunities for you to serve and support their mission and ministry in the community. Then on 9/8, engage with Godly Play and learn about opportunities to serve with our SPL Kids Team.

SPL ADULTS

SPL WOMEN

MONDAYS at 6:00pm (Dining Room) led by Alissa Henkel (Childcare available).
TUESDAYS 10:30am (Family Room) led by Maryel Nelson. Come join us!
Living In Faith Together (LIFT) - Next meeting Thursday 9/5 8:30am (Dining Rm)
WOMEN'S FALL FELLOWSHIP - Join us on Tuesday, September 10th (6-8pm) at Fletcher Park in Mt. Zion (Indoor pavilion). Sign up now in Fellowship Area!
LWML WOMEN'S FALL ZONE RALLY - Save the Date - Thursday, September 26th 8:30am-1:00pm, hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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]
Dads-Grandpas-Kids Campout: Annual family camp experience happening September 21-22 (9/20 optional). Registration begins next weekend!

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)
F3 Wednesdays (6:30pm): Montessori based Godly Play - begins Wed. 9/11
FIRST BIBLES: Kindergarteners & Third Graders receive First Bibles and blessing, in worship (all services) on September 7 & 8.

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Youth Gr. 9 - 12 Sunday Mornings at 9:15am in The Loft
Confirmation (Gr. 7 & 8): Classes meet on Sundays at 9:15am (Rm 122)
Wednesday Night @The Loft - Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Doors open 6:00pm.
LoftTime Returns - TUESDAYS only 3:30-5:30pm - beginning September 10th.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR
 Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 22nd Wedding Anniversary by Jeff and Monica Hawkins.

WEEKLY NUDGE: Pray this hymn verse once a day each day this week:
*"All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
 Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me."*

