

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 9/22

9:15 am Education Classes

Monday 9/23

5:30 pm Women's Ministry Meeting (Family Room)

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

Tuesday 9/24

5:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

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

3:30 pm SPL Youth LoftTime (Grade 7-12 - The Loft)

Wednesday 9/25

3:30 pm 5th/6th Grade LoftTime (The Loft)

5:30 pm F3 Dinner (Dining Room)

6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages

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

Thursday 9/26

5:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

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

8:30 am LWML Fall Rally - Decatur Zone (Sanctuary/Dining Rm)

1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Conference Room)

5:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Room 113)

Friday 9/27

10:00 am Setup Session - FMSC MobilePack (Warehouse)

1:00 pm/3:30 pm FMSC Decatur MobilePack (Warehouse)

Saturday 9/28 *New Sermon Series: "Soul Detox"*

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

7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)

9:00 am/12:00 pm FMSC Decatur MobilePack (Warehouse)

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

2:00 pm Clean Up Session FMSC MobilePack (Warehouse)

4:00 pm Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 9/29 *New Sermon Series: "Soul Detox"*

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am New Member Mentor Training (Room 113)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Actual Giving Year to Date

\$ 1,601,943 as of 9/15

Budgeted Giving year to Date

\$ 1,552,000

Year to Date Ahead =

\$ 49,943

2019 Annual Budget =

\$ 2,315,000

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 714

Four Week Worship Average: 770

...**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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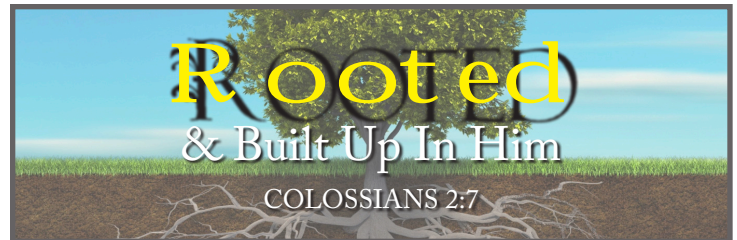
6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

September 21 & 22, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Thought Before Worship

There is no growth without change,
no change without fear or loss
and no loss without pain. - Rick Warren

Call to Worship

Alive

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Jesus Move

All I Am

Confession and Absolution

based upon Psalm 51

Merciful God, Have mercy on my soul according to Your unwavering love; according to Your abundant mercy wipe away my sins and the guilt I have carried for so long. Instead write on my heart Your love, Your boundaries for my life and Your salvation that sets me free from my sins. Lord, create in me a clean heart, renew Your spirit within me. Do not turn me away from Your presence, do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Write on my heart, Your love O God, 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

Receive

Lord I Need You

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

Revelation

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

"Change the World 2020: Grow"
Pastor Mark Gearig

Blessing

Closing Song

Lay Me Down

Special Events

FMSC Decatur Community MobilePack • ACT NOW

We are just days away - are you ready to pack 200,000+ meals on September 27 & 28? Each meal costs just 24 cents, and we need your help to raise over \$44K. The work we do here is important in helping FMSC to cover the high demand for meals across the globe. DONATE today - Checks are payable to FMSC (indicate #1909-079SC on memo line) or go online to https://give.fmsc.org/decatur (#1909-079SC). GET A MOBILEPACK SHIRT to show your support - just \$10. Bring your employees/coworkers for a great team building experience - spaces available Friday 1-3pm or 3:30-5:30pm. REGISTER at https://give.fmsc.org/decatur

MEMBERSHIP @SPL • OCTOBER 6th

Considering membership at SPL? Take the next step! Join us for the next class on October 6th (12-4pm in the Dining Room). Register at SPLDECATUR.ORG or call Lisa Lovekamp to get the process started at 423-6955.

NEW MEMBER MENTOR Training - Remember being new to the family? Step up and be a warm welcome and source of connection to those entering membership - Room 113 on SUNDAY 9/29 (9:15am). Contact Pastor Mark at 423-6955.

Welcome to SPL • Brendan Jenks

The leadership of SPL is excited to welcome Brendan Jenks to the team! He is serving with us as the new Director of Media Arts & Technology, with responsibility for all audio/visual and video related to worship and SPL events, and technology support. You can connect with him at bjenks@spldecatur.org or 423-6955.

Save the Date • Upcoming Events

SPL Foundation Charitable Gift Annuities Presentation - October 20
MISSION: ST. LOUIS Information Mtg - October 23 5:30pm, Also Nov. 9/10
SPL Fall Festival (w/Trunk or Treat & Taste of SPL) - October 27 (4-7pm)

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!
LWML WOMEN'S FALL ZONE RALLY - Join us on Thursday, September 26th 8:30am-1:00pm, hosted by SPL. Sign up now in the Fellowship Area.
LIFT Women's Fellowship: Next meeting Thursday 10/3 at 8:30am (Dining Rm)

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 (Family Rm); BUILDING BLOCKS-Parents/Caretakers/Children 0-3yrs (Rm 203)
5th/6th Grade LoftTime: 3:30-5:30pm on F3 Wednesdays THRU 11/13
F3 Wednesdays (6:30pm): Montessori based Godly Play - THRU 11/13
GODLY PLAY OPEN HOUSE - Save the Date for Sunday 10/13 from 12-2pm

SPL YOUTH

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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)
Confirmation Retreat (Gr. 7 & 8): Happening October 18-20, Extreme Faith in STL
Wednesday Night @The Loft - Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Doors open 6:00pm.
LoftTime (Gr. 7-12) - TUESDAYS (when school is in session) 3:30-5:30pm
All youth welcome in The Loft - invite a friend!

LSA

LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

LSA Homecoming Week: Spirit Week happening September 23-28 with special events September 27 - Pep Assembly at 2:00pm, Tailgate Dinner 5:30-7:00pm (Tickets \$10 available at LSA), 7:00pm Homecoming Football Game (Dance 9/28)
LSA Annual Golf Outing: Grab your team of 2 or 4 for a 10am Lunch & 11am start on Monday 10/14 at Hickory Point Golf Course. Contact skeane@lsadecatur.net
LSA Resale Shop: Great time to shop with new fall items (or make donations)! Come visit at 421 E Cerro Gordo in Decatur. Call 217-423-0122 for more info.



Lined writing area for message notes.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR
Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in memory of our fathers, Ralph B. Johnson and Bobby J. Gillum. Both were Christians as well as Army veterans who accepted the responsibility to defend America and uphold our values when duty called.

WEEKLY NUDGE: Colossians 2:6-7
Which of the 3 vital connections for growth (Jesus, His people, Your Purpose) do you need to grow in most? Determine a step you can take this week to grow in that area and put it into action.
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