

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 10/27

4:00 pm SPL Fall Festival - Come join us til 7:00pm!

Monday 10/28

6:00 pm SPL Women Bible Study "Messy Grace" (Conference Rm)

Tuesday 10/29

5:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL Field House)

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

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

5:00 pm Facilities Engagement Team Meeting (Family Room)

Wednesday 10/30

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

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Appetizer Buffet (Dining Room)

6:00 pm Field House Time for Children

6:30 pm F3 Classes for all ages

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

Thursday 10/31

5:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL Field House)

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

1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Conference Room)

4:00 pm Senior Outreach Team Meeting (Family Room)

5:30 pm Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Room 113)

Friday 11/01

Saturday 11/02 *New Series: "Love, God: Experiencing Connection"*

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

7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL Field House)

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

4:00 pm Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday 11/03 *New Series: "Love, God: Experiencing Connection"*

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:15 am *Welcome Home* Brunch - *Celebrating New Members*

10:30 am Contemporary Worship - New Member Welcome

Actual Giving Year to Date

\$ 1,791,103 as of 10/20

Budgeted Giving year to Date

\$ 1,779,650

Year to Date Ahead =

\$ 11,453

2019 Annual Budget =

\$ 2,356,000

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 705

Four Week Worship Average: 757

...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

October 26 & 27, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

GERM WARFARE

DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE
TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND.

ROMANS 12:2

Thought Before Worship

Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. – Martin Luther

Call to Worship

Gone

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Men are invited to come forward to join the Men's Chorus
on the front steps of the Worship Center at this time*

The Way

Confession and Absolution

Psalms 51:1-12 (ICB)

God, be merciful to me because You are loving. Because You are always ready to be merciful, wipe out all my wrongs. Wash away all my guilt and make me clean again. I know about my wrongs. I can't forget my sin. You are the One I have sinned against. I have done what You say is wrong. You are right when You speak. You are fair when you judge me. You want me to be completely truthful, so teach me wisdom. Take away my sin, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Make me hear sounds of joy and gladness. Let the bones You crushed be happy again. Turn your face from my sins. Wipe out all my guilt. Create in me a pure heart, God. Make my spirit right again. Do not send me away from You. Do not take Your Holy Spirit away from me. Give me back the joy of Your salvation, and keep me strong by giving me a willing spirit. Amen.

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 available at the back of the Worship Center to pray with you during this time.

Words of Institution



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Communion Songs

Living Hope

Who You Say I Am

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

Way Maker

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

"Germ Warfare"

Pastor Mark Gearig

Blessing

Closing Song

Deep Down (Walk Through Fire)

SPL FALL FESTIVAL

Come and Serve or Come and Enjoy!

Sunday 4:00-7:00PM

SOUL DETOX

MESSAGE NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 18th Wedding Anniversary of Charley and Bev Brown.

Flowers at the Pulpit are in celebration of the 35th Wedding Anniversary of Jeff and Pam Althoff.

WEEKLY NUDGE:

This week, read Daniel Chapter 3. Our choices during changing times tell a lot about us. Where is your focus in times of pressure? In a quiet time with God, ask God to showcase His presence in your life. Like Daniel and his three friends, use these moments to line up with eternal purpose and honor of God.



Special Events

SPL FALL FESTIVAL • October 27

It's all hands "in the field" for our down on the farm, harvest themed Fall Festival at SPL on 10/27 from 4:00-7:00pm! YOU ARE JUST THE RIGHT PERSON to SERVE by hosting a Trunk or Treat Station or Taste of SPL table - join our team! (Be sure to have your stations set by 3:30pm on Sunday.) **Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy this FREE event - experience Trunk or Treat, Taste of SPL, hayrides, live music, games, Pastor Bill's pretzels, and more!**

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts • DONATE TODAY

OCC materials are NOW AVAILABLE for you to pack Shoebox gifts on your own (due to SPL by November 17). DONATE items for our SPL shoebox packing with SPL Kids, happening November 10 & 13 in SPL Kids class times. Give hygiene items, school supplies, small toys, etc. or cash donations (\$9.00 per box) to cover shipping costs (bring to SPL by November 1st).

New Member Welcome • November 3

We are excited to grow our family of faith at SPL! Celebrate with us and welcome these families at our "Welcome Home" brunch on Sunday 11/3 at 9:15am in the Dining Room and come be a part of New Member Welcome in 10:30am worship.

Mission: St. Louis • November 9 & 10

Did you miss our first info meeting? You have another chance to learn all about Mission: St. Louis, happening June 21-26, 2020 at Extreme Faith STL. Be one of the 100 who will go on mission to serve and to get equipped to be an even greater blessing to our community. Next Meeting 11/9 (7:15pm) & 11/10 (9:15am).

SPL Family Meeting • November 17

Mark your calendar - our fall Semi Annual Voters Meeting is 11/17 at 12:00pm.

Advent By Candlelight - Blessings on the Tree • November 19

You are the right person to SERVE at this event as a Table Angel, Baker, or Server! Connect with Gayle Albert & Debbie Perry or sign up at the table in the Fellowship Area. Come and bring your friends to Advent by Candlelight - RESERVE your spot NOW at the table in the Fellowship Area or online (SPLDECATUR.ORG).

"Blessing Gifts for Jesus" for New Life Pregnancy Center are encouraged as a way to bless our community - pick up an item needs list when you stop by the table.

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! Current study - *Gideon* by Priscilla Shirer (Study Guide \$15).

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] *Interested in a unique serve opportunity for men? Call Michael Peer 520-6270*

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

PACK SHOEBOX GIFTS WITH SPL KIDS - November 10th & 13th in Kids Time **SAVE THE DATE** - Children's Christmas Worship is Sunday, December 15th at 10:30am. *Connect with [facebook.com/groups/SPLKids](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SPLKids) for updates and info.*

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) 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!*

ELC

ST. PAUL'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER

ARE YOU A WORLD CHANGER? St. Paul's ELC is seeking YOU to be a part of our teaching family to make an impact on young children and families in our community. Inquire today - contact Kim Newingham at 424-9183.

[PASTRY PUFFINS FUNDRAISER is here!](#) Order by November 4th