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WHAT'S NEXT @SPL

December 11th "Through the Mind of a Child" (Also 12/18)

Midweek Advent Worship (12:15pm & 6:30pm - Lunch 1:00pm, Dinner 5:30pm)

December 14th Sign up at SPLDECATUR.ORG or in the Fellowship Area

Christmas Kids Club Sponsored by SPL Women (9:00am-1:00pm)

December 15th

SPL KIDS Children's Christmas Worship @10:30am Worship

HopeFULL Backpack Project PACKING PARTY (12:00pm)

December 24th & December 25th

Christmas Eve Worship (6:00pm & 8:00pm)

Christmas Day Worship (10:00am)

January 5th Registration available now at SPL

Rooted Experience Group Kickoff Celebration (12:00pm)

January 8th Registration available in December at SPLDECATUR.ORG

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Winter Session (1/8-2/19 at 6:30pm)

January 12th

Workshop: Healthy Eating Made Simple (1:30pm at SPL)

February 7th

SPL KIDS Family Fun Night (6pm-8pm)

February 14th-16th

Woodcutters Retreat (Camp Cilca)

February 23rd

Servant Leaders Appreciation Lunch (11:45am-Dining Room)

February 26th

Ash Wednesday, Midweek Lent Worship Begins (12:15pm & 6:30pm)

February 29th LSA Dinner Auction



6:30 PM ADVENT WORSHIP

DECEMBER 11, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

"Truly, I say to you,
unless you turn and
BECOME like CHILDREN,
you will never enter the
KINGDOM of HEAVEN."

MATTHEW 18:3



Welcome

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Even So Come

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:7-8 (ESV)

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Confession & Absolution of Sins

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed by Thy name;

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

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.



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BE PRESENT THIS CHRISTMAS @SPL

Message and Teaching Time

"Through the Mind of a Child: Curiosity"
Pastor Mark Gearig

Blessing

Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
LSB #357 v. 2

THROUGH THE
MIND OF
A CHILD

MESSAGE NOTES

_____ is a defining characteristic of a child of God.

Curiosity dies when I think I _____ all I need to _____.

When curiosity _____, it leads to...

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Curiosity fosters...

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Are you curious about what God _____?

Please consider joining us for lunch in the Dining Room following worship today
Provided by the Senior Outreach Team

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US!

Offerings and completed Connect Cards can be placed in the receptacle provided at the main doors of the Sanctuary as you leave worship today.

Christmas Kids Club • December 14

Trying to keep the holidays joy filled for your family and need some time to make it all happen? SPL Women understand and want to help out parents of SPL and ELC. Sign up for the first Christmas Kids Club at SPL (12/14 from 9am-1pm). Bring your kids to SPL for a time of Christmas learning, fun, and activities while you head out to shop or do what you need to do (return for free gift wrapping & treats at 12:30pm). Register now in the Fellowship Area or online at SPLDECATUR.ORG.

hopeFULL Backpack Project • Packing Party December 15

Annually since December 2016, SPL has sent HOPE home for the holidays during the winter break to the children we serve through Decatur Kids Bags of Hope. Donations (Food & Monetary) needed to pack FULL **150 Backpacks** with a **two week supply** of food and \$10 + \$20 Meal Cards. **Packing Party** after 10:30 am worship on Dec. 15th.

F3 Winter Session & The Rooted Experience • January 2020

Discover how you are rooted in Christ in your own faith walk this January - connect with the Rooted Experience in worship and in a small group setting. Groups available Sunday & Monday evening, Tuesday daytime, Wednesday during Winter F3 time beginning Jan. 8th and other days of the week. (Learn more at SPLDECATUR.ORG/Rooted)

Additional classes like a large group Bible Study on 2 Corinthians with Pastor Wray and options with SPL Youth and SPL Kids are also available. Register now in the Fellowship Area or online at SPLDECATUR.ORG.

READY TO GET MOVING? WALK/RUN @SPL

NEW AT SPL - Grab your walking and running shoes and come out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the SPL Field House for a Walk/Run Group on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 5:30-9:00AM** and **Saturday mornings between 7:00-9:00AM**. (Will not meet December 25th-January 1st.) Come anytime and walk indoors or outdoors. Multiple routes mapped out and available for you. Thank you to the efforts of the Facilities Engagement team!

Looking for a new workout? Check out the classes offered by Melanie Brown and **Motivated by More** in the SPL Field House, Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30-6:15AM and Saturday 7:00AM (motivatedbymore.net). (No classes December 25th-January 1st.)

WORKSHOP "Healthy Eating Made Simple" - JANUARY 12th at 1:30pm
Led by Wellness Coach Melanie Brown, come learn how to set goals in the new year to fuel your body properly, learn how to organize your kitchen and food, and hear tips on how to eat the way God intended us to eat.

WEEKLY NUDGE

Where can you bring God's peace to a situation that has been tense or divided? Share how the Holy Spirit nudged you to act.



RESERVE YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus!

Place a Poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

They will be displayed around the altar during the Christmas Services.

Red 8" pot - \$15.00 each

Marble 8" pot - \$15.00 each

*Place your order in the Fellowship Area today.
Donations gladly accepted.*

