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WHAT'S NEXT @SPL

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 2nd Interested in Membership? Register at SPLDECATUR.ORG

Membership @SPL - Class 12:00-4:00pm (Lunch included)

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

"Leap for LSA" LSA Dinner Auction Event

March 1st

Welcome Home Brunch (New Member Welcome @ 10:30am)

March 16th-20th

LSA Spring Break

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View our Live Stream at spldecatour.org/media



6:30 PM ADVENT WORSHIP

DECEMBER 18, 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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:5 (ESV)

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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

Advent Hymn

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.



LOVE GOD. BUILD THE HOME. CHANGE THE WORLD.

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Message and Teaching Time

"Through the Mind of a Child: Trust"
Pastor Wray Offermann

Blessing

Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
LSB #357 v. 4

THROUGH THE
MIND OF
A CHILD

MESSAGE NOTES

TRUST IS THE _____ OF LIFE

- Without trust we all end up as _____.
- Trust is so important, God put us here out of _____.
- Children trust _____.

WE ABANDON TRUST FOR TWO REASONS

1. _____ moves me from _____ to independence. "mine" "no"
 2. _____ and _____ lead me to question my trust.
- "Maybe my trust is _____." Search for better. This is why we _____ everyone else.
 - "Maybe trust is _____." My heart closes.
 - We all _____ trust!!!! Hard for all of us!

COME BACK TO THE _____!

- Jesus was put in the position of having to _____.
- A _____ baby. "made himself nothing" "Unless you turn and become like little _____, you will Never enter the Kingdom of God." Jesus (Matthew 18:5)
- He demonstrated trust in the face of _____. "When they hurled insults, He did not retaliate... He entrusted Himself to the One who judges justly.." 1 Peter 2:23

ONLY _____ CAN BE TRUSTED. DECLARE IT!!!

- Who? "I trust in Your _____ love." Ps. 13:5
- When? "Trust in Him _____ times." Ps. 62:8
- Why? "He will make your _____ straight." Prov. 3:5

BE PRESENT THIS CHRISTMAS @SPL

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.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP @SPL

Christmas Eve Worship "The Greatest Carol Ever Sung" 6:00 & 8:00pm
Christmas Day Worship "The Coming King" at 10:00am

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

Talk with someone this week about which are you are strongest in and which area you need to focus on more.

JOY = Proximity + Power + Praise

Proximity with God

Experiencing God's Power

Praising God



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.

