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WHAT'S NEXT @SPL

Happening Now

SPL Angel Tree (Angels available for pickup - Fellowship Area)

Return all Angels with corresponding gifts to SPL by December 8th

ELC Scholastic Book Fair (ELC Lobby - Hours are posted)

TOYS FOR TOTS Toy Collection at St. Paul's ELC (thru Dec. 6th)

December 4th "Through the Mind of a Child" (Also 12/11 & 12/18)

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

December 4th

ELC Christmas Program 6:30pm (during Advent Worship)

December 8th

LSA Christmas Concert [K-6 at 3:00pm, Gr. 7-12 6:00pm @LSA]

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 & 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)

February 7th

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

CONNECT WITH US & SHARE YOUR STORY

Visit our website at spldecatur.org

Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/stpaulsdecatur](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsdecatur)

Follow us on Twitter & Instagram at [@SPLDecatur](https://www.instagram.com/SPLDecatur)

View our Live Stream at spldecatur.org/media



6:30 PM ADVENT WORSHIP

DECEMBER 4, 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



Call to Worship

I Wonder as I Wander
SPL Handbell Ensemble

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
LSB #366 v. 1, 3, 4

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:1-5 (ESV)

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.

Message and Teaching Time

"Through the Mind of a Child: Honesty"
Pastor Bill Grueninger

with *"A Bunch of Gifts for Christmas"*
Written by Cathy Skogen-Soldner
Presented by St. Paul's Early Learning Center



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Offering *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* (SPL Handbell Ensemble)
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.

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.

Blessing

Closing Song *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
LSB #357 v. 1

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to the families of St. Paul's Early Learning Center for sharing your children with us! We pray that your families are blessed as much as your children have blessed us!

Thank you to all of the ELC staff, teachers, and teacher aides for all of your hard work in preparing this program.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Visit the ELC Lobby and shop the St. Paul's Early Learning Center
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Your purchase supports growth and learning in our ELC classrooms!

THROUGH THE
**MIND OF
A CHILD**

MESSAGE NOTES

WEEKLY NUDGE

Each day this week, share with four people one thing you hope for.



BE PRESENT THIS CHRISTMAS @SPL

TOYS FOR TOTS • RETURN BY DECEMBER 6TH

Did you know St. Paul's Early Learning Center is a Toys for Tots collection site? Bring in your new, unopened/unwrapped toy donations to bless local families (located at ELC Front Desk). Our Fours Class will deliver them to the Spirit of Giving event on Friday, December 6th at WAND.

SPL Angel Tree • RETURN BY DECEMBER 8TH

Thank you for helping us to bless Baby Talk, New Life, Salvation Army, and God's Shelter of Love! Be sure to **return** items and angels by **DECEMBER 8TH to SPL**. Questions? Contact Sarah Johnson in the Church Office at 217-423-6955.

Sounds of the Season • December 8

Come and hear the wonderful sounds of children singing and instruments playing at the Lutheran School Association on Sunday 12/8 [Gr. K-6 at 3:00pm | Gr. 7-12 at 6:00pm]

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 during Winter F3 time beginning Jan. 8th and other days of the week. Sign up today!

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**. (Begins December 10th, not available on holidays unless otherwise indicated.) 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).

**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.*

