

# THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

**Sunday 12/08 ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE / LSA Concerts 3PM & 6PM**

9:15 am Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 9:15 am Rooted Experience Facilitator Training  
 3:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball (SPL Field House)

**Monday 12/09**

5:30 pm SPL Women Ministry Team Meeting (Family Room)

**Tuesday 12/10**

5:30 am Get Moving - Walk/Run @SPL (5:30-9:00am)  
 5:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL Field House)  
 3:30 pm SPL Youth LoftTime (Grade 7-12 - The Loft)

**Wednesday 12/11**

11:30 am Ministry to Mature (Large Conference Room)  
 12:15 pm Midweek Advent Worship (*Join us for lunch following*)  
 5:30 pm Advent Dinner: Ham, Potatoes, and more!  
 6:30 pm Midweek Advent Worship

**Thursday 12/12 Handbell Ensemble 5:30pm/Adult Choir 6:30pm**

5:30 am Get Moving - Walk/Run @SPL (5:30-9:00am)  
 5:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL Field House)  
 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)  
 8:00 am SPL Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)  
 4:00 pm Senior Ministry Team Meeting (Family Room)  
 4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team (Small Conference Room)

**Friday 12/13**

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Room 122)

**Saturday 12/14 Message: "While We Wait: Journey for Joy"**

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (The Loft)  
 7:00 am Get Moving - Walk/Run @SPL (7:00-9:00am)  
 7:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (SPL Field House)  
 9:00 am Christmas Kids Club (SPL)

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

4:00 pm Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

**Sunday 12/15 Message: "While We Wait: Journey for Joy"**

9:15 am Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 10:30 am SPL Kids Children's Christmas Worship  
 12:00 pm Bags of Hope Backpack Packing Party (Dining Room)

## CHRISMONS ON THE TREE

Each week of Advent we will share with you one of our new Chrismon or "Christ Monogram" ornaments lovingly handmade by ladies in our congregation this year.

### THIS WEEK: "HE CALMS THE WATER"

Matthew 8:23-27 The symbolism behind the story of Jesus calming the storm should bring great encouragement and hope for anyone facing a storm in life.



### Actual Giving Year to Date

**\$ 2,024,018 as of 12/02**

Year to Date Shortage = \$75,102

### Budgeted Giving year to Date

**\$ 2,099,120**

2019 Annual Budget = \$2,356,000

## 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

December 7 & 8, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



### Thought Before Worship | Second Sunday of Advent

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

### Call to Worship

*Light of the World*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

Reader: Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

Scripture: Colossians 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

Prayer: Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

### Opening Praise

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

### Confession and Absolution

Father, quiet my body and mind in this Advent season so Your Spirit can connect with my spirit and bring me peace. I confess that I fight against Your peace as I make my lists, fill my schedule, and spend money on things which keep me separate from You. Bring me again the peace of sins forgiven and restore unto me the joy of my salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Tremble*



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