

## THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

### Sunday 1/05

11:45 am Removal of Christmas Decor (Sanctuary/Fellowship Areas)  
 12:00 pm Rooted Experience Kick-Off Event (Dining Room)  
 3:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball (Field House)

### Monday 1/06

6:00 am Get Moving - Walk/Run @SPL (6:00-9:00am)

### Tuesday 1/07

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 (Field House 3:30pm, Loft 4:30pm)

### Wednesday 1/08

6:00 am Get Moving - Walk/Run @SPL (6:00-9:00am)  
 10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)

5:30 pm F3 Dinner: Soups  
 6:30 pm F3 Classes for All Ages

### Thursday 1/09 SPL Staff Retreat

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 (Large Conference Room)  
 4:00 pm Senior Outreach Team Meeting (Family Room)  
 4:00 pm Shepherding Action Team (Small Conference Room)

### Friday 1/10 SPL Staff Retreat

5:30 am Get Moving - Walk/Run @SPL (6:00-9:00am)

### Saturday 1/11 Message: "Prayer"

7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (The Loft)  
 7:00 am Get Moving - Walk/Run @SPL (7:00-9:00am)  
 7:00 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 1/12 Message: "Prayer"

1:30 pm Second Sunday @SPL: Healthy Eating Made Simple (Dining Rm)

### ROOTED EXPERIENCE GROUPS

Meeting throughout the week: Sunday 6:00pm, Monday 6:00pm (women),  
 Tuesday 10:30am, Wednesday 6:30pm, Saturday 7:00am (men)

## JANUARY SENIOR EVENTS CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

### Actual Giving Year to Date

\$ 2,321,829 as of 12/31

### Budgeted Giving year to Date

\$ 2,356,000 as of 12/31

Year to Date Shortage =  
 \$34,171

2019 Annual Budget =  
 \$2,356,000

### WE WORSHIP BETTER TOGETHER!

Christmas Eve Worship: 1238  
 Last Weekend in Worship: 599  
 Four Week Worship Average: 713

### 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.

### CONNECT WITH US & SHARE YOUR STORY

Visit our website at [SPLDECATUR.ORG](http://SPLDECATUR.ORG)

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

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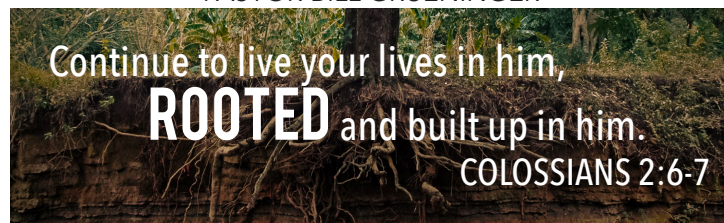
### 6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

January 4 & 5, 2020

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



### Thought Before Worship

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god." Isaiah 44:6

### Call to Worship

*Father Spirit Jesus*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation

### Opening Praise

*Open Up the Heavens*

*Great I Am*

### Confession and Absolution

Genesis 1:27 *How have you failed to reflect God's image?*

### Celebrating the Lord's Supper (Saturday only)

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 (Saturday only)

### Communion Songs

*Way Maker*

*Revelation Song*

### 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.



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**Offering** *Another In the Fire*  
*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** *"His Story, Your Story"*  
 Pastor Mark Gearig

**Blessing**

**Closing Song** *Goodness of God*

## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK...

Please join us after 10:30am Worship on Sunday to help take down the Christmas decorations

## THE ROOTED EXPERIENCE - PARTICIPANT KICKOFF

JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00PM | DINING ROOM

Participating in the Rooted Experience? Don't miss the Kickoff! Lunch will be served and groups will meet. All Rooted Groups begin meeting THIS WEEK



## MESSAGE NOTES

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### SENIOR OUTREACH

The SPL and Community Senior Events Calendar for January is now available at the exits of the Sanctuary and the Connection Center.

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 57th Wedding Anniversary of Floyd and Carol DeClercq by their daughters Karen Lanes and Kay Caffrey and their families.

### WEEKLY NUDGE

Root yourself in God's story: Read Colossians 1:15-23,  2:6-7. What truth(s) about God or yourself stand out to you most? How will these truths affect how you live today?

## F3 Winter Session & The Rooted Experience • THIS WEEK

The F3: Family-Faith-Formation Winter Session begins this week, meeting Wednesdays at 6:30pm thru 2/19. Enjoy classes like the group Bible Study on 2 Corinthians with Pastor Wray and options with SPL Youth and SPL Kids. (Several sections of the Rooted Experience are also meeting). Dinner at 5:30pm. Register today! (SPLDECATUR.ORG)

### Mission: St. Louis 2020 • Register by January 31

You can be one of the 100! Register by 1/31 for MISSION: ST. LOUIS happening June 21-26, 2020 at Extreme Faith STL. Dig in to an incredible serve experience and get equipped for making a difference in your own community. Connect with Pastor Mark & Pastor Bill (423-6955). REGISTER at SPLDECATUR.ORG

### Position Available • Apply by January 12

Interested in using your creative gifts in ministry? SPL is now adding a part time Internal Communications Coordinator (estimated 20 hrs/wk) to the team. Descriptions available at the Church Office and at SPLDECATUR.ORG. Interested persons should submit resume/letter/references to SPL by January 12th.

### Second Sunday @SPL • January 12

Making changes in the new year? Join us for this free workshop *Healthy Eating Made Simple* led by Wellness Coach Melanie Brown. All are welcome on Sunday, January 12th at 1:30pm (SPL Dining Room). Come learn how to set goals to fuel your body properly, learn how to organize your kitchen and food, and hear tips on how to eat the way God intended. (Sponsored by SPL Women)

### Get Moving @SPL • New Times in January

Grab your walking shoes, bring a friend, and come out to SPL for a Walk/Run Group Monday-Friday mornings (6:00-9:00AM) and Saturday mornings (7:00-9:00AM) beginning January 6th. Special Senior Route in Field House 11:30-2:30pm M-W-F. Come anytime and walk indoors or outdoors. All are welcome!

**New Member Mentor Training** • Sunday, January 19th at 9:15am  
 Become a New Member Mentor! Contact Pastor Mark Gearig at 217-423-6955

**Membership @SPL** • Class on February 2nd at 12:00pm  
 Register at SPLDECATUR.ORG or by calling Lisa Lovekamp at 217-423-6955

## SPL ADULTS

### SPL WOMEN

**Bible Study** • Tuesdays 10:30am

*Mondays 6:00pm is a Women's group for The Rooted Experience thru 2/24*

**SECOND SUNDAY @SPL** • JANUARY 12th at 1:30pm - Healthy Eating

### SPL ManUP MEN'S MINISTRY

**Men's Bible Study** • Saturday mornings 7:00am, The Loft

**Bible Study** • Thursdays 6:30am, Conference Room

## 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:** Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm (during Winter F3)

**SPL Kids F3:** Classes on Wednesday at 6:30pm (thru February 19)

**SPL Kids Family Fun Night** • February 7th 6-8pm

Games, music, dancing, food & fun! Family ticket \$5.00 (Available 1/18)

Watch for updates at [facebook.com/groups/SPLKids](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SPLKids) & via email.

## SPL YOUTH

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**Youth Gr 9-12** • Sunday Mornings at 9:15am in The Loft

**Confirmation Gr 7 & 8** • Sundays at 9:15am (Rm 122) - January 12th

**LoftTime Gr 7-12** • Tuesdays 3:30-5:30pm (When school is in session)

**Wednesday Night @ TheLoft** • Wednesdays at 6:30pm

## ELC & LSA

### ST. PAUL'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER

**JOIN OUR TEAM!** Classroom Positions available. Contact Kim at 217-424-9183.

### LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**LEAP for LSA:** Don't miss the LSA Dinner Auction happening on Leap Day, February 29th (MTZ Conv. Ctr). Doors Open at 5:00pm (Cash Bar, Appetizers, Silent Auction begins). Dinner at 6:30pm (Catered by Nelson's). Live Auction 7:30pm. Tix \$55