

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

SUNDAY 3/24 PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (In-Person & Online)
9:15 AM FX Family Experience (Great Room)
9:15 AM Sunday Education Time (Adults, Parents, Youth, Kids)
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship (In-Person & Online), SPL Littles
12:30 PM Easter Rehearsal - Praise Team & Choir (Worship Center)

MONDAY 3/25

9:00 AM SPL Play Date (Field House)

TUESDAY 3/26

11:30 AM G.A. Meeting (Room 122)
6:30 PM Good Friday Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 3/28 MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study with Jack Barr (Conference Room)
5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY 3/29 GOOD FRIDAY - ELC Closed

12:30 PM Communion Service
1:00 PM Good Friday Worship
6:30 PM Communion Service
7:00 PM Good Friday Worship

SATURDAY 3/30

7:00 AM SPL Men Bible Study (Conference Room)
9:30 AM Easter Rehearsal

SUNDAY 3/31 EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Worship
8:00 AM Easter Freedom Celebration (In-Person & Online)
10:30 AM Easter Freedom Celebration (In-Person & Online), SPL Littles

MONDAY 4/1 Church Office Closed

Follow SPL Field House at [FACEBOOK/SPLFIELDHOUSE](https://www.facebook.com/SPLFIELDHOUSE)
& check church calendar for latest activity schedule

CONNECTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

2024 Career Fair 3/28 11AM-3PM (Richland Community College)
Critter & Egg-Stra Special Egg Hunts 3/30 1:15 PM (Scovill Zoo)
Veterans Recognition Program 3/30 1PM (Decatur Civic Center)
Have You Filled a Bucket Today?: The Musical 4/2 10AM (Kirkland F.A.C.)
Nunsense 4/5-7 & 4/12-14 times vary (Decatur Civic Center)
Daddy-Daughter Play Night 4/5 6-9PM (Decatur Indoor Sports Center)

LOVE

For additional details, connect with us at info@spldecatatur.org

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.

CONNECT WITH US & SHARE YOUR STORY

Visit our website at [SPLDECATUR.ORG](https://www.spldecatatur.org)

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

Follow us on Insta/YouTube at [@SPLDECATUR](https://www.instagram.com/SPLDECATUR)

View Live Stream at [SPLDECATUR.ORG/WATCH](https://www.spldecatatur.org/watch)

Learn about our Early Learning Center at [ELCDECATUR.ORG](https://www.elcdecatatur.org)



FORGIVING CHALLENGE



S.C.A.R.S.

SANCTIFICATION

6:00 PM WORSHIP

MARCH 23, 2024

PASTOR ROB GOODWIN

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



And it shall come to pass that
everyone who calls upon the name
of the Lord shall be saved.

ACTS 2:21

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

*Christ Be Magnified
Evidence*

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Join us as the SPL Family in Prayer by becoming part of our group on Facebook. Go to [facebook.com/groups/SPLPrayer](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SPLPrayer) or submit requests online - Go to [spldecatatur.org/prayer](https://www.spldecatatur.org/prayer).

Message

"FORGIVING CHALLENGE: Sanctification"

Pastor Mark Gearig

Zechariah 9:9-12, Acts 2:14-24, 36-41, Mark 11:1-11

Confession & Absolution

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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. Ushers will guide you when it is your time to come forward.

Communion

Hosanna

Closing Song

I've Witnessed It

Blessing



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A Note About Offering

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. Please place your envelope in the collection box, click **GIVING** at SPLDECATUR.ORG, or mail your Offering Envelope to SPL. You may also return Connect Cards to the box.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP IN-PERSON & ONLINE*
FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28
6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Communion Service
12:30 PM & 6:30 PM

No Worship on Saturday, March 30

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31
SUNRISE SERVICE
6:30 AM
FREEDOM CELEBRATION
8:00 AM* & 10:30 AM*

Pick up an Invite Card from the Fellowship Area
Use it to invite others to worship with us this Easter!

*WORSHIP ONLINE AT SPLDECATUR.ONLINE.CHURCH

LET US KNOW YOU'RE WORSHIPING WITH US!

Complete a **CONNECT CARD** In-Person or Online
Available in the pews or at SPLDECATUR.ORG/FORMS.
Return cards to the offering baskets at Offering time.

THE ROOTED EXPERIENCE Begins April 7

Find a fresh encounter with Jesus and His purpose for your life. In your Rooted group you will gather once a week for 10 weeks and talk about what God has been revealing to you and others through weekly readings, journal entries, and prayer. The next session begins the week of April 7. Sign up in the Fellowship area or visit spldecatgur.org/forms now.

FAMILY AND FAITH CELEBRATION - BAPTISM

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Kailana Reign Michelle Allen (1/18/24), daughter of Caleb Call & Morgan Allen, and Kyrell Imani Haynes (10/5/23), son of Kyrell Haynes & Bailey Allen. Please welcome Kailana & Kyrell to our family of faith and congratulate them and their family as they receive new life in Christ. Blessings!



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Everett & Judy Lawrence in memory of their 40th wedding anniversary.

SPECIAL EVENTS

UNITY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST · April 6

Hosted at Unity from 8:00-10:30 AM. Open to all! Come and invite others along to enjoy breakfast together and see what's happening at Unity! Tours available. Enter on the west side of the building (Elementary entrance).

EASTER FLOWERS FOR SPL & YOU · Sign up now!

Help beautify St. Paul's Sanctuary - and your home - this Easter! Visit the sign up chart in the Fellowship Area, choose your flowers (lilies, tulips, daffodils, or hyacinths), and place \$9/pot (cash or check) in the envelope provided. After the 10:30 AM worship on Easter Sunday, take your flowers home for your table or to plant in your garden.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

March 28 6:30 PM - **Maundy Thursday**
March 29 1:00 & 7:00 PM - **Good Friday**
12:30 & 6:30 PM - Communion Service
March 31 6:30 AM - **Easter Sunrise with Communion**
8:00 & 10:30 AM - **Easter Freedom Celebration**

SPL FAMILY

EARLY LEARNING CENTER facebook.com/ELCDecatur

Now hiring teachers and Assistant Director. Contact Jamie at 217-424-9183.

SPL KIDS facebook.com/groups/SPLKids & [YT@SPLKids](https://facebook.com/YT@SPLKids)

NURSERY available during worship for kids Infant-3yrs.

KIDS EDUCATION TIME Sundays at 9:15 AM (2nd floor).

PLAY DATE Monday, March 25 in the Field House 9-11 AM.

SPL YOUTH facebook.com/groups/SPLYouth

MISSION TRIP 2024 Registration deadline March 31. Register now!

SPL PARENTS facebook.com/groups/SPLParents

Sunday 9:15 AM - **During Lent meet in Dining Room.**

SPL MEN facebook.com/groups/SPLMen

Thursdays 6:30 AM Bible Study (Conference Room)

Saturdays 7:00 AM Bible Study (Conference Room)

SPL WOMEN facebook.com/groups/SPLWomen

UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL facebook.com/UnityDecatur

A Ministry of the Lutheran School Association

The UNITY Era - RED & BLACK GALA is May 3. **TICKETS**

ARE NOW AVAILABLE - Just \$40 each! Scan the code or visit

<https://flow.page/unitydinnerauction> to connect with the ticket

link and all other information related to our event - start getting

ready for MAY 3rd! All who purchase a ticket by APRIL 30th

will be ENTERED TO WIN a "Red Carpet Arrival" - thanks to the generosity of

BK's Limo, the winner (and up to two couples of choice) will be picked up by

limousine and enjoy a ride in style to the Red & Black Gala where you'll make

your red carpet entrance. You'll also receive a limo ride home at the end of the

evening. Can't attend? Consider donating a ticket for a teacher.



WE WORSHIP BETTER TOGETHER

Last weekend attendance in person: 528

Last weekend attendance online: 140

Average attendance for the last 4 weeks: 628

GIVING 2024

Last Week's Offering: \$34,337

2024 Budget Goal: \$2,170,000

YTD Giving: \$436,358 (20.11% of budget goal)