

## MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to participate in a Bible study entitled *Man-up! How the Fruit of the Spirit Can Make You a New Man*. Co-taught by Eddie and Fitz, the study is currently meeting each Thursday through March 26. Fellowship with coffee and donuts at 6:30am and stay for the study from 6:45am-7:30am.

**Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Equipping Conference** will be held at Springfield First United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 21; cost is \$39. The day will be a great time of fellowship, worship, equipping, and learning how to be a better man with hundreds of men from the Springfield area. Sign up on Sunday, March 8 or 15, in the Concourse. Look for the sword.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Serve!** On Saturday, March 14, we will be serving our community by cleaning up litter from Wabash Trail, a hiking/biking trail in Springfield that is in need of attention. We will be meeting at the South Entrance at 1:15pm and carpooling to various points along the trail. If you show up late for the carpool, call John Minick at 741-2680 for directions to the current location. All supplies will be provided; pizza and soda will be available afterwards for all volunteers. Rain date is March 28.

**Grow!** The next Grow is Friday, March 20, 7:00pm, at the home of John & Becky Minick (2043 Briarcliff Drive). For information, contact John at johnm@wschurch.org.

## MISSIONS

**Mission of Hope:** Steve Stewart and Erik Wolle have prepared a one-week presentation of their time on the mission field in Africa and will be sharing good news about West Side's

## STATISTICS

**Feb. 22, 2009** AM Worship – 2209 (2168 avg)  
Offering – \$76,852.66 (\$78,379.13 avg)

**March 1, 2009** AM Worship – 2180 (2169 avg)  
Offering – \$87,946.11 (\$79,442.13 avg)

## New Members (February 22-March 1, 2009)

**By Baptism:** Justin Jennings, Dan Lanterman, David Hatmaker, Connie Margaron, Brenna Whalen, Timothy Sondgeroth, Mary Colleen Garrett, Anne Iacono, Loretta Ingebrigtsen, Pam Lawson, Preston Peddy, Lindsey Gushes, Sylvia Stone, Jeff Stoner

**By Transfer:** Judy Shaw, Marlene Pochynok, Katherine Herman, Nick & Jami Kasprzyk, Deana Poole, Mark, Shannon & Luke Whalen, Rich & Norma Reynolds, Nick Marsters, Douglas, Kim & Whitney Robinson, Tonna Hamilton, Ken Townsend

partnership with Mission of Hope as follows:

- Homebuilders, April 19, 8am, Centennial Hall 1
- Beau Knots, April 26, 9:30am, Centennial Hall 2
- TLC, May 3, 11:00am, All Purpose Room
- TruthSeekers, May 10, 9:30am, Centennial Hall 1

**Mission Trips 2009:** The team helping to build a church in the Dominican Republic left on February 28 as planned; they will return March 7. The May/June trip to Mexico City is closed – please pray for their trip to Ninos de Mexico. There is still an opportunity to participate in the early August trip to ProEm Ministries in Poland. Please contact missions@wschurch.org or Barb Sachtleben at barbs@wschurch.org for information. The July 6-10 trip to Cookson Hills Christian Mission (open to families as well as individuals) also has space for more. Contact Tami Schroeder or missions@wschurch.org.

**Pennies for Penicillin** is an Adult Bible Fellowship activity coordinated by West Side's mission team that helps provide much needed aid in maintaining the free medical clinics in Indonesia. Canisters will be available in each ABF throughout March.

## THIS 'N THAT

**Daylight Savings Time** begins on March 8 and ends on November 1, 2009. Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour next Sunday (spring forward!).

**Assisted Parking Ministry** is available every Sunday morning before and after the 8:00 and 9:30 services for ANYONE who would like extra assistance in making their way into the building, and parking their vehicle. Pull up under the South Entrance Canopy and one of our team members will assist you. Your vehicle will be parked with care, and your keys will be kept in a secure location until you are ready to leave the building. And, if you would like information about serving in this ministry, contact Rick Draughan at 487-7360.

**West Side Ladies Quilting Group:** If you enjoy quilting, or would like to learn how to quilt, the Quilting Group meets each Tuesday in Centennial Hall. The quilts and projects completed by this group are often sent to missionaries for use in their ministries, and to those in need. For more information, contact Velma Hulbert at 544-0127.

**Chris & Melissa Sandel** proudly announce the birth of their son, JACK TITUS, who was born February 24, weighing 9 lbs. 7 oz. Congratulations!

**Thank You Note:** We would like to thank all those who served communion, visited, and prayed continuously throughout the illness and recent passing of our mom, Nancy Warren. We also thank you for providing a place for our family to come together after Mom's funeral. Stephanie Warren & Kim Hurley

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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## CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES

### Famous Last Words

Jesus was the most intentional person ever. Nothing he did or said was incidental or arbitrary. Many of us have owned Bibles in which the words of Jesus were printed in red to highlight them. While it's tough to identify the most important words spoken by Jesus, some of his most compelling words are those spoken as he died. This series will explore those "famous last words" and attempt to deepen their impact on our lives. Join us as we study the words of Jesus, spoken from the cross.

3/8 – A Word of Pardon                      3/29 – A Word of Humility  
3/15 – A Word of Assurance                4/5 – A Word of Despair  
3/22 – A Word of Devotion                 4/12 – A Word of Finality

### Easter Sunday Service Times

7:45am – Traditional  
9:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am – Contemporary

## FOR OUR GUESTS

**New to West Side?** Visit our website, [www.wschurch.org](http://www.wschurch.org), and click on the "New To West Side" button. Find up-to-date information that will help you connect to life at West Side.

**Welcome Center:** Guests are invited to stop by the Welcome Center any Sunday morning to meet some of our staff, grab a gourmet beverage at Guest Perking and receive a special gift.

**Questions?** If you have questions about your faith or WSCC, please contact Robin Pickett at [robinp@wschurch.org](mailto:robinp@wschurch.org) or 793-2800, ext. 3417.

## UPCOMING ELECTIVES

**Our Prayer Ministry Team** will host their quarterly one-week Prayer Intercessors' elective on Sunday, March 29, 11:00am, SCS Library. No registration is required. If you would like to learn more about how to take that next step to becoming a prayer intercessor, this 1-week class is for you!

**Becoming A Contagious Christian** (4 weeks) will meet in the Cafeteria, 9:30am, beginning April 19. Register at [Contagious@wschurch.org](mailto:Contagious@wschurch.org). This class is offered 2-3 times per

year and is considered one of our core elective classes highly recommended for those newer members or anyone who wants to discover their personal style of sharing their faith with others.

**Good \$ense Budget Course** will be held April 17-18, in the All Purpose Room. Register online at wschurch.org, click on the ministry link at the upper left. Information is also available at the church office (793-2800). Sessions 1-2 are Friday, April 17, 6:00-9:30pm; Sessions 3-6 are Saturday, April 18, 8:30-1:00pm. Cost is \$25/couple or \$15/single; pre-work is recommended (download online or pick up a copy at the church office).

## VOLUNTEERS

**iSERVE Volunteer Expo – March 8 & March 15:** Not yet among the hundreds at West Side who volunteer? We need YOU on one of our many volunteer ministry teams. Stop by the Concourse counters on Sunday, March 8 or Sunday, March 15 to connect with a volunteer opportunity! You can preview the available positions by checking out [www.wschurch.org/serve](http://www.wschurch.org/serve).

**Hey Volunteers, YOU ROCK!** Save the date for our 3rd annual Volunteer Celebration on Friday, April 24, 6:00pm. Taylor Mason, a talented comedian, ventriloquist and musician will join us for an evening of laughter and entertainment. Childcare and pizza will be provided for birth - age 12, by reservation only. If you're a volunteer at West Side, you're invited to join us for all the fun. Online registration will begin March 16.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**West Side's 60+ Senior Adult Ministry**  
**RENEW Senior Adult Ministry Kickoff**  
**Thursday, April 2, 6:00pm**

Here are just a few things that will take place at the Kickoff:

- Enjoy a free catered meal served at 6:00pm
- Meet and get to know the Ministry Staff
- Hear from Eddie Lowen and Mike Harney regarding the Senior Adult Ministry
- Spring into action with current opportunities and anticipate new ways to serve as the ministry grows
- Make a statement that you want to help create and grow a healthy place for Senior Adults to worship and serve
- Join us in a time of prayer for God's leading

**Register** by March 26 at 793-2800 (church office) or on the back of your communication card on March 8 or 15.

## WORSHIP/ARTS/TECH

**Choir rehearses** on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in the Music Room through Easter. Come and sing!

## FAMILY MINISTRY

**Family Film Fest** is planned for March 6, 6:30-8:30pm, for our next FAMILY FUN NIGHT (free!). We'll even throw in the candy and popcorn too! This is for families with children (birth through 18 years old/high school). We'll be watching Toy Story and a few short animated featurettes. Dress up as your favorite movie character of all time (it's not required but it certainly will add to the fun!) We'll even have some extra things planned before, after and at intermission, which will give your family an opportunity to win some cool prizes. Bring some fun chairs, bean bags or blankets to spread out. We'll be watching the movies in the Chapel. RSVP at 793-2800 or email your family name and how many people will be coming to [jessicas@wschurch.org](mailto:jessicas@wschurch.org).

**Parent Elective** – On Sunday, March 8, 9:30am, Josh LeVeque, our IT Director, will be leading a session on protecting kids online. In a world that is increasingly connected to the internet, come learn some simple ways that you can help guard your students against the dangerous aspects of the internet.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**The Early Childhood Ministry** is looking for a few more volunteers for both the nursery and the preschool areas during the 9:30 and 11:00am services. If you might be interested in volunteering with infants, toddlers or preschoolers, please contact [jessicas@wschurch.org](mailto:jessicas@wschurch.org) for more information. All volunteers must be background-checked and are asked to serve at least one Sunday each month.

## STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High)

**Implosion** meets each Sunday, 9:30am, E200; **Fuel Small Groups** meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm in the Education Wing; new students are always welcome. **CIY Believe** info will be in the mail this week. If you're signed up, please get us your t-shirt sizes and room preferences ASAP.

## STUDENT LIFE (High School)

**Student Life Connection** meets Sunday, 9:30am, E204. Check our new look Sunday, March 8 and enjoy some **free Panera**. **Small Groups** meet each Wednesday 7:30pm-9:00pm. **The SPOT Road Rally** is March 28; cost is \$5.00. **Spring Break Service Project is Refuge Ranch:** Week #1, March 17-18; Week #2, April 7-8; cost is \$25. Sign up in Connection. **Upward Concessions** have begun. Bring your donations to the church office. If you have any questions regarding work times, contact Darrin Clark at 836-0660.

## SINGLES MINISTRY

**Singles Volleyball:** will resume Friday, April 3.

**Living Pure in an Impure World (by Dennis Franck):** This DVD series is currently meeting through March 20, 6:00pm,

in E205. The series addresses issues many singles and young adults face regarding issues of sexuality. Please consider attending.

**March 10—SALT Dinner:** Tuesday, March 10, 5:30pm, at Cara Mongolian Bar-B-Cue near Target. Bring a \$10 deposit to Singles ABF by March 8 to reserve your spot. All no-shows will forfeit their money.

**March 14—International Food Night:** Sample foods from around the world on Saturday, March 14, 6pm, at Lakeview Lodge at Lake Springfield Christian Assembly. If you're interested in bringing food to represent a country, see Tina Neely or Kim Hughs in Singles ABF. Decorate your table to represent your country beginning at 4:30pm. Fun games will also be organized. For those not bringing food, please bring a donation of Betty Crocker Complete Meals or Hamburger/Tuna Helper for West Side's Food Pantry.

**March 27—Talk It Over:** Andy Morgan is coming back to speak with our group on Friday, March 27, 6:30pm, in Centennial Hall on **Call it Love or Call it Quits**. This roundtable discussion will deal with recognizing red flags, defining your deal breakers and the importance of seeking godly characteristics in your future or current mate. Child care and light snacks are provided.

**March 28—Volleyball at Lincoln:** Saturday, March 28, 4:00-6:30pm, at the YMCA (no charge!). Carpool from the church parking lot at 3pm; sign up in Singles ABF.

**Upcoming in April:** Singles Paintball (April 4) and Casablanca Night at LSCA (April 25).

## COMMUNITY CARE

**Danger vs. Opportunity** - Did you realize that the average crisis lasts for about six weeks? By the end of a month and a half, people usually come to some solution. Stephen Ministry can help people find a positive resolution to crises. Call the church office at 793-2800 and ask for Stephanie Dugan, Director of Community Care.

**Single Parent Ministry** will host a lasagna dinner on Friday, March 6, 6:30pm; childcare will be provided. Contact Kim Rigney at [Rigney@xanadoo.com](mailto:Rigney@xanadoo.com) or 525-2896 for information.

**Food Pantry Needs:** *Complete Meals, chunky soups, jelly, beef stew, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner.* These items may be left in the large green bins under the staircase near the Main Entrance or at the church office.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFT NIGHT:** Friday, March 6 from 6:30pm – midnight, Centennial Hall 3, on. Bring your own supplies and a snack to share. Contact Joni Colle at 725-6715 or [jdcolle@gmail.com](mailto:jdcolle@gmail.com).