

who have taken tags to purchase gifts or to help with postage expense, but there are lots of gift tags left. Tags will be available in ABF's through this Sunday, August 9, or by contacting Steve Stewart at [missions@wschurch.org](mailto:missions@wschurch.org).

**Very important reminder:** When taking a tag, please cut off the bottom portion and leave it at the counter. This provides the Missions Ministry Team with important documentation for each gift. Keep the top of the tag and the instruction sheet for future reference.

**Please follow the instructions carefully,** as each tag is slightly different. For example, U.S. gifts may be wrapped, but overseas gifts must NOT be wrapped. Also, check writing directions vary depending on the missionary. Gifts should be returned by August 15 to the church office (second level) on Sundays or throughout the week. We want to make sure they reach the missionaries in time for Christmas.

## ELECTIVES

**Beyond Bible Basics** (3 weeks) begins August 23, 30 and September 6 at 9:30am in the SCS Library with Patrick Barnthson. Register via e-mail: [electives@wschurch.org](mailto:electives@wschurch.org);

**Caring Like Christ** (an intro to Stephen Ministry) is currently meeting through September 6 at 11:00am in CHI with Shirley Henninger; no registration necessary.

**Please note: due to Cindy's surgery, the Catholicism 101 elective will be postponed until the first of the year.**

## FOR OUR GUESTS

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

## STATISTICS

**July 26, 2009** AM Worship: 1981 (2122 average)  
Offering: \$84,412.64 (\$79,300.94 average)

**August 2, 2009** AM Worship: 1978 (2118 average)  
Offering: \$86,841.45 (\$79,544.18 average)

### New Members: July 26-August 2, 2009

**By Baptism:** Nicole Kirk; Lorna Scheuermann

**By Transfer:** Kevin Kirk

**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 email [guestinfo@wschurch.org](mailto:guestinfo@wschurch.org).

## COMMUNITY CARE

### Caring Like Christ - An Introduction to Stephen

**Ministry:** Finding Stephen Ministers is the next step for our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Interested persons should attend *Caring Like Christ - An Introduction to Stephen Ministry*, currently meeting through September 6, 11:00am, CHI (it's not too late to participate). An additional Stephen Ministry informational meeting will be held Sunday, September 13, immediately following 3rd service. A light lunch will be served.

**West Side's Food Pantry Needs:** Items needed this week include: Jell-O, boxed cereal, canned pasta, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, tuna helper, canned green beans and creamed corn, tuna, canned fruit, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes. These items may be left in the black bins under the staircase near the Main Entrance.

## ENHANCING CHURCH SECURITY

You may notice an increased security presence on the church property. We want to enhance the safety of the church, and ensure that the church campus is used only for authorized activities.

## THIS 'N THAT

**Congratulations** to Ricky & Melanie Hatton on the birth of their daughter, SLOAN PIPER! Sloan was born July 21, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz.; her big sister is Savannah (age 1 ½).

### 3rd Annual Springfield Christian School Golf Outing

is Friday, September 11, at The Rail Golf Course, with a 12:30 shotgun start. Cost is \$75 per player, which includes golf, lunch and prizes. Sign up in the concourse or contact John Engle at 494-7405 or [missingkiawah@comcast.net](mailto:missingkiawah@comcast.net) for more information.

### Lake Springfield Christian Assembly 70th anniversary

**celebration** is Sunday, August 23, 2:00-6:00pm. The afternoon will include praise and worship, special speaker (Lynn Laughlin), music, food, camp songs, camp nostalgia and acknowledgements, pool, canoeing, cardboard regatta, bounce houses and more. For more information, visit [www.lscacamp.org](http://www.lscacamp.org).

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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## CURRENT TEACHING SERIES

West Side's summer teaching series is an adventure of biblical proportions! *Around the Word in 80 Days* is guiding us through the Bible on an exploration of its major personalities and themes. Whether you need to develop a basic understanding of the Bible, or add to what you know, our summer series will help.

**Bible Reading Plans.** Pick up a passport reading plan at the resource table in the concourse.

**Twitter Us!** If you're going on the journey, tweet your progress with hashtag #WSATW to let us know where you are! You can also follow WSAroundtheWord for updates.

## SCHOOLPALOOZA

### An Out-of-the-Ordinary School Supply Drive

This summer, West Side Christian Church is partnering with Springfield School District #186 in an effort to provide school supplies for 200 under-resourced students in our community. In addition, we'll engage in creative efforts to bless 100 teachers by providing teacher materials and offering hands-on-assistance in their classrooms.

We need your help to make this \$10,000 project a reality. More than 75 students still need adopted! More than 75 teachers still need adopted! Financial donations are also needed. Visit [wschurch.org](http://wschurch.org) for additional information.

## FOSTER PARENTING INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Jacob Matich, Foster Parent Recruiter, from Lutheran Child and Family Services will be presenting an Informational Meeting in Centennial Hall on Sunday, August 9, 4:00-5:30 pm. There are thousands of children in foster care in the state of Illinois. Lutheran Child and Family Services [LCFS] works with DCFS to ensure that children who are being abused and neglected are removed from that environment and placed in a safe, nurturing and loving home. Many of the children in foster care have never been shown sincere love or had the security and comfort of knowing they will have a meal, a warm bed, a loving parent or

many of the things we take for granted. You are an ideal foster parent candidate if you have the ability to:

- provide a home for an abused or neglected child
- provide structure and stability to a child who has never felt truly secure
- ability to love a child just as if they were your own

As a foster parent you can count on support from LCFS. Financial support is provided and all foster children receive the medical card. LCFS employees will help with all stages of the process.

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

**The Next Parent Elective** is Sunday, August 16, 9:30am, in the cafeteria. We'll be talking about setting good boundaries and modeling good principles with TV, movies and other areas of media.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** Save our blog to your list of favorite links! Check it out at [www.westsidekids.org](http://www.westsidekids.org). If you are on Twitter, follow [westsidekids](https://twitter.com/westsidekids) to stay connected and be the first to know what's coming next!

**Kindergarten Promotion Party** is Sunday, August 30, 12:30pm. Moving up from the Early Childhood Ministry to the Elementary Ministry is BIG STUFF! We want to celebrate this transition with your family and give your child an opportunity to tour their new Sunday School classroom and visit the Power-House room. If your child is beginning Kindergarten, please join us for lunch on Sunday, August 30.

**STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High): Implosion** meets each Sunday, 9:30am, E200. **Just Add Power** is our summer project to raise over \$10,000 and provide electricity for a Jr. High school in Kenya. If you have a new item or service you would like to donate for the **Dinner/Silent Auction** on Sunday, August 30 (pick up a free ticket in the concourse beginning August 16), please contact Dawn Oettel ([dawno@wschurch.org](mailto:dawno@wschurch.org)). Visit [www.JustAddPower.org](http://www.JustAddPower.org) for lots of great ways you can help us reach our goal. **8th Grade Graduation Party** is Friday, August 14, 6:00-9:00pm, at the Duff's house. We'll swim, grill out, play some games and celebrate moving on to high school!

**STUDENT LIFE (High School): Connection** meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204. **Back to the 80's Student Party** will be Saturday, August 15, 6:00-8:00pm in E204. That's right, school is almost here! We're hoping to ease the transition with a party all about the 80's. There will be a costume contest, so come decked out in your best 80's gear. We'll also have Frogger and Tetris competitions and loads of other rad things to do. Make sure not to miss this event and invite all your friends.

**High School Leaders Cookout:** Our new high school guy, Josh Ryder would like to meet all the leaders involved in High School Ministry. What better way than a cookout? All leaders are welcome to attend a cookout at the Ryder's, 1312 Weston Pointe, on Wednesday, August 26 from 5:00-8:00pm. Please bring a lawn chair and a favorite lawn game.

**New High School Student Ministry Blog:** The High School Ministry has expanded and we now have our own corner of the internet. Make it a point to wander over to our new High School Ministry Blog at [www.studentlife.wschurch.org](http://www.studentlife.wschurch.org)

. This is your one-stop shop for all of your High School Ministry needs, Sunday Morning, Small Groups, Downloadable Forms, it's all there. Read up on what's happening, what's being planned, and what Josh has to say. This is a great point of connection for you to engage with our ministry.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Want more information about Young Adult Ministry? Check out the young adult web site ([www.wschurch.org/youngadults](http://www.wschurch.org/youngadults)) and our Facebook group ("WS Young Adults"). For more details about young adult activities and small group opportunities contact [johnm@wschurch.org](mailto:johnm@wschurch.org).

## SINGLES MINISTRY

**Join us for volleyball** every Friday in August, 7pm. **Wednesday & Saturday Bike Rides:** Join us on the Wabash/Chatham trail beginning at 5:30pm (weather permitting). On August 12 and 26, begin by BJ Salon (Robbins Rd); on August 5 and 19, begin at the Chatham post office. The group will stop to eat afterwards. On Saturdays, the group meets at 10:30am behind Sonic on Wabash. **Forest Park Bike Ride** (St. Louis, MO): Meet at Toronto Road (at the old Hardee's) on Saturday, August 8, at 9am to carpool to St. Louis. We'll bike at Forest Park and spend most of the day in St. Louis visiting other attractions. **A Night at Knight's Action Park** is Sunday, August 9, 5:30pm, for putt-putt. Some may wish to ride go-carts, hit at the driving range or other activities. **SALT Dinner at the Fairgrounds:** Meet at the Lincoln statue at 6:00pm on Monday, August 17, and enjoy great State Fair food and events that evening. **Balloon Fest in Lincoln:** The singles group in Lincoln has invited West Side singles to a Balloon Fest Potluck at Taylor Hall at Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln on Saturday, August 29. Carpool from West Side parking lot at 2pm to Taylor Hall (located on Route 10, just across a field from the airport where the balloons will be). Balloon lift-off will be at 6pm. Dinner will be at 7pm. A short devotion will follow. Sign up in Singles class to bring a dish for the potluck. The Lincoln singles group will provide drinks and tableware. **Summer Study at**

**Washington Park:** Join us Tuesdays, August 11 & 25, for the final two weeks of the series entitled Growing to Be Like Christ. Meet by the lodge/gazebo at 6:30pm and bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, meet at the pavilion next to the playground.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Scrapbooking/Craft Night** is Friday, August 7 from 6:30pm – midnight, Centennial Hall 3. Participants bring their own supplies and a snack to share. Questions? Contact Joni Colle at 787-6246, 725-6715 or [jdcolle@gmail.com](mailto:jdcolle@gmail.com).

**Women in Study** will have a modified schedule in the fall for 5 weeks from October 14 – November 11. The morning session runs 9-11:00am and the evening session runs 6:30-8:00pm.

## SENIOR ADULTS

**Charlie's "Angels"**, a part of the West Side Senior Adult Ministry, will meet Thursday, August 27, 6:00pm in Centennial Hall. Dinner tickets are \$6 by August 24 and \$8 after that date. The dinner menu is fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. Tickets will be available in U & I, Beau Knots and TNT Adult Bible Fellowships, as well as the Welcome Center, on August 16 and 23. The program, a concert by True Blue (an award-winning barbershop quartet) will begin at 7:00pm. Co-captains are Gary & Kathy Miller. Volunteers whose last name begins with M, N, O, P, Q and R should be at Centennial Hall no later than 4:45pm. Please note there will be no meeting in September, due to Seniors' Day Out at LSCA.

**Seniors' Day Out** at Lake Springfield Christian Assembly is Wednesday, September 23, 10:00am – 2:00pm (coffee at 9:30am). Darryl Bolen from Greenville First Christian Church will be speaking; the Melton Family Singers will share special music. Cost is \$10 by September 14; \$12 after that date. Registration forms are available at the church office.

## SMALL GROUPS

**First Place 4 Health** class will begin Monday, August 24, E205, 7:00pm. This Christ-centered weight loss program focuses on all aspects of healthy living: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. For more information, contact Brenda Reavis at 725-9744 or visit <http://firstplace4health.wschurch.org>.

## MISSIONS

**Poland Mission Team** will be leaving August 7 and returning August 16. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Christmas in July** allows West Side members and friends to purchase Christmas gifts for our missionaries and demonstrates our love and support in a personal way. Thank you to those