

Caring Like Christ - An Introduction to Stephen Ministry

is currently meeting through September 6, 11:00am, CHI. In this class you will get information on what the Stephen Ministry program is about and how Stephen Ministers are trained to be caregivers to those in need. An additional Stephen Ministry informational meeting will be held Sunday, September 13, immediately following 3rd service in CHI. A light lunch will be served.

Divorce Care: Are you divorced or separated and need some support getting through this challenging time? West Side Christian Church will be hosting an informational meeting about their Divorce Care ministry on Sunday, August 30, from 1:00-2:00pm in room E200. This session will also give you a glimpse of what to expect in the class and helps explain how the ministry works to help heal the hurting. A new 13-week session will start September 10.

Broken Promise, our divorce recovery ministry for children (ages 4 years up to 8th grade) and their parent, begins Tuesday, August 25, and will meet weekly from 6:45-8:00pm for 14 weeks.

Growing Through Grief is a time of learning and growing together in a Christian environment which encourages caring and sharing to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The fall 10-week session will start on Tuesday, September 8. Subsequent sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 7-9pm in Conference Room West.

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

STATISTICS

August 9, 2009 AM Worship – 2026 (2115 average)
Offering – \$80,607.54 (\$79,577.41 average)

August 16, 2009 AM Worship – 1997 (2111 average)
Offering - \$78,337.60 (\$79,539.84 average)

New Members: August 9 & 16, 2009

By Baptism: Elisabeth Brunner; Audrey & Abbie Jennings; Emily Smoot; Casey Young

By Transfer: Mitch & Tamara Losee; Brian, Teresa, Kaleb & Kelsie Wolters

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.

FOR OUR GUESTS

New to West Side? Visit 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.

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.

THIS 'N THAT

NEW BABIES:

• Tom & Carrie Daniels proudly announce the birth of their son, **THOMAS JACOB**, who was born August 3, weighing 5 lbs. 13 oz.

• Congratulations to Grant & Kimberly Crawford on the birth of their daughter, **CARLY ANN**, who was born August 10, weighing 4 lbs. 9 oz.

Thank You Note: Thanks to everyone for the many years of kindness and friendship provided my parents, Ed & Marjorie Mitckes. The help and assistance given them in their later years is very much appreciated. ~Mark Mitckes

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.

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 for more information.

Salvation Army Clothing Drive: On Sunday, September 13, we will be conducting a clothing drive for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army will have a truck parked on the southwest corner of the parking lot, which will be staffed from 7:30am – 12:30pm that day. **ONLY CLOTHING** will be accepted. Please do not bring donations to West Side before September 13.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Our Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of ways in both our Early Childhood Ministry (birth-preschool) and Elementary Ministry (Kindergarten-5th grade). Some roles that need **IMMEDIATE** volunteers include:

- 11:00 PowerHouse Small Group Leaders - contact Brigette Green (bridgetteg@wschurch.org).
- 9:30 Sunday School Volunteers for 2nd & 3rd grade - contact Missy Farley (missyf@wschurch.org).
- 9:30 or 11:00 Preschool Volunteers - contact Jessica Schildman (jessicas@wschurch.org).

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Attention Kids and Parents! Elementary Sunday school classes (K – 5th grade) will meet in E205 during the 9:30am service on August 30th for a 5th Sunday bash!

Promotion Sunday for all grades and classes is Sunday, September 6.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

There is a lot of great info at www.westsidekids.org to help our families stay connected to opportunities for their child. You can even subscribe to our blog and have the posts sent to you. Visit the blog and subscribe today.

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.

Promotion Sunday is September 6: Kids will begin attending their new classes on that morning. Watch the mail for info or check out www.westsidekids.org for information about your child's new classroom.

STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High):

Implosion meets each Sunday, 9:30am, E200. **Parent Meeting** for details about our upcoming school year is Sunday, August 25, at 5:15pm in E200. **Just Add Power** is our summer project to raise over \$10,000 and provide electricity for a Jr. High school in Kenya. Our final event is our Dinner/Auction on Sunday, August 30; auction bidding begins at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm. Stop by the concourse table on Sunday to pick up your free tickets. Great auction items include Golf Outings with Eddie, a trip to St. Louis with Chris Sandel for Jr. High students, a Progressive Dinner with the staff and much more! If you can help cook/setup on August 29 or August 30, or if you've got a donation for our silent auction, contact Dawn Oettel (dawn@wschurch.org). Visit www.JustAddPower.org for lots of great ways you can help us reach our goal. **YB Normal Dinner** to welcome in our new 6th graders is September 6, 5:00-6:00pm in CH.

STUDENT LIFE (High School):

Connection meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204. **High School Leaders Cookout:** All adult leaders in our High School Student ministry are invited to a Ministry Year Kickoff Cookout at the Ryders, 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 <http://studentlife.wschurch.org>. With Small Groups starting up just around the corner, make it a point to check out this resource.

A-I-M ~ ADULTS IN MINISTRY 60+

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 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 Sunday, August 23. The program, a concert by True Blue (award-winning barbershop quartet) will begin at 7:00pm. Co-captains are Gary & Kathy Miller. Volunteers this month are all seniors whose last name begins with M, N, O, P, Q and R; they should be at Centennial Hall no later than 4:45pm. Please call a sub and notify the co-captains if you cannot assist that evening.

Come and Go TNT Coffee Break is Thursday, September 10, 9:00-10:30am, in the Welcome Center. Come by for a cup of coffee, treats and a visit with friends!

Grandparents' Day Picnic with kids is Sunday, September 13, 12:00-1:30pm. Bring your own grandchildren or we can help you "adopt" one or two for the day. Bring your picnic basket filled with food for you and your "kids." Sign up at the A.I.M. concourse table on August 30 and September 6 from 9:00-9:30am or 10:25-11:00am.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Grow! The next GROW! is Friday, August 28, 7:00pm, at the home of John & Becky Minick (2043 Briarcliff Drive). GROW! is a monthly opportunity for young adults to grow deeper in their faith. This is a unique time to gather in an interactive environment that is bigger than a small group and more intimate than a Sunday Service. The lesson and discussion time will be informal and enjoyable. The dessert and fellowship time will be sweet as well.

Want more information about Young Adult Ministry? Check out the young adult web site (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.

SINGLES MINISTRY

Balloon Fest in Lincoln is 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. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

Summer Study at Washington Park: Join us Tuesday, August 25 and September 1, for 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.

Labor Day Potluck at Rochester City Park is Monday, September 7, 1:00pm. Please bring a dish and something to drink to share; eating utensils will be furnished. Bring your lawn chair to relax in and outdoor games to play after the potluck.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

6th Annual Women's Conference, "Flawed Women Loved By a Flawless God" is Saturday, October 24, 9:00am – 3:00pm, at West Side Christian Church. Tickets are \$25 (early bird tickets August 30-October 4) or \$30 tickets (October 5-19). Tickets (including a catered lunch, morning coffee and snacks) go on sale in the concourse Sunday, August 30. Don't miss **LIZ CURTIS HIGGS**, international author/speaker, editor, columnist, teacher and VERY funny lady!

Alive With Christ: Fall study will begin the week of September 14. This 8-week study by Beth Moore is based on Proverbs. Groups will meet on Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm or Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am. To register, call 793-2800. Childcare is provided; indicate childcare needs when you register.

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. The study will be from Max Lucado's Life Lessons series, ROMANS; book donation is \$5.

Aerobics for Women: Join us for aerobics Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm in E205 beginning Monday, August 31. Bring a water bottle, floor mat or towel. Some hand weights are available. Visit www.wschurch.org/aerobics for information.

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>.

Around the Word in 80 Days Group Experience: If you are newer to West Side, looking to meet other people, and want to dive in to what we're learning on Sunday mornings, join us for the Around the Word in 80 days Group Experience. Our next 3-week session begins this Sunday, August 23, 6:30-7:30pm, in E205. Dessert and childcare are provided. (No Bible experience needed, and don't worry about missing a night due to vacations and other summer plans. Our time together will be relaxed, casual, and meaningful.) Stop by the concourse counter this Sunday to sign up, or contact Kira Mulvany or Andrew Fitzgibbon.

COMMUNITY CARE

For more information about these ministries or to register, please contact the church at 793-2800.