

a \$20 deposit to reserve your spot! Questions? Contact Gary Boner at garyboner777@yahoo.com. Information is also available in Singles ABF.

COMMUNITY CARE

Food Pantry Needs: cereal, canned corn, cream corn, baked beans, beef stew, peanut butter, jelly, Tuna Helper, Complete Meals, canned pasta, spaghetti, Jell-O, pudding, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner. These items may be left in the large green bins near the Main Entrance or at the church office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Scrapbooking/Crafts: Those who enjoy scrapbooking and making other crafts are welcome to participate in a scrapbooking/craft night from 6:30pm – midnight, Centennial Hall 3, on Friday, May 1. Participants bring their own supplies and a snack to share. Questions? Contact Joni Colle at 787-6246, 725-6715 or jdcolle@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Serve! Special "care packages" for our friends away at college will be assembled on Saturday, April 25, 4:00pm, in E200. If you would like to help by baking cookies and other goodies in advance, or you want to participate in the group project on April 25, contact Amanda Trewartha at amandatree@gmail.com or John Minick at johnm@wschurch.org.

MISSIONS

Mexico Missions: West Side is sending a team to the Ninos de Mexico children's home in Mexico City in late May. Our team, led by Deb Knoles, would like to take funds to purchase medicines, clothing and other needs for the children. Checks may be written to West Side and given to Deb Knoles or

STATISTICS

April 12, 2009 (Easter Sunday)

AM Worship – 3334 (2206 average)

Offering – \$97,376.22 (\$80,743.20 average)

April 19, 2009

AM Worship – 2264 (2210 average)

Offering – \$90,006.68 (\$81,322.17 average)

New Members: April 12-19, 2009

By Baptism: Blaine Kemp, Ellie Savage, Michael & Nicole Wojcik, Zachary Ely, Aaron Moffitt

Steve Stewart. There will also be a designated counter in the Concourse on May 3 and May 17 where cash contributions will be received.

Mission Trips 2009: 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. If you are interested in the Cookson Hills mission trip, come to E117 (Miss Schroeder's SCS classroom) on Monday, April 27, 7:00pm, for an informational meeting. If you have any questions, you may e-mail Tami Schroeder at tamis@wschurch.org.

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 partnership with Mission of Hope as follows: Beau Knots, April 26, 9:30am, CH2; TLC, May 3, 11:00am, AP; TruthSeekers, May 10, 9:30am, CH1.

THIS 'N THAT

Work Day at LSCA is Saturday, May 2, 8:30am (cinnamon rolls served at 8:00am!). People are needed to clean, vacuum, hammer, and climb on roofs, so bring your gloves and get ready to help.

Men's Golf League will play Monday evenings from May 4 through August 17 at The Rail Golf Club. Cost is \$50 for a league member or \$20 as a league substitute. Those interested may sign up at a designated counter in the Concourse on April 26. Contact John Engle at missingkiawah@comcast.net for more information.

Lake Springfield Christian Assembly: West Side's PANTRY PROJECT for the summer camp season is *napkins*; they use lots! Napkin donations may be left at the Welcome Center or church office. The camp is also in need of **TWO KITCHEN HELPERS** for June 18 and July 30; please contact Erik Wolle at 787-0477 if you can help.

Christian Day Care Center (CDCC) fall registration dates are currently ongoing for SCS/WSCC families, April 27 for Christian Church families, and open registration will begin May 4. **Summer Play Group:** Do you have plans for your preschool child this summer? If not, we may have the program you've been looking for. Christian Day Care Center is offering a M,W,F 9:00-11:30 play group for 3-5 year olds. If you are interested please call Kim, Linda, or Judy in the CDCC office at 787-7673.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES

WIPEOUT! Profiles in Forgiveness

We've heard a lot about bailouts in recent months...but what about wipeouts? When many of us were kids, a wipeout was a bad fall, a bike wreck, or a car crash. But Acts 3:19 says that God wants to wipe out our sins and refresh us!

No promise in scripture is more comforting than the promise of forgiveness through Jesus Christ. However, forgiveness is not a one-way street. God calls us to be both forgiven and forgiving.

In this series we are examining four biblical people whose lives intersected with forgiveness in one way or another. We will not only explore the depth of God's forgiveness, but also the danger of ignoring it or failing to share it.

April 26 – The Forgiven

May 3 – The Unforgiving

May 10 – The Forgiving

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 gift.

Questions? If you have questions about your faith or WSCC, please contact Robin Pickett at robinp@wschurch.org or 793-2800, ext. 3417.

PRAYER MINISTRY

National Day of Prayer 2009 will take place Thursday, May 7. Millions will unite in prayer as thousands of events will take place from coast to coast. This year's theme is "Prayer...America's Hope." The Springfield event will be held at the Illinois State Capitol's east lawn from noon to 1:00pm.

WEST SIDE 101

Newer to West Side? Attending West Side 101 is a great way to become familiar with our beliefs, purpose and personality. Led by Lead Minister Eddie Lowen, West Side 101 is ideal for newcomers who desire a clearer understanding of biblical baptism, church membership, and what it means to be a Christ-follower.

You can also expect an overview of topics like:

- Is it intellectually sound to trust the Bible?
- Is baptism important for me? Is my previous baptism sufficient?
- What is West Side's leadership model?
- How are WSCC members asked to express their commitment?

The next West Side 101 will be held Sunday, May 3, 4:00-6:30pm, in the All Purpose Room. A light meal will be provided and childcare is available upon request. For either registration or information, email WS101@wschurch.org or call the church office at 793-2800. You may also sign up on the back of your Communication Card on Sunday, April 26.

ELECTIVES

Becoming a Contagious Christian is currently meeting through May 10, 9:30am in the Cafeteria. It's not too late to jump in and it's a great way to begin discovering your personal style of sharing your faith with others; no registration is required.

Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No, To Take Control of Your Life – This 9-week video study will focus on the life changing book *Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No, To Take Control of Your Life*. In this book, authors Cloud and Townsend show readers how to set reasonable boundaries in order to follow the true path of Christianity. The study will be offered Sundays from May 17 – July 12 at 9:30am in the Cafeteria. Participant guides will be available to purchase for \$8.00. To register or for more information, contact the church office at 793-2800.

SMALL GROUPS

Small Group Leader Workshop: If you're a small group leader or host and did not attend the April 7 or April 9 workshop, please plan to attend one of the small group leader training workshops scheduled for you on April 28 or April 30 in CH3, 6:30-8:00pm. Join us for fun, relevant and practical training and discussion on the purpose and plan of small groups centered on how we accomplish both deep, personal connection and

spiritual transformation. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to elizabethw@wschurch.org. If you need childcare, be sure to include the names and ages of your children.

VOLUNTEERS

Top 5: To view the Top 5 ministry areas currently in greatest need of volunteers, visit www.wschurch.org/serve.

The Early Childhood Ministry is looking for an adult or high school student who has a really fun spirit to help with a new puppet element in West Side's preschool worship environment. If you have a desire to help our preschoolers get to know God and have a silly or animated personality, contact Jessica to find out more about this opportunity.

VIP Sign-up: VIPs help in many areas to keep our building and grounds in excellent condition. Individuals, families and small groups are encouraged to sign up for ONE chore, ONE weekend a month, for ONE year! To sign up, contact Jim Dilley, Building Manager at jimd@wschurch.org or 793-2800, ext. 3415.

Toiletry Saturday: Would you like to volunteer once a month for 45 minutes of your time to help the Food Pantry? On the last Saturday of each month, we will be preparing the toiletry bags for the next month and we need your help on Saturday, April 25, 10:00am, on the 3rd floor of the church. If you would like to help, contact Stephanie Dugan at stephanied@wschurch.org or call 793-2800. Upcoming Toiletry Saturdays are: May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29.

FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Save our blog to your list of favorite links! There's lots of up-to-date information for parents, kids and volunteers at 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!

We are excited to announce that on Sunday, April 26, West Side will launch our new ELECTRONIC CHECK-IN for kids birth-5th grade. This will create a few changes for the early childhood and elementary age children. Now ALL children will be given a family ID number (not just those in the ECM department) and all parents will be given a receipt that they will present when they are ready to pick up their child. Please note, only parents will be allowed to use the computer kiosks, so children will not be able to check themselves in. To see more about the new check-in process, please visit www.westsidekids.org. Youth Groups (preschool through 5th grade) will conclude for summer break on Sunday, May 3.

STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High): Fuel Service Night is Wednesday, April 22. Instead of our regular program, our small

groups are each doing their own service project. Check www.StudentExplosion.org for details about plans for your group. **Fuel groups** will not meet on April 29. **CIY Move Conference** is a trip our High School Ministry is planning this summer from July 26 – August 1 and each year they invite the graduating 8th graders to join them. It is the best trip they take all year so you won't want to miss it. Sign up and turn in your \$100 deposit by April 26. **LSCA Summer Camp** for our 6-7th graders is July 5-10. For our 8th graders it is June 21-26. Find out more and register at www.LSCACamp.org.

STUDENT LIFE (High School): CIY MOVE is July 26-August 1 in Carbondale, IL; cost is \$350. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 and sign-up deadline is April 26; sign up in Connection.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Charlie's "Angels", a part of the Senior Adult Ministry 60+ at West Side, will not meet in April. However, they are hosting **The Chosen Ones** in concert at West Side on Thursday, May 7, 7:00pm, in the Worship Center. **The Chosen Ones** were organized in 1974 and continue proclaiming the gospel in song throughout Illinois and surrounding states. Admission is free; a love offering will be received. All ages are invited.

SINGLES MINISTRY

Wednesday night bike rides: meet at 5:30pm at IDOT, Lost Bridge Bike Trail (weather permitting).

Singles Volleyball meets Fridays, 7:00pm, in the Gym; there is no volleyball Friday, April 24.

A Night in Casablanca is Saturday, April 25, 6:00pm, Lakeview Lodge at Lake Springfield Christian Assembly. Go back in time for "an evening of mystery, romance and dancing in 1942 French Morocco." Formal or period attire is suggested but not required. A suggested \$5 donation will help cover the cost of the DJ.

Work Day at LSCA is Saturday, May 2, 8:30am (cinnamon rolls served at 8:00am!). People are needed to clean, vacuum, hammer, and climb on roofs, so bring your gloves and get ready to help.

Kite Flying and Picnic Potluck is Sunday, May 3, after 3rd service. Weather permitting, we will eat outside, then the kites will begin to fly! Please bring a dish and drink to share; eating utensils will be furnished. In case of bad weather, the potluck will be in the Cafeteria.

Canoe Trip to Meramec State Park, south of Sullivan, MO, is July 17-19. Canoe rental is approximately \$40 per canoe; one person camping is \$8 per person or \$22.50 for a family of 3 or more for 2 nights. Please sign up in Singles ABF and turn in