

hosting a leaf raking project in the month of November. If you are elderly, disabled or a single parent and would like assistance raking your yard OR if you would like to help rake yards, please contact Karen Siehr at 793-9409.

**West Side's Food Pantry** is completely out of *peanut butter, Tuna Helper, spaghetti, Jell-O, canned pasta, Ramen noodles, rice, and potatoes*. Winter is coming, which means that we expect an increased demand of food for families in need. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated!

**The Single Parent Family Ministry** is hosting a **Single Parent Brunch** from 9:00am – 12:00 noon, Saturday, November 21. This will be an adult only brunch with child care available. We would like to get to know more about YOU and how we can be a blessing in your life and the lives of your children. All food and drink will be provided, however you may bring a side dish. RSVP to Kim Rigney at 525-2896 or rigney@xanadoo.com and mention childcare needs.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

**International Day of Prayer** for the Persecuted Church (IDOP): Please join us in a special service of prayer for our brothers and sisters around the world who are being persecuted for the cause of Christ: Sunday, November 8, 6:30pm, Chapel.

## MISSIONS

**Palal, Kikim & Solomon Khongsai** will be returning to their native land, Myanmar, before the end of the year. We are grateful to Chuck & MaryAnn Cherry for their hospitality these past two years and desire to be part of the farewell plan for Palal and his family. **Beginning Sunday, November 8**, there will be a table in the Concourse for you to sign up to attend a catered meal for them on Sunday, November 29, beginning at 11:00am. There is no charge for the meal, but every dollar you donate will go with them on their journey. Please be prepared to be generous. On that Sunday, November 29, we will also host a **COMBINED ABF** at 9:30am in Centennial Hall for a

## STATISTICS

October 25, 2009	AM Worship – 1960 (2098 avg) Offering – \$76,056.47 (\$79,908.99 avg)
November 1, 2009	AM Worship – 2138 (2101 avg) Offering - \$102,751.90 (\$80,428.14 avg)

**New Members:** October 25-November 1, 2009

**By Baptism:** Olivia Christy; Peggy McIntosh

**By Transfer:** Jacob Elders

special presentation with Palal and his family, coordinated by the Missions Ministry, led by Steve Stewart.

**The National Missionary Convention** will be held at the Peoria Civic Center, November 19-22, 2009. Find more detailed information at [www.NationalMissionaryConvention.org](http://www.NationalMissionaryConvention.org). **The West Side Missions Team** has registered all of West Side for the convention. Any WSCC member can go to the registration booth, mention you are a WSCC member and that the church sent in Rapid Registration; a name badge will then be issued.

## FOR OUR GUESTS

**New to West Side?** Visit [wschurch.org](http://wschurch.org) find up-to-date information that will help you connect to life at West Side. If you have questions about your faith or WSCC, please email [guestinfo@wschurch.org](mailto:guestinfo@wschurch.org). **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.

## THIS 'N THAT

**New Baby:** Congratulations to Jason & Stephanie (DeWitt) Sukut on the birth of their son, LOGAN SIPANTZI, who was born October 22, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. Logan's big sister is Kylee (age 5 ½). Proud West Side grandparents are Brent & Sue DeWitt.

**Thank You Note:** To all the women who were team leaders or volunteers ... to all the men who graciously served our meal and snacks... to the awesome custodial staff (Jim, Harry, Brad and David) who worked so hard for us on Friday and Saturday... to the praise band and vocalists...to our capable staff and flexible SCS/CDCC and YES, to YOU who supported the 6th Annual Women's Conference with Liz: thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We are fortunate to be led by the creative minds and servant hearts of Beth, Diane and Sharon! To God be the glory ... TA DA! —Cindy

**Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Work Day** is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, beginning at 8:30am; lunch will be provided. Projects include yard work-clean up, winter prep/deep cleaning, wood cutting/splitting, and much more!

**SCS Employment Opportunity:** Springfield Christian School has a vacancy for Fiscal Coordinator. This position assists SCS leadership in the management of the school's day-to-day finances, and serves as the primary point of financial contact for the SCS community. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and a background in bookkeeping/accounting. Please direct inquiries or submit your letter of application and resume to: Springfield Christian School; Mr. Jeremiah Auble; 2850 Cider Mill Lane, Springfield, IL 62702; Phone: 698-1933; or email: [jeremiaha@wschurch.org](mailto:jeremiaha@wschurch.org)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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## CURRENT SERIES

**Sweet Spot: Finding God's Best For Me**

God has a custom design for each human being. While his will involves some baseline standards and common experiences meant for all of us, God views his children as individuals. This series from Ephesians will attempt to guide us toward practices and perspectives that allow us to discover God's personalized plan for each of our lives.

November 8 – Dream Killers

November 15 – It Really Does Start at Home

November 22 – How to Aim High

## WEST SIDE 101

The next West Side 101 will be held Sunday, November 8, from 4:00-6:30pm, in E205. A light meal will be provided and childcare is available upon request (only Jr. High students and older may attend West Side 101). To register, email [WS101@wschurch.org](mailto:WS101@wschurch.org), or call the church office at 793-2800.

## DECISION DAY

**Sunday, November 22, is Decision Day at West Side!**

During each service, we anticipate that many people will make important spiritual decisions. Some will express faith in God's Son for the first time and be baptized into Him. Some, who already believe, will come to experience biblical baptism by immersion. Others, because they are already immersed believers, will make West Side their church home. If you are ready to make one of those decisions, take advantage of this opportunity. Join many others who plan to respond that day. To participate, or if you have questions about what spiritual step is best for you, contact our Outreach Team at [guestinfo@wschurch.org](mailto:guestinfo@wschurch.org), or 793-2800.

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: K-5th Youth Groups** meet Sundays, 4:30-5:30pm, in the following locations: Kindergarten, E103/E105; 1st-3rd grades, Cafeteria/Gym; 4th-5th grades, CH 1 & 2.

**VELOCITY (JR. HIGH SCHOOL): Velocity** is our new Jr. High event that meets each Sunday for worship, games and

interactive teaching at 9:30am in E200. **V-Groups** meet every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at the church (or at camp on November 4). If you haven't been before, visit this week and we'll help you get into a small group. **Pumpkinpalooza** is November 4 from 6:30-8:00pm at LSCA Camp. **Parent Elective** taught by Chris Sandel and Josh Ryder will be Sunday, November 22, 11:00am in the cafeteria and will cover the topic, **The Social Media Revolution** (Facebook, YouTube, etc). For more info visit [www.WestSideVelocity.org](http://www.WestSideVelocity.org).

**FUSION (HIGH SCHOOL): Fusion** meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204. **Fuse Groups** meet Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, in homes. To sign up to be a part of this ministry contact [joshhr@wschurch.org](mailto:joshhr@wschurch.org). For any other information: [WestSide-Fusion.org](http://WestSide-Fusion.org). **Consider the Student-Only Track** for WS101, taught by the Student Ministry Team this Sunday, November 8, 4-6:30. RSVP to [WS101@wschurch.org](mailto:WS101@wschurch.org). **Social Media Parent Elective** will be taught Sunday, November 22, 11:00am, in the cafeteria. All parents are welcome to learn more and partner with the Student Ministry Team.

## A-I-M ~ ADULTS IN MINISTRY 60

**Charlie's "Angels"** will meet Thursday, November 19, beginning with coffee at 9:30am in Centennial Hall. The program will start at 10:00am in Centennial Hall with "Three's Company" (a ladies trio). Barb Wheeler is the captain for the day; volunteers whose last name begins with A and B should be at Centennial Hall by 8:30am. Lunch will be turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and pie. Tickets (\$6) are available in the U&I, Beau Knots and TNT ABFs, as well as the Welcome Center on Sunday, November 8 and 15. Tickets at the door are (\$8).

**The December meeting** of Charlie's "Angels", along with the TNT Class, will be a special Christmas dinner and concert on Saturday, December 12, by The Chosen Ones and The Lesters. Dinner is at 6:00pm and the concert is at 7:00pm. Tickets for both are \$20 per person; tickets for concert only are \$10 per person and are available in the Concourse on Sundays.

**Gospel Sing-Along** is Saturday, November 12, 4:15pm at West Side. At 5:00pm, we will sing to the residents at Lewis Memorial.

## FINANCIAL CLASS AVAILABLE

**Financial Peace University's 12-week course** will be offered at West Side beginning Sunday, January 10, 5:00-7:00pm. Details and online registration are available at [www.wschurch.org](http://www.wschurch.org); the cost is \$99. Questions? e-mail [joeoettel@teaminfocus.com](mailto:joeoettel@teaminfocus.com) or call 793-2800.

**A one-week elective** class will be offered at 11:00am on December 6 or December 13 in our SCS Library, second floor;

to learn more about the 2010 Financial Peace University class. Dave Ramsey's website is especially helpful if you are new to Financial Peace University: [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com)

## WORSHIP & ARTS

**Dinner Theater Auditions** will be held November 16, 6:30pm or 7:15pm, in the Music Room. Call the church office for an audition time. We are teaming up for an intriguing mystery "who-dunn-it" entitled *Madame's Been Murdered, Tea Will Be Late* by Pat Cook, to be presented February 26, 27, 28, 2010. Rehearsals will begin early January. Dust off those acting skills and join us. Newcomers welcome!

**Christmas Choir** meets Wednesdays, 7:00pm, in the Music Room. **Adult Handbells** meet Wednesdays at 8:00pm; rehearsals are in the Music Room. **Christmas Children's Choirs** meet Sundays, 5:40-6:30pm. K-2nd grade meets in the Music Room; 3rd-6th grade meets in CH2. **Children's Handbells:** This 3rd - 8th grade group meets on Monday afternoons from 3:45 - 4:45pm in the Music Room. Please note there will be no rehearsal on November 9.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**SERVE!** Saturday, November 7, 1:00pm, meet in Centennial Hall; we will be going out in teams to rake leaves. When we are done, dinner will be provided for all workers. If you have rakes and gloves, please bring them. Leaf bags will be provided and some extra rakes and gloves will be available. Bring a friend! If you have questions, contact Christi Minick at [Christi.Minick@Comcast.net](mailto:Christi.Minick@Comcast.net) or call/text (217)741-4664.

**GROW!** The next GROW! is at a NEW LOCATION this month! Friday, November 20, 6:40pm, we will be meeting at the home of Dan and Amanda Trewartha, 2206 West Road Drive, Springfield, IL 62711. 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.

**CONNECT!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 28; you won't want to miss the "DiSH"... Digital Scavenger Hunt. The action starts in Centennial Hall at 6:00pm, but where you will end up is anyone's guess. Details coming soon.

## SINGLES MINISTRY

**Volleyball:** Join us in the gym each Friday at 7:00pm. There will be no volleyball November 20.

**Walking at the Mall** starts Wednesday, November 4. Meet in the Food Court at 5:30pm to walk; afterwards, meet at Panera.

**Singles fall dance** outreach is Saturday, November 14, 5:30-9:30pm at LSCA; the theme will be Celebrity Mask-querade, so have fun coming dressed up as a famous celebrity. More information is available at [www.wschurch.org/singles](http://www.wschurch.org/singles).

**S.A.L.T. dinner** with Rick & Suzanne York will be Tuesday, November 17, 5:30pm, at International Buffet.

**Thanksgiving at the Winkleman's:** Singles are invited to join them on Thursday, November 26, 12:00-4:00pm (dinner at 1:00pm). Turkey, ham and dressing will be furnished; please bring a side dish or dessert and something to drink. Sign up at Singles ABF.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Scrapbooking/Crafts:** Those who enjoy scrapbooking and making other crafts are welcome to participate in a scrapbooking/craft night from 6:30 p.m. - midnight, Centennial Hall 3, on Friday, November 6. 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).

**Alive With Christ** end-of-session dinner is Monday, November 9, 6:30pm, AP Room, featuring guest speaker Christa March, founder of Teen Mother Choices & Teen Mother Choices International ([www.teenmotherchoices.org](http://www.teenmotherchoices.org) and [www.tmcint.org](http://www.tmcint.org)). RSVP by Friday, November 6 ([MaryAnn.Cherry@gmail.com](mailto:MaryAnn.Cherry@gmail.com) or 415-9187). Childcare is provided; please indicate childcare needs when making reservation.

## SMALL GROUPS

**The Fall Small Group Leaders' Training** is Sunday November 15, from noon-1:30pm, where the discussion will center around making our groups transformational rather than just informational. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to hear Fitz offer some relevant and practical insights on "grouping" to help you lead better. Lunch and childcare will be provided by RSVP. Anyone interested in leading or hosting a Small Group in the future is welcome to attend this event. Please RSVP by November 7 at <http://smallgroups.wschurch.org>.

## COMMUNITY CARE

**DivorceCare: "Surviving the Holidays"** Seminar will be held at West Side on Saturday, November 7, 9:00am-2:00pm. If you're separated or divorced, the holidays can be a lonely, stressful, depressing time. But there is hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new ways to enjoy them again. Cost is \$10.00 and includes morning snacks, lunch and a book. Childcare is provided. Call the church office at 793-2800 for more information or to register.

**Leaf Raking Project:** The Lend A Hand ministry will be