



# THE HARBINGER

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## Kevin's Korner

How do you measure greatness? Some measure greatness by their abilities, achievements, wealth, or status, and still others by the number of friends on Facebook. All of those might seem to be logical choices and there is a plethora of books written on the lives of political and business leaders, as well as successful athletes, which seem to support this theory. Think of successful people and their accomplishments will soon come to mind.

Jesus had a different means of measuring greatness. He emphasized servanthood as His definition of greatness. One day the disciples were having an argument over who was the greatest. Maybe, Peter was claiming greatness because of his willingness to answer Jesus' call and jump out of a boat into the water. James and John might have claimed greatness because Jesus had asked them to come up with Him for his encounter with Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration? We're not told whether this argument involved all of them or just some of them, but either way, Jesus used this opportunity to instruct them all on how God measures greatness. "Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest." (Luke 9:48)

It seems to be human nature to compare our achievements against the achievements of other people. The same is true when it comes to our own faults, I think it makes us feel better about our own weaknesses. However, this comparison leads us on the path of pride. Our journey becomes prideful because we begin to believe we are "doing" the Christian life better than others. We lose sight of the truth Jesus is working in all and that any achievement is what He has done in us. No matter the sin, small or great, none of us match up to pristine perfection of Christ. Thus, we look not to others but to our own self and the work Christ is doing in us. Our growth in God is about the process, not the stage we are currently in. The truth of the matter is every one of us is at different stages in our journey.

Jesus used the example of a child to teach an important point. The child, in Jesus' day, would know they are in need of learning. The question of greatness would not have entered the mind of that child. The child would be more interested in learning and asking; "what do you need me to do?" If we find ourselves looking at others it should not be for comparison, but rather, to serve. We should not be asking the question, "am I doing the Christian faith better?", but rather "how can I better serve?". The more we find ourselves looking at serving others the more we gain compassion instead of judgment, humility instead of pride. Then, we will look more like Jesus for He came to serve and not to be served (Matthew 20:28) and He was the greatest of all.

*Kevin W. Stolen*

## From The Elders:

Dear South Side,

Spring is in the air and it is time for “time change” where we turn the clocks ahead one hour. It is also time for the bodies of the legislature to propose abolishing Daylight Savings and just use standard time. One of the most bizarre things that is out there is a proposal to advance the clocks only **one-half hour, and never return to Daylights Savings**. In Genesis 1, God established time, daylight, and night time in verses 3-5, where He says, “<sup>3</sup> *And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.* <sup>4</sup> *And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.* <sup>5</sup> *God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*” Whatever is decided, it would be great to have it settled and not to hear the same debate over and over again.

The Youth are preparing to “feed the hordes” on March 8. The Annual Spaghetti Dinner is coming for those kids in the Youth Group to ask, cajole, and beg friends, family, and teachers to please come to the Spaghetti Dinner. All of the monies the kids raise by showing their best manners, serving you dinner with a big smile and proper etiquette, and bringing you what your heart desires, go to help pay for the Youth trip over the summer (June or July) to a youth rally. This rally is a week-long opportunity for the kids to meet other kids from across the mid-west, hear motivational speakers, explore their faith and commitment to that faith, and to bond with their fellow Youth Group members. If you have not been asked to be there, please let Kevin know, so he can connect you with one of the kids going on the trip.

With John Helton on a six-month leave of absence and us paying him a reduced salary, the elders have decided to use the extra funds to finance new doors for the Fellowship Hall. The large double doors on the south side of the gym have been broken for a while. The repair person came and fixed them so they were secure, but he said if anyone opens them, he cannot guarantee they can be re-secured. Since they are single doors and if opened, give direct access to the church building, we decided to install a new set of doors. The estimates are for less than \$10,000.00. We still have new doors for the rest of the building as a priority, but felt this was a security issue that needed addressed with the highest priority.

Easter is coming!! April 5, 2026, is the date. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to attend Sunday services where we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. If they cannot make it on Sunday, there is always the Good Friday service on Friday, April 3. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please be in prayer for the national, state, and local governmental leaders as the primary elections bring out some of the worst in all of the campaigning. Please be in prayer for the leaders of South Side as they make decisions about how best to present the Gospel to the NWI region. Also, please pray for your fellow South Side worshippers as we all struggle to be the best we can be and avoid the temptations that so easily distract us.

Jeff, Dan, and Orlando



# Kidz and Youth

Please keep our children and youth in your prayers as they continue learning and growing in their faith. Pray that they make good choices and build strong friendships along the way. And as always, please remember our volunteers who serve each week. We're so thankful for the time and heart they give to our kids and youth. Pray that God guides them and blesses their efforts this semester.

Don't forget about our **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** on Sunday, March 8th, with seatings at 12:00 PM and 4:30 PM. It's tip/donation-based and helps support our youth activities. We'd love to see you there for good food and a great time together!

Looking ahead, our **Easter Bunny Breakfast** will be Saturday, April 3rd from 9:00–10:30 AM. Breakfast treats start at 9:00 AM, and the egg hunt begins at 10:00 AM. Bring your kids, grandkids, or even invite a neighbor. It's always a fun morning — and don't forget to grab a picture with the Easter Bunny!



**Easter Bunny**  
**BREAKFAST**

• **Candy Donation** •

We are accepting **individually wrapped candy** (small enough to fit inside **small plastic Easter eggs**) through **Sunday, March 29.**

♥ Please place **donations** in the **bin** located in the Welcome Center.

**Thank you for your support!**

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

Hosted by the  
**South Side Christian Church Youth Ministry**

**Sunday, March 8th**

**Two Serving Times:**

- 12:00 PM
- 4:30 PM

Come share a meal, fellowship together, and support our youth.  
**Your participation makes a difference!**

## Senior Saints — News for You!

We had a lovely afternoon on February 10th. The weather cooperated, it was sunny and a bit warmer so attendance was good, we had 57 attendees and three new people, which is always so nice. Lunch was perfect. Thank you to Mike for purchasing and picking up the chicken. There were so many delicious sides, potato salad, taco salad, a cabbage dish, tasty green beans and many others. There was such a nice variety of sides and desserts. Thank you if you brought something to share. Thank you to those who always help in the kitchen and those who help with clean up. It is very much appreciated!

Our program was great too— there were many interesting items and stories. We heard about a trip to Egypt, a sweet story with a music box, an old biscuit bowl story, a children's book written by a former member, we saw lovely homemade garden decorations, a gem and mineral collection and more. It was so fun to see the items and hear the stories. Thank you to those who participated.

In March we will celebrate the coming of Spring and St. Patrick's Day. Lunch will be corned beef, cabbage and potatoes and carrots. If you'd like bring a side or a dessert to add to our meal. John Trimmel will entertain us with Irish music, he is a favorite. He will sing, play his horn, and of course tell his corney jokes. He always puts smiles on our faces. So don't miss this meeting on March 10th at noon. Wear a shade of green to coax Spring! Hope to see you for this fun and festive afternoon.

*Donna Abercrombie*

## You're invited to our *Church Potluck* on March 15

*Following the service,*

**Bring a side dish or dessert**

*and enjoy food and fellowship together!*

## *Ladies DartBall* @ South Side!

Join us for fun, friendly competition  
and great fellowship!  
No experience needed. **Snacks provided!**

### **DATES:**

- March 2, 16 & 30
- April 6 & 13\*  
(April 13 in the Firefesinde Room)

**Time: 6 – 9 PM**

**Where:** South Side Christian Church  
1000 Broadmoor Ave, Munster, IN 46321

# WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

South Side Christian Church

## MONDAY

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

*Grow in faith, build brotherhood,  
and stand strong in God's Word.*

*Connect, encourage, and pray  
together every week.*

For more information:  
Contact Jason Newhuis at  
(708) 825-3345

## WEDNESDAY

### SISTERS IN CHRIST - LADIES BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM

*Prayer Requests: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Come grow in faith, share in fellowship,  
and lift one another up in prayer.*

Contact Carol Joza at 708-955-1257

### KEVIN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Afternoon Session: 1:00 PM*

*Evening Session: 6:30 PM*

*Same lesson at both sessions.*



# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

at South Side Christian Church

9:00 AM

## DISCIPLE-MAKERS CLASS

Studying the life and  
ministry of Jesus, from  
a chronological perspective.  
You are welcome to join us  
each Sunday.

Contact: Kevin  
Groben -  
(219) 276-0538

## CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Discussion-oriented class,  
welcoming people of all ages.  
We study from the Christian  
Standard lesson.

Contact: Jeff Hayden  
(219) 730-2635



## Down Under Ministry

SSCC is partnering with Love INC to provide clothing essentials to families in our community throughout the year. Help us bless those in need!

We are currently collecting boys' underwear (sizes 2 to XL), girls' underwear (sizes 6, 10, 12, 14), women's underwear (sizes S, M, L), men's underwear (sizes S, M), and socks for men (sizes 6-12). Please drop your donations in the bin outside the office. Thank you for your generosity and for making a difference!



## The Salvation Army

We are collecting nonperishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank to support individuals and families in need within our community.

Your donations make a real difference! Please place items in the bin located just outside the office door. Every contribution big or small helps bring hope and relief. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and care.

# Eyeglass Collection

for Medical Missions Outreach

Bring your gently used  
eyeglasses to the  
Welcome Center drop-box  
for donation



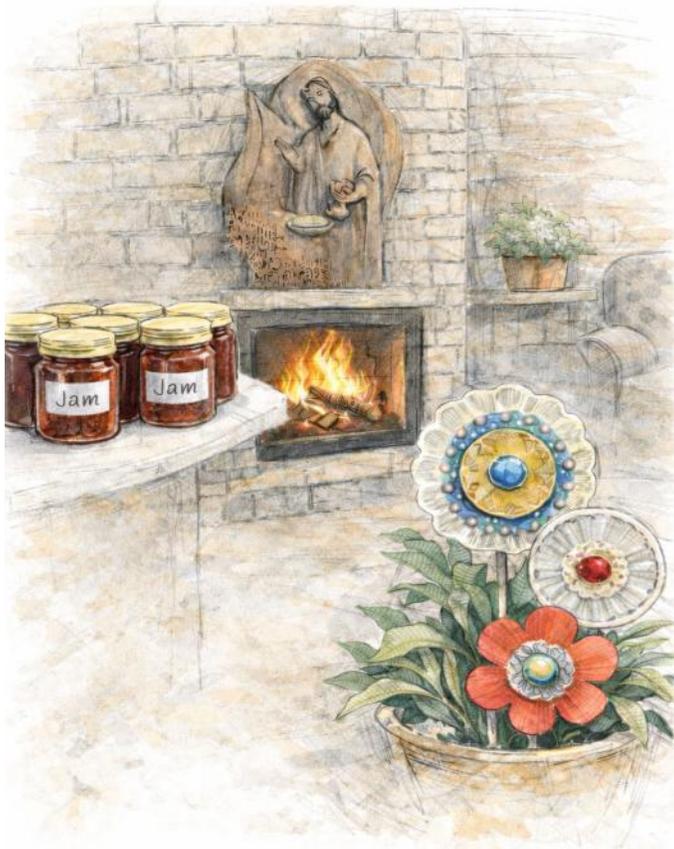
## Kara Ladies Group

Join us on Thursday, March 5 at noon! Bring your lunch and come enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship as we make plans for our upcoming Easter Bunny Breakfast and Spring Rummage & Bake Sale. There's always plenty of laughter, ideas, and great conversation, we'd love to see you there!

Fresh homemade jam is available in the Church Fireplace Room to support our ministries. Treat yourself to a jar (or two!) and don't miss the beautiful garden art dish flowers also available, they're perfect for welcoming spring!

This month, we're collecting small Lego sets (or Lego-style building sets) for our shoebox ministry. These little gifts bring big smiles, and we're so thankful for your generosity.

New faces are always welcome, come be part of the fun and fellowship!



# Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, March 1st

10:00 AM – 10:25 AM

The Kara Ladies will be serving coffee along with a special breakfast of

**eggs and bacon!**

Join us for a warm time of fellowship

before the morning service.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 2-Mar  | Sheri Kern    |
| 3-Mar  | Adelyn Degand |
| 6-Mar  | Alex Stookey  |
| 15-Mar | Becky Foster  |
| 16-Mar | Jason Newhuis |
| 18-Mar | Diana Gilbert |
| 31-Mar | Teresa Groben |

## March

### ***New Testament***

#### ▶ MATTHEW

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22.  27:45-56
23.  27:57-66
24.  28:1-10
25.  28:11-20

#### ▶ ROMANS

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- 9:19-33
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- 11:1-24
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### ***Old Testament***

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