



THE HARBINGER



South Side Christian Church

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Kevin's Korner

This poem eloquently expresses the honor due to all the mothers who sacrifice so much out of love for their children. Mothers are one of God's greatest gifts us. Thank you to all the mothers at South Side Christian church for your love, sacrifice, and devotion to your children.

God, please bless our mothers;
They give life and they give love
To every happy child
You grant them from above.

Their lot is not an easy one.
They must be patient, wise and kind;
And they must often "do without"
And never seem to mind.

A good mom is very near a saint
She is worthy of our praise
Lord, bless and keep our mothers:
They demonstrate God's ways.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen

By B. Killebrew

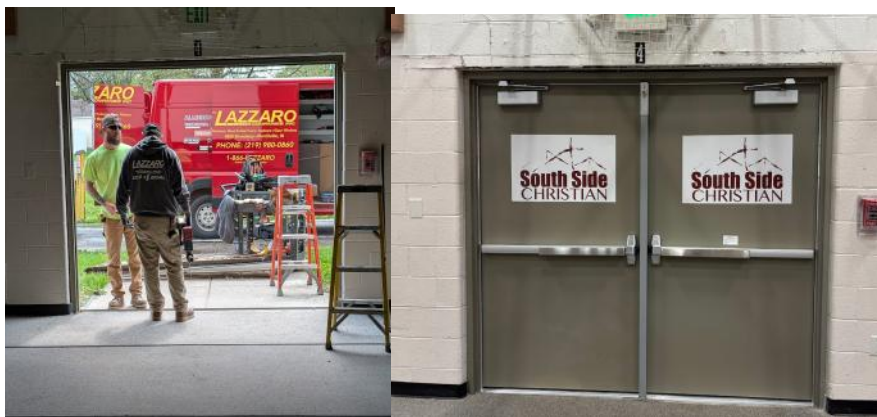
Kevin W. Stolen

From The Elders:

Dear South Side,

Well, it is Spring in the Mid-west, so we go from 70-degrees one day to 40-degrees the next. Because of this, we have not turned off the heat in the Sanctuary or the education rooms. When we have consistent temperatures during the daylight hours and we are consistently in the upper 40s during the nighttime, we will turn off the heat, and plan for the air conditioning to be ready to cool us when needed as for the summer.

The double-doors on the south side of the Fellowship Hall have been replaced. With the help of an anonymous donor, we were able to replace these doors ahead of their scheduled time. These doors represented a safety hazard for the church, as the locking mechanism was faulty to the point that a hard pull opened the doors, and therefore opened access to the rest of the church. The Lazzaro Company installed the doors and are the company the General Board chose as the bid winner for the other doors for the church.



The elders discussed the outside church doors at our last meeting, and we have decided that it is unrealistic to plan on a one-time installation, when the job will cost us \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00 to complete. With the church finances as they are, we have decided to address the outdoor doors two at a time. After we meet with and discuss our intentions with the Lazzaro Company, we will share the details with everyone.

In the meantime, we are asking that when you enter and as you leave the church building, please double check that the door is closed and has latched. Also, the classroom doors are locked so that they are not opened to allow the heat in winter and air conditioning in summer to escape into the unheated/un-AC'ed hallways. There is also no heat/AC in the kitchens or the Fellowship Hall unless there are events in those spaces. Your stewardship assistance in keeping the NIPSCO cost to a minimum are greatly appreciated.

This summer will be a busy time for South Side. Please remember the annual Memorial Service is on May 17, 2026, and South Side will honor the passing of any members, former members, and/or immediate family of members of South Siders since May of 2025. If you have lost a loved one this past year whom you would like to have honored, please contact Kathy Hayden (219-781-0891) or Jeff Hayden (219 730-2635) with the information, or you can email the information to them at wjhayden216@comcast.net. We thank the Kara Group for making the solitary white rose vases to memorialize those who have passed.

We will be honoring mother on Mother's Day, May 10, and fathers on Father's Day, June 21. South Side's Youth Group is going on a trip to Move, a week-long Christian Youth Conference held in Bowling Green, Ohio. They will be leaving on Sunday, June 21, 2026, and returning on Saturday, June 27.

VBS at South Side will be July 20 through July 22 in the evening. If you are interested in helping, working, or bringing some kids, please let Sabrina Alverado, VBS director, know so she find a place for you to serve. The Munster Parks and Recreation Department will be using Room 5 again this summer for the entire month of July for their "camps". They will be in the building from 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM.

Remember to add your South Side Family to your prayer list!!

Jeff, Dan, and Orlando



Kidz and Youth

We'd appreciate your prayers for our children and youth as they grow in their faith, build friendships, and feel at home at church. Please also keep our kids' and youth volunteers in your prayers as they serve and pour into the lives of our young people.

During May, our youth will be learning that God has a plan for each of their lives and that following His plan means staying close and dependent on Him. They'll also be reminded that God values our obedience more than anything else and that He is always a God of second chances. Our kids' class will be going through Heroes vs. Villains in the Bible.

We also have a need for CIY (June 21–26) and would appreciate your help. We're looking to borrow or rent two 7-passenger vans for that week. If you have one available or know someone who might, please let us know.

Thanks so much for your support and prayers.



Down Under Ministry

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

We are currently collecting underwear in the following sizes: girls 2T–3T, 6, and 10–12; women's S–XL; boys 2–6; and teens S–L. We are also collecting socks.

Donations can be placed in the bin outside the office. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make a difference.



The Salvation Army

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

Your donations truly make a difference. Please consider bringing unexpired items and placing them in the bin located just outside the office door. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and continued support in caring for others.

Eyeglass Collection

for Medical Missions Outreach

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



Senior Saints — News for You!

Everyone seemed to have a delightful time at the South Side Diner on April 14th. Jimboo's "blue plate special" was delicious and the chicken tenders provided by Diana Gilbert and Debbie Burrell were an added treat. There were many tasty pies and cakes for dessert. Thank you so much if you brought something to make our meal special. Terry Grep and his friend Ron played lots of catchy tunes to entertain us. We had a great afternoon.

We were so very sad to hear of the passing of one of our dear members, Florine Clements. Florine was so sweet and she and I were both elementary teachers so we had a lot in common. She traveled by herself from Joliet to attend Senior Saints, she told me she enjoyed it so much. We will miss her kind, gentle spirit.

I'm looking forward to our next meeting on May 12th at noon. Paddy Lynn, who portrayed Beatrix Potter and told us the story of Irene Sendler, has a new program. She and her husband will entertain us by performing the old time radio show of George Burns and Gracie Allen. This should be lots of fun with many laughs and it will bring back great memories for many of us.

For lunch we thought we would ask people to get nostalgic and bring a dish or dessert from their childhood. It will be interesting to see some old family favorites.

So plan to join us for some fun and laughs on May 12th at noon. Bring a family favorite dish or dessert to share. See you then.

Donna Abercrombie



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Mark your calendars for May 17, 2026.

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Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Thank You!



What a blessing this past week has been! We are so thankful for our church family and the amazing support shown during the Spring Rummage Sale.

Thank you to everyone who donated items, spent time helping, kept things running smoothly, and covered it all in prayer. It truly took all of us working together. We are also so grateful to those who shared the word with friends and family, because of you, even more people were able to be part of it.

A special thank you to the Kara ladies for all the work and countless hours they put in to make the rummage sale possible. Your dedication and heart behind the scenes made such a difference.

Seeing everyone come together with such generous and willing hearts was a beautiful reminder of what church family looks like. We are so thankful for each of you and the many ways you continue to support and encourage one another.

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



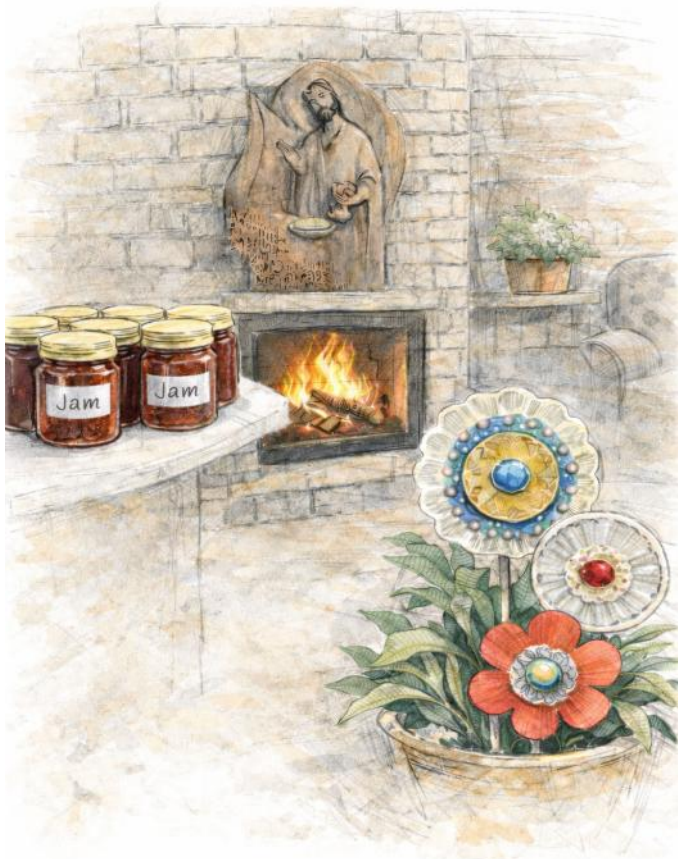
Kara Ladies Group

Join us on Thursday, May 7 at noon and enjoy a special time of fellowship. Bring your lunch and come connect, share, and be encouraged together. We will discuss our Fall Rummage Sale, Operation Christmas Child, and decide where we will dine out in June, where friends are always welcome to join us.

Fresh homemade jam is available in the Church Fireplace Room to support our ministries, so be sure to pick up a jar or two. With Mother's Day just around the corner, don't miss our unique gifts. Moms will love the charming cups and saucers filled with tea and gourmet chocolate, along with the beautiful garden art dish flowers and decorated rocks.

For our shoebox ministry, we are collecting musical toys for boys and girls, as well as shoeboxes, which can be dropped off at the Welcome Center. If you have a 8 inch by 36 inch unfinished wood board, we would love to use it to create signs for our craft fair in September. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Come for the fellowship, stay for the laughter, and leave encouraged. We would love to see you there. New faces are always welcome.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1-May	Jillian Moore
4-May	Nascha Hladek
9-May	Audrey Tucker
13-May	Cheyenne Fant
14-May	Deborah Barton
17-May	Frank Giberson
22-May	Emilia Groben
22-May	Joan Swiatek
25-May	Elias Ugarte
27-May	Jacob Storck
28-May	Jeff Hayden
28-May	Phillip Zaborowski
30-May	Raymond Villa

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, May 3rd

10:00 AM to 10:25 AM

The Kara Ladies will be serving coffee along with some treats.

Join us for a warm time of fellowship before the morning service.



May

New Testament

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1. 9:33-50
2. 10:1-16
3. 10:17-34
4. 10:35-52
5. 11:1-11
6. 11:12-26
7. 11:27-33
8. 12:1-12
9. 12:13-27
10. 12:28-34
11. 12:35-44
12. 13:1-13
13. 13:14-31

14. 13:32-37
15. 14:1-11
16. 14:12-31

17. 14:32-42
18. 14:43-52
19. 14:53-65
20. 14:66-72
21. 15:1-15
22. 15:16-32
23. 15:33-41
24. 15:42-47
25. 16

▶ 2 COR.

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▶ GALATIANS

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- 3:15-29
- 4:1-20
- 4:21-31
- 5:1-12
- 5:13-26
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Old Testament

▶ PSALMS

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- 106:24-48

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▶ 2 SAMUEL

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