



Westkirk Weekly

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Week's Activities **February 12-19, 2017**

Today

Communion Sunday
First Service - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.
Glen Oaks, 2:00 p.m.
Choir, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.
One Ancient Hope, Hospitality Room, 5:30 p.m.
Coram Deo Housekirk 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Commission/Committee Deacon Meeting, Lounge, 5:30 p.m.
Omega Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Lunch and Learn, Hospitality Room, noon
Women's Bible Study, East Wing, 1:00 p.m.
Doulos Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Shepherd articles due
WOW Worship, Sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
Classes for Children, Students and Adults, 6:30 p.m.
Explorers' Class, 6:30 p.m.
Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Dorcas Circle, Hospitality Room, 1:00 p.m.
AHG Troop Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 19

Choir, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

Our Weekly Concerns. New additions will be listed in bold print, and names will be removed upon request. Names left on for more than 3 weeks will be removed at the discretion of the office. Please keep these friends in your prayers: **Pastor Mike Rose and First Federated Church**, Jean Barker, Carolyn Barnes, Holly Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, Charlie Browne, Diane Browne, **Tobias Caldwell and Family**, Jim Dayton, Darlene Denison, Jessica Ellsbury, Judy Gaumer, Jonathan Griggs, Ellen Kinnaird, Paul Kurtz, Michael McCormick, Marie McGhee, **Bethany McMillan, Thomas Perrigo**, Don Powers, Ron Reighard, **Deb Roesener**, Jim Swift, Charlie Woodford, Senator Brad Zaun. Condolences to: Paul Brown and family on the death of his aunt, Betty Brown; Dolores Mahan and Mitchell Mahan and family on the death of their daughter/sister, Donna from Maine; Family and Friends of Marillyn McCulloch on her death; **Sonja Hansen-Smith and Derek Smith and family on the death of Derek's grandmother, Ruth Starkey, of Des Moines.**

Note from Pastor Michael. For a thoughtful and Biblical look at the current refugee policy situation among current events, might I suggest you read the article by local blogger Shane Vander Hart, entitled "Refugees and the Christian ... My Perspective", found at www.caffeinatedthoughts.com.

Westkirk Lunch and Learn. Tuesday, February 14, at noon, Westkirk Lunch and Learn will meet in the Hospitality Room (note the change of location) for a Chili and Cornbread meal. Lee Turnbull will present information and pictures of a recent trip overseas entitled "Trip to the Mountain Kingdoms." The event will last about an hour. Please sign up on the Connect Card **today.**

Dorcas Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. this Thursday, February 16, in the Hospitality Room. Our focus will be on Paul, and his writings. Elaine Erickson will lead our discussion. Please bring your favorite verse from one of these books, there are so many to choose from! Join us!

Text Notifications. If you would like to receive alerts from Westkirk by text, please so indicate on the Connect Card with your name, cell phone number and provider (AT&T, Verizon, etc.).

<p>Ash Wednesday Service March 1 - 7:00 p.m.</p>
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Holy Communion

Please show discernment in leading your children during communion. You may certainly take your children with you to go forward for communion. At that time, you should indicate to the server if your children are to receive the elements. Since Paul encourages us (1 Corinthians 11:23-34) to examine ourselves in order not to take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner, we do not subscribe to the partaking of the elements by infants, toddlers or young children (paedo-communion). We do encourage parents to talk with their children about the Gospel, about communion, and bring them to meet with one of the pastors to help them discern if their child is ready to partake. A child who is ready to take communion is also ready to publicly profess his or her faith and be baptized, if they have not already done so.

This Month's Communion Offering—Benevolence Fund.

Four times a year our special Communion Sunday offering is designated for the Westkirk Benevolence Fund. The Benevolence Fund is a non-budgeted fund utilized for helping church members and folks from the community who need temporary assistance. Its only source of income is from special gifts such as yours.

Monies are approved by a member of the Pastoral Staff and a check is cut by the church treasurer. Approved funds go directly to pay for housing, utilities or medical bills. The benevolence fund can also supplement food dependence or fuel, but Westkirk contributes to and encourages the use of the Food Pantry system and is a partner with the Urbandale Police Department in providing gasoline.

<p>Urbandale Food Pantry Item for February - Baby Wipes</p>

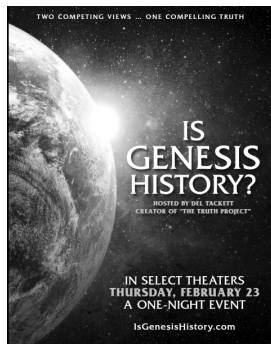
Faith and Family Night at the Iowa Energy Basketball Game!

The Fellowship Commission is planning another event for Westkirk. We are able to get tickets for only \$10.71 for a game between the Iowa Energy and the Maine Red Claws on Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m. Besides a fun basketball game, you will receive a hotdog, popcorn and pop AND post-game concert by Christian singer Zach Williams. We will have a section reserved just for Westkirk but tickets must be ordered and paid for no later than Wednesday, March 1. Please sign up on the Connect Card or at the Welcome Center. You will be contacted regarding payment for the tickets.

Short Term Team to Hungary. Dates have been set for the Hungary Short Term Mission Team. This team uses English classes as a springboard to share the gospel. Participants receive all the materials and training needed. If you have a heart for this ministry, please call or email Dan Marvin for more information (515-865-3135 or danbacs@gmail.com). The residential adult camp will in Siófok (on Lake Balaton) **July 20-27**. Travel dates from Iowa will be July 18-29.

If there is enough American interest (5 more team members), a day camp for campers 15 years or older will be held in Mohács (where Pastor Zoli's church is located). This camp will give the older youth and adults from around Mohács, who can't make it to Siófok, an opportunity to attend. The camp would be in Erdősmárok like the youth camp last year and would be held before the residential camp. A reasonable guess on travel dates would be around July 10 or 11 and returning on July 19.

Camp costs are about \$1500 plus airfare. If you consider doing both camps, there is a small additional cost of approximately \$250.



One Night Only! Is the earth billions of years old, or did God create everything in a few days? Did mankind descend from apes, or are we made in the image of God, spoken into existence by Him? Was there a global flood that covered the whole earth, or did water only destroy parts of the earth?

In *Is Genesis History?*, Dr. Del Tackett, former Vice President of Focus on the Family and creator of the Truth Project curriculum, leads us on a journey of examining historical truth. He interviews thirteen scientists and scholars to determine which of the opposing viewpoints above is best supported by the available evidence. On Thursday, February 23, *Is Genesis History?* will be released in 500 theaters across the country for one showing. It will be shown in the Des Moines area at Jordan Creek 20, Southridge 12, or Cinemark Altoona. For more info go to <http://isgenesishistory.com/>.

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