



# Westkirk Weekly

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **This Week's Activities** **February 26 - March 5, 2017**

### **Today**

Abigail Lauer Baptism  
First Service - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.  
Choir, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.  
One Ancient Hope Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 5:30 p.m.

### **Monday**

Omega Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday**

Bagpipers, 1:00 p.m. (Cozy Café - Johnston)  
Women's Bible Study, East Wing, 1:00 p.m.  
Doulos Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.  
Koinonia Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday**

American Heritage Girls Troop Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, March 5**

New Members Received  
First Service - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.  
Choir, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.

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**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 Spencer Keroff and First Church of the Open Bible**, Carolyn Barnes, **Roma Bassett**, Beth Boeckemeier, Tobias Caldwell and Family, Jim Dayton, Darlene Denison, Jessica Ellsbury, Judy Gaumer, Ellen Kinnaird, Paul Kurtz, Marie McGhee, Bethany McMillan, Don Powers, Deb Roesener, Debi Sabbann, **Dwight Uitermarkt**. **Condolences to:** Bill and Kirstin Knight and family on the death of Bill's mother, Debbie Ann Hines; Diane Leonard and family on the death of her father, Thomas Perrigo; Craig and Rene Van Gundy and family on the death of his grandmother Betty's husband, Howard Haugen. **Legislators for the week:** Timi Brown-Powers, Dennis M. Cohoon, Jake Highfill, Steven Holt, Dave Jacoby, Megan Jones, Bob Kressig, Ross Paustian, Julian B. Garrett, Thomas A. Green, Wally E. Horn, Tim Kraayenbrink.



**Vacation Bible School.** VBS is coming to Westkirk July 9-13, 2017, and the planning is in full gear! The theme for the year is 'A Mighty Fortress--In Jesus the Victory is Won', and is one to get super excited about. Here's the website, and on it you'll find a video clip if you'd like to see what it's all about. <http://www.concordiasupply.com/Vacation-Bible-School/Mighty-Fortress-VBS-2017-Concordia>.

Many hands, of any and **all** stages of life, are needed to help make VBS a success! This is an all-church event! Please contact Benae Duff at (515) 707-9072 or [benaeduff@gmail.com](mailto:benaeduff@gmail.com) and ask how you can help! People are needed for the following areas: Promotion, Decorating, Registration, Opening/Closing, Bible Challenge, Crafts, and Games, and more--both during the week of VBS, and for preparation beforehand! Thank you!

**Women's Bible Study.** In our next study, we will discover in the book of Malachi a love that never lets go. This eight session video/workbook program is presented by Lisa Harper, who is associated with LifeWay. We will begin this study on Tuesday, March 7, in the East Wing from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. To sign up or if you have questions, email Regi Donaldson at [regidonaldson@live.com](mailto:regidonaldson@live.com) or call at 515-276-6263. Please sign up as soon as possible so that enough workbooks can be ordered.

**Iowa Capitol Project.** Once a month during the legislative session at the Iowa House and Senate, Pastor Michael spends a morning at the Capitol meeting and praying with our state legislators. He makes a point to find our senator, Brad Zaun, our representative, John Forbes, and the House Majority Leader, Chris Hagenow, a friend of Westkirk. In addition, he will try to meet with other legislators who are struggling or need encouragement or prayer. Last week one legislator became emotional under the pressure of the collective bargaining debate. Another has come to repentance and faith. Michael has met with those working on the human trafficking issue - to thank them for their work; and also linked up folks in the Liberian church community with legislators who have an interest in the Liberian community here in Des Moines.

The Iowa Capitol Project lies at the heart of the Church Ambassador Network - one of the non-political ministries of The Family Leader. The overall goal is to restore the biblical relationship between church and state, for throughout Scripture, God's kings and His Church are revealed in direct, though distinct, relationship. The Prophet Nathan and King David are excellent examples: Nathan was a friend to David, who invested in building a relationship with him, and when David stepped out of line, Nathan restored him. We see this relationship modeled with Elijah and Ahab, Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar, Joseph and Pharaoh, Jonah and the King of Nineveh, and so many more. It is a non-confrontational, non-partisan ministry of encouragement, prayer and evangelism.

Government's primary purpose is to commend good and punish evil, and yet government cannot determine good and evil on its own. That is why Pastor Michael and other ministers from around the State of Iowa travel to our Capitol throughout the spring to encourage and pray with our ministers in government. As missionaries in the civil arena, we know that government needs the Church to serve as its moral compass. Please note that below our Concerns List, a rotating list of legislators is printed each week. These are the legislators we would like you to pray for this week.

**Ash Wednesday Service  
March 1 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Greece Mission Trip Supplies---Help Fill Our Suitcases!** On May 12, our team heads to Greece. Rebecca Donaldson, Chuck & Sue Holcomb, Brandon Mick, Kyra Stadtlander, Styles Stadtlander, Mason Wells, Elinor Wilde, Linda Wilde, Tyler York from Westkirk and Jeanne Mott and Barb Gipple from Calvary Baptist Church in Muscatine, will work at the House Damaris, the Albanian Refugee Children's Center, and the FAROS Refugee Centers. We're packing our own things in our carry-ons, saving checked luggage for supplies. **We need help filling those bags!** Please consider purchasing the following items for House Damaris and the FAROS centers:

- **Women's Clothes:** Pajamas, warm weather, size XL (3 pairs) and size M (2 pairs). Cool weather, the same. Robes: size XL (3) and size M (2). Slippers: 5 pairs. Also, socks and underwear in various sizes.
- **Body Lotions and Sprays: 8 oz. or smaller** such as at Bath & Body Shop. Also, manicure products, hairbrushes, and combs.
- **Baby clothes:** Onesies and sleepers (new, please), neutral colors, sizes Newborn and up through 24 months. Other clothes: size 12-24 months.
- **Boys' socks.** Help us fill a whole suitcase with socks for unaccompanied boys at FAROS.
- **Hair clippers** (at least 3 sets). We'll teach the boys to use them and leave them there.
- **ESL flash cards.** Also, craft supplies (no overtly religious symbols, please).
- **Candy!** Hard candy only. No chocolate or gum.

For questions about what is still needed, contact Sue Holcomb at (sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com or 556-6742).

**The Voices of Zambia** is an Africa worship experience that will be coming to Westkirk on Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. Come feel God's power and love transcend language and culture. Experience moving worship performed by students from the International Bible College of Zambia. They will perform original, multi-lingual songs in a worship experience you will never forget! If you would be interested in hosting a couple of the students, contact Sue at sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com.

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