



Westkirk Weekly

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Week's Activities

Today

Palm Sunday
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.
Manly Bible Study, 7:00 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.
Koinonia Housekirk, Lounge, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Deerfield, 10:00 a.m.
No WOW Activities

Thursday

Dorcas Circle, Hospitality Room, 1:00 p.m.
AHG Board Meeting, Blue Classroom, 6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Shepherd articles due

Sunday, April 16

Resurrection Sunday
Sunrise Service, Living History Farms, 6:45 a.m.
Easter "Mini" Breakfast, Hospitality Room, 9:00-10:15 a.m.
Unified Service, 10:30 a.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**, Carolyn Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, **Katie Brown**, Tobias Caldwell and family, Darlene Denison, Ellen Kinnaird, **Joyce Knowles**, Mike Kurtz, Marie McGhee, Paul Meinen, **B. E. Mick**, Tom and Dianne Paplham, Don Powers, Joy Selleck.

Legislators for the week: Marti Anderson, Chip Baltimore, Liz Bennet, Gary Carlson, Larry Sheets, Sharon S. Steckman, Matt Windschitl, Louie Zumbach, Waylon Brown, Dan Dawson, David Johnson, Rich Taylor.

Westkirk Lunch and Learn. This Tuesday, April 11, we will meet in the Hospitality Room to enjoy a Westkirk prepared meal of spaghetti and then about 12:30 we will hear from Christina Radke (a niece of Suzette Carter, our Office Coordinator). Christina recently took a trip with other cancer survivors. She is entitling her presentation, "Above & Beyond Cancer, Elevating Lives of Those Touched By Cancer." It features, among other things, a climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro and a visit to a cancer clinic in Nairobi. Please sign up on the Connect Card **today!!**

Dorcas Circle will meet this Thursday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. We will enjoy a sweet treat and then we will look at the many prophecies about the Messiah from Zechariah. If you have a favorite verse from Zechariah, please share it with us. Come and join us.



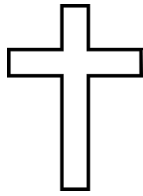
Easter "Mini" Breakfast. Join your Westkirk family for a time of fellowship before we come together in worship to celebrate our risen Lord and Savior. A "mini" breakfast will be available in the Hospitality Room from 9:00-10:15 a.m. Our menu will consist of: Anderson Erickson orange juice, Freedom for Youth coffee, fruit medley, assorted pastries from LaMie Bakery, and vanilla yogurt parfait cups. Please be sure to check the box on today's Connect Card with the number attending. We look forward to celebrating with you!

April Communion Offering. Robert and Laurie Nordstrom— serving international students. As the number of international students in the US continues to grow, the Church has a wonderful opportunity for cross-cultural evangelism and discipleship. Robert and Laurie work with churches and campus ministries in the Midwest to help them disciple international students and prepare them to return home. They focus on preparing Chinese students to be fruitful, lifelong disciples who will change China and the world. Robert is also a popular teacher at *Perspectives* classes. The Nordstroms have worked to mobilize and equip the US church for missions and served on church-planting teams in Southeast Asia. Robert holds an MDiv from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. The Nordstroms live in the Chicago area with their four children.



During the first service, the communion elements are served to the congregation by the Elders. We hold each of the elements and then when directed, partake together. As part of our communion tradition, we typically stand afterwards and move toward the center aisle, placing our hand on the shoulder of the person next to us and, united together, sing the Lord's Prayer. This is one of the most meaningful moments of worship each month for many at Westkirk. During the second service, two pastors or Elders will hold the elements near the chancel area and when desired, worshippers come forward and are served individually.

Secret Church 17. Join us as we host David Platt's Secret Church 17 simulcast in the Hospitality Room on Friday, April 21, from 5:30-11:30 p.m. Sign up on the Connect Card or email westkirk@westkirk.org to register. The \$10 fee covers your study guide for the evening. This year's topic is: *Scripture and Authority in an Age of Skepticism*. The Bible is the foundation for faith among followers of Christ in churches around the world. Yet many such Christians never think to ask why this is the case. During this Secret Church, we will explore answers to critical questions about the Bible in order to discern what place it should (or should not) have in the lives of Christians and the implications those answers have for our lives, our families, and our churches in the culture around us.



Cross Talk. Most people know the cross is where Jesus died many years ago. But why is it so important to Christians today? A cross in your yard for Holy Week says, (ESV) Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

We would love to have every Westkirk member and attender place one in their yard today through Easter (or beyond). If you already have one, this is a reminder to set it up in your yard (or the balcony or window of your apartment). If you do not have one, please pick yours up (donations accepted and while supplies last - one per family) in the Narthex, near the Welcome Center. Pray for opportunities to invite someone to church or tell them what Jesus has done in your life.

Support Urbandale: Front Line Services and Mental Health. One or two Urbandale residents will be affected by mental illness in their lifetime. On April 20 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Urbandale High School Media Center, join community leaders, health care providers, and front-line service providers for an evening of information and conversation to learn what you can do to help yourself, a loved one, and your community. When we are aware of the challenges facing our neighbors and aware of the resources that can help, we are stronger together. Please join us to support our community! Light refreshments will be provided. For more information visit the NAMI Greater Des Moines Event Page or email Ashley at eventsnamigreaterdesmoines@gmail.com. This event is sponsored by The Urbandale Lions Club.

Speakers include: Janice Landy, MD, Psychiatry, Section Chief, Broadlawns Medical Center; Andrea Bloch, DO, Psychiatry, Broadlawns Medical Center; Michele Hamilton, Coordinator of Student, Family, and Community Services, Urbandale Schools; Ross McCarty, Police Chief, Urbandale Police Department; Jerry Holt, Fire Chief, Urbandale Fire Department; David Sickelka, Senior Pastor, Urbandale United Church of Christ; Matt Connolly, Board Member, NAMI of Greater Des Moines.

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