

This Week's Activities January 7 - 14, 2018

Today

First Service - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m. Second Service - 11:15 a.m. High School Ministry – 4:30 p.m.

Monday

Omega Housekirk, 6:30 p.m. Commission/Committee Meeting, Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Lunch and Learn, Hospitality Room, Noon Women's Bible Study, East Wing, 1:00 p.m. Koinonia Housekirk, Lounge, 7:00 p.m. Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

WOW Supper, 5:30 p.m. Worship, Sanctuary, 6:15 p.m. Classes for Children, Students and Adults, 6:30 p.m. Choir, Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

> **Thursday** Dorcas Circle, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday Early Risers Housekirk, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 14

Communion Sunday Glen Oaks, 2:00 p.m. High School Ministry, 4:30 p.m. One Ancient Hope Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 5:30 p.m. Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 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**, Carolyn Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, Flora and Mary Boeckemeier, Hannah Grace Brown, Laura Brown, Darlene Denison, **Jessica Ellsbury**, Judy Gabriel, Mary King, Ellen Kinnaird, Marie McGhee, Paul Meinen, Tom and Dianne Paplham, Don Powers, **Clair and Mary Rue**.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?

January Communion Offering. The January Communion Offering is for Steve and Diana Hudson of Reach Global. Steve and Diana are the coordinator and administrator of the Pathways ministry for South Asia that Pastor Michael is participating in this February and over the next two years. Pathways trains pastors in America to equip pastors overseas to proclaim God's truths with power, conviction and clarity as they preach and teach the Word accurately and pass the training along to others.

WOW Menu Hot Dogs and Chips, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cup and Cookie

Lunch and Learn. This Tuesday, at 12:00 Westkirk Lunch and Learn will meet for a meal of hot roast beef sandwich and gravy. Westkirk's own Kim Peter will speak to us about her work at AE Dairy with a presentation entitled "The Power of Dairy – Fueling the Mind and Body." If you have an hour for lunch please plan to spend it with us. Sign up on the Connect Card **TODAY**.

Dorcas Circle. We will gather for hot chocolate and Proverbs on Thursday, January 11, at 1:00 in the Hospitality Room. Are you tired of staying in with nothing to do? Come and enjoy fellowship with us. If you would like to bring snacks, you are welcome to do so, and in addition to hot chocolate there will also be coffee or tea. Join us!! We will resume our study in James in February. Westkirk Women Connect. What is a runza?! It is best known in Nebraska, even though its origin is debatable. This pocket of soft bread is filled with a delicious beef, onion, and cabbage filling! You may have seen the recipe in the Westkirk cookbook but aren't sure if you are up to the task. Ladies, please join Kelli Miller in the Great Hall Kitchen, on Saturday, January 20, at 12:30 p.m. where she will demonstrate how to make a runza. You'll be able to get your questions answered and get a taste of this one-of-a-kind comfort food! Cost is only \$5. Please sign up on the Connect Card by Jan14.

Get Healthy, Grow Strong, Live Well. The Fourth Annual INSPIRE Health and Fitness Conference will take place on Saturday, January 20, at First Federated Church from 8:30-4:30. The cost is only \$35, which includes lunch. This will be a unique opportunity to hear from some national faith leaders on the topic of body stewardship, as well as from bestselling author Gary Thomas ("Sacred Marriage"); nationally syndicated radio host and author Dr. Michael Brown; Steve Deace and others as they lead a robust collection of speakers who will bring a biblical worldview to the theme "Building Stronger Marriages, Families and Ministries." Check out the website (www.inspirehealth2018.com) to learn more about the conference and register.

Baby Blankets. As we start a New Year, we want to celebrate all of the new little ones who have been born in our Westkirk family this last year! Beautiful handmade blankets have been knit/ crocheted by members of our congregation for the Parish Deacons to give to new babies born to our Westkirk family. Those blankets are in bags in the Hospitality Room labeled for babies who have not yet received a blanket. If we have missed a family, please let Gloria Huyser know - (515)284-7443 or email glohuyser43@gmail.com. Welcome to Westkirk, little ones!!

Biblical Parenting Seminar. Parenting is hard and parents need help ... solid, biblical help. On Friday, January 26 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Grace Church (4200 E. 25th, Des Moines) is hosting a seminar led by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller from the National Center for Biblical Parenting where parents will receive practical tools to address both attitudes and anger in children. The seminar will offer a biblical, heart-based approach to addressing problems parents face. The cost is only \$10 per person. To register online or for more information, visit <u>www.gracehome.com</u> and click on "parenting seminar" in the upper right-hand corner.

Offering Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center.



WOW Returns This Wednesday! Several options for learning and spiritual growth are available to kids, students and adults at WOW! As usual, join us for supper and fellowship in the Great Hall from 5:30 to 6:15 if you wish; worship from 6:15-

6:30 in the Sanctuary; and then to the class of your choice. Adults have the following classes to choose from:

Biblical Financial Study. Chris Brown and Phil Groner will facilitate this 10-week class on financial stewardship as presented by Crown Ministries. The class will include a video for each week's lesson, time for discussion, and a workbook with exercises that will help you apply the practical financial information to your personal finances. Also included is a Crown Money Map for easy tracking to guide and celebrate your progress. Cost for materials is \$29.95, but don't let that deter you from attending if you can't afford to pay the suggested price. All are welcome to attend as they meet in the Calvin Room in the basement.

Life is Best: Pro-life Apologetics - lives are at stake. Souls hang in the balance. Some Christians are engaged in battle, most are not. Join Kim Pearson, Westkirk member and former state legislator, as we explore this provocative Pro-Life curriculum. DVDbased with interviews of John MacArthur, Megan Almon, Matt Chandler and others. *Life is Best* will thoroughly equip and inspire you to join the fight for lives and souls. Kim Pearson will facilitate this class in the Lounge

Book of Romans. Chad Carlson and Chris Rohloff will continue their study of Romans, the book that Martin Luther credited with the transformation of his understanding of God's grace applied to him. Romans is Paul's "Magnum Opus" -- a systematic review of man's predicament in the presence of a holy God, and God's sovereign plan to ordain his salvation, sanctification and glorification. Like Luther, let Paul's powerful argument assure you that nothing can ever separate you from God's saving grace. This class will meet in the Hospitality Room.

A: When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

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