



Westkirk Weekly

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Week's Activities
April 15-22, 2018

Today

Shepherd articles due
Styles Austin Stadtlander, Jr. Baptism
First Service - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes – all ages – 10:15 a.m.
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.
Explorers' Class, 1:00 p.m.
High School Ministry, 4:30 p.m.
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 p.m.

Monday

Meeting of the Session, Great Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Koinonia Housekirk, Lounge, 6:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry, Hospitality Room, 6:30 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.
Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m.
Choir, Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

American Heritage Girls/Trail Life Boys Troop Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Secret Church, Hospitality Room, 6:00 - 11:50 p.m.
Game Night, Downstairs, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

Explorers' Class, 1:00 p.m.
High School Ministry, 4:30 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 Jody Lucero and Providence Reformed Church**, Beth Boeckemeier, Darlene Denison, Deloris Droppers, Judy Gaumer, **Jan Geisler**, Ellen Kinnaird, **Kobita (young girl)**, **Lori Long**, Marie McGhee, Paul Meinen, Jerry Modderman, Dave Peplinski, Don Powers. **Condolences to Margaret Thompson (wife) and Ellen Kinnaird (mother) on the death Steve Thompson.**

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

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?



Ruth Harbor Walk for Life 2018. Join us for Ruth Harbor's 13th Annual Walk for Life on Saturday, May 12. Westkirk will once again be sponsoring a team to support young moms and their babies right here in Des Moines. We will meet at the Embassy Suites Downtown (101 E. Locust) on the patio at 9:00 a.m. The walk (which is less than a mile and at a pace for anyone who wishes to participate) will officially start at 9:30 and lasts approximately one hour. This event is free and all ages are invited. Bring your whole family! In the event of rain, bring your umbrella.

To donate or register for the walk, go to www.RuthHarbor.org and be sure to indicate you are with TEAM WESTKIRK. Ask your family, friends and co-workers to sponsor you. Everyone who raises funds will receive a free t-shirt. For more information or questions, contact Jerry or Sandy Tuinstra at (515) 256-0090.

WOW Menu

**Chicken Parmesan Sandwich, Fries,
Salad, Fruit Cup and Cookie**

The Compassion Experience. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is hosting a unique, free and family-friendly event **today and tomorrow** in their parking lot. Visitors will be invited on a self-guided journey (highly interactive, using individual iPods and headsets) where they will be immersed in the lives and stories of two children living in Uganda or Bolivia. Each child's story starts in hardship but ends in hope.

The experience includes 1,700 square feet of exhibit space, featuring replicas of the homes and environments of these two Compassion beneficiaries. Tour-goers will have the opportunity to "change the story" of children living in poverty by learning more about the issue, as well as Compassion's child sponsorship program, which tackles global poverty one child at a time.

Compassion currently serves more than 1.8 million children in 25 of the world's most impoverished countries. The World Bank estimates that 700 million (9.6 percent of the global population) live on less than \$1.90 a day (USD). The tour takes only approximately 20 minutes and is well worth the time you spend.

Where: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church parking lot
8301 Aurora Avenue Urbandale, IA
When: TODAY – Sunday, April 15 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, April 16 – 11:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m.

A Call for Ushers. There is a core group of individuals and couples who are usually called on and can be relied upon, and we are very grateful to these people. As the church grows and we gain new members, we would like to see more new and old members become involved in the various aspects of the church. Ushering is one way of doing this with very little commitment of time. It provides a way to become involved, gives both old and new members a chance to interact and get to know each other and spreads the duties out to more than a handful of people.

The duties are not difficult and, in fact, it is perhaps one of the easiest things that one can be involved in. Duties consist of greeting people with a smile, handing them a bulletin, in some instances perhaps assisting them in finding a seat, taking up the offering and then helping count the offering. We ask that each of you give prayerful thought to volunteering to serve as an usher and say "yes" when someone calls you. If you would be willing to help once every few months and lighten the load for those already on the list, please check the box on the Connect Card. Thank you!



In October of 2018, the Urbandale Food Pantry will begin its 10th year of operation serving the city of Urbandale, and the greater Des Moines area. Supported by volunteers, donors, Hunger Free Polk County, the Cities of Urbandale and Windsor Heights, along with many local churches, businesses, organizations, and schools the pantry has been able to serve an average of *2,099 individuals a month (894 families)*.

What Does It Take To Feed That Many People? In 2017...

- ◆ 37,387 pounds of fresh produce donated from individuals, grocery stores, and restaurants.
- ◆ 92,439 food items donated from individuals, grocery stores, schools and churches
- ◆ 73,194 bread items donated from grocery stores, bakeries & restaurants
- ◆ 1,191 turkeys donated for Thanksgiving dinners
- ◆ \$40,000 in personal care items donated
- ◆ 100+ Volunteers that served
- ◆ 16,800 hours of volunteer time

In 2018, we are looking to serve more individuals, but are in need of more volunteers, more donations, more fiscal help, and more involvement. Would you consider helping to feed the hungry in 2018? Contact us for more information!

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A: Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

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