

# This Week's Activities July 8-15, 2018

## **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.
Vacation Bible School, 5:15 - 8:00 p.m.

# Monday

Vacation Bible School, 5:15 - 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

# Tuesday

Vacation Bible School, 5:15 - 8:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Vacation Bible School, 5:15 - 8:00 p.m.

## **Thursday**

Vacation Bible School, 5:15 - 8:00 p.m. Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

#### Saturday

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

### Sunday

Shepherd articles due
First Service - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.
Second Service - 11:15 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 Glen Blumer and Crossroads Church of Norwalk, Beth Boeckemeier, Darlene Denison, Judy Gaumer, Ellen Kinnaird, Don Lanham, Marilyn Lanham, Marie McGhee, Paul Meinen, Don Powers, Dick Reed. Congratulations to Grant and Mary Peter on the birth of their son, Reagan Alan! Condolences to: Darius and Celestine Togba and family on the death of Celestine's niece from Missouri; Richard and Marlene Duke (Barb Wilson's cousin) and family on loss of their son, Russell.

#### WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

Proof Pirates Vacation Bible School starts **TONIGHT**, and runs through Thursday. Bring your mateys age 2-5<sup>th</sup> Grade and join us on a grand adventure to find the treasure of God's amazing grace! Dinner begins at 5:15, Worship at 6:00, and classes and fun til 8:00 p.m. Questions? Call, text or email Benae Duff at 515-707-9072, or benaeduff@westkirk.org.





During VBS, Pastor Michael will be leading adults through a study of *Proof: Finding Freedom Through the Intoxicating Joy of Irresistible Grace* by Daniel Montgomery and Timothy Paul Jones. If you'd like a copy of the book, they're available in the church office for \$8!

Westkirk celebrates the Lord's Supper at each service on the second Sunday of the month (as well as during special seasonal times of the year). Open communion means that if you are a professing Christian who has put your faith and trust in God through Jesus Christ

alone and are a member in good standing at a local church anywhere, you are free to partake communion with us. If you are "between churches," the decision is one made between you and the Lord. Feel free to contact one of our pastoral staff if you are unsure.

July Communion Offering. The July Communion Offering will go toward professional cleaning of the grout and ceramic tile in the men's and women's restrooms in the Lounge and West Wing.

Freedom Blend Coffee is excited to announce their free summer concert series on the patio at 2329 Hickman Road, Des Moines from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on the following Friday nights:

July 13 Nick Powell July 20 The Garveys July 27 Pryrhnds Aug 3 Carlos Devone

Freedom Blend Coffee is an entity of Freedom for Youth Ministries that opened last September. The coffee shop serves breakfast, lunch, coffee, tea, and other specials, as well as providing employment training for young adults in the community.

Discover Bethany Adoption Services. Are you called to be the answer to one of millions who live without the hope of being loved by a family? Please consider joining us on Thursday, August 9, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall when Bethany Adoption Services will hold a 2-hour informational meeting about both domestic and international adoption. You will be able to hear about the joys and struggles of local, international and domestic adoptive families, and be able to ask questions and receive honest answers. You only need to bring your passion for children and Bethany Adoption Services will bring families and the agency's expertise, integrity and high quality of service.

**House and Grounds News.** The House and Grounds Committee has been working on several campus related projects that will soon be scheduled and completed.

First, most of us have been introduced to the new potholes in the parking lot that appeared this spring. We praise God that a member of Westkirk anonymously gifted the church with a sizable donation to cover a significant portion of the cost of parking lot repairs. We have gathered several bids and are currently determining which contractor we will hire to do the work. We expect to pay in the range of \$25,000 for this project. An all-church email will go out before the repairs begin so that you are aware of the parking constraints that will be in place. However, we expect to have the job completed between Sundays so our normal Sunday parking is not affected.

Second, it has been several years since the grout in the tile of the Lounge and west end restrooms have been professionally cleaned. Grout cleaning is not a weekly maintenance task expected of our custodian. Bids are currently being gathered for this work also.

We will all notice and benefit from these maintenance projects so please thank God for his provision. Likewise, should you be interested in contributing to either of these projects, please make out a separate check and note to which project your contribution should be directed. We might possibly be able to expand either of these efforts with additional monies.

If you have any questions, please contact House and Grounds Deacon, Trent Vis or Pastor Michael Mudlaff.

A: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

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