



Westkirk Weekly

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Week's Activities **July 29-August 5, 2018**

Today

First Service - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.

Second Service - 11:15 a.m.

Thursday

Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Westkirk Women Connect

Historic Highland Park Shopping Trip - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday – August 5

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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 Mike Augsburg** and **Soteria Des Moines**, Roma Bassett, Beth Boeckemeier, **Darlene Denison**, Judy Gaumer, Ellen Kinnaird, Don Lanham, Marilyn Lanham, Lori Long, **Marie McGhee**, Paul Meinen, Don Powers, Dick Reed. **Condolences to: Barb Asman and family on the death of her husband, Max; Russ and Ellen Harrison on the death of Ellen's mother, Ardie Rekemeyer of Tipton; Marlene and Tom McDonald and Elaine and Mark Hagenberg and family on the death of Marlene's brother, (Elaine's uncle), Kenneth Ross of Kansas.**

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

Sound Tech Volunteer Needed for Second Service. We are looking for an additional person to help with sound during second service. No experience necessary! Time commitment is every other Sunday starting 30 minutes before second service. Please sign up on the Connect Card today or contact Kevin Riggins via email at kriggins@krandj.org or call (515) 371-4996 if you are interested.



Friendly reminder from the librarian. Please consider the following when donating used materials to the church library: Are CDs and DVDs playable/undamaged?

Are books in good condition—not torn or too marked up inside? Free of stains, musty smells, or mildew (books that have been stored in basements or garages for a long time are prone to this)? Have you fanned through the pages for forgotten personal items? Thank you! This ensures your donations are in giving shape, ready to be shared with us all!

Women's Fellowship for August. Ladies, join us for a fun evening of music and fellowship at Freedom Blend Coffee (2329 Hickman Rd.) from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, featuring Carlos DeVone. It will be a fun night of fellowship while supporting our local mission organization that does incredible work with the youth in our community! Please contact Allyson Groner (515-770-2792) with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Westkirk Women Connect - Historic Highland Park Exploratory Shopping Trip this Saturday, August 4, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for a morning of fun and learning in Highland Park's historic shopping district at 6th and Euclid in Des Moines. We will visit the famous Hiland Bakery (fantastic cookies and donuts), Jenny's Attic (estate sale antiques), The Little Glass Shack (one of a kind glass art creations), and maybe more depending on time. We'll look for the historic sites and signs along the way. This is one of Des Moines' treasures, and the shopkeepers are some of the neatest people you will meet!

There is a limit of 12 people. Contact Gloria Huyser at glohuyser43@gmail.com to save a spot! The meeting place and car-pooling arrangements, if necessary, will be made with participants.

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. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please sign up on the Connect Card.

An Endless War

By Elaine Erickson

Once there was a long war between the houses of Saul and David. As David grew stronger—a powerful wind—the house of Saul became weak as a setting sun at dusk.

Once there was a man named Abner, from the house of Saul. He sent a message to David: “Make a covenant with me, and I will bring all Israel to you.” To the elders of Israel he said, “Make David your king; do it!”

Abner traveled to Hebron, where David gave him a lavish feast. “May you reign over all your heart desires,” Abner said. David sent Abner away in peace, quietly as crops swaying in a breeze.

Once there was a man named Joab, from the house of David. When Joab heard of David’s meeting with Abner, he was filled with fury. “Abner came to deceive you,” he shouted. “He is a spy!”

Joab found Abner, stabbed him in the stomach. Abner’s scream reached the heavens, his blood a river flowing from his gut. He died.

When David heard it, shock traveled through him like wind raging over winter fields. “My kingdom and I are guiltless before the Lord forever of the blood of Abner,” he cried. A whole forest inside him crumbled. Worms of torment chewed his heart strings.

David said to the people, “Tear your clothes, put on sackcloth, and mourn for Abner.” His blood now was a sea of sorrow and grief, sorrow and grief.

A: The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.
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