



Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

This Week's Activities **January 6-13, 2019**

Today

First Service, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.
Second Service, 11:15 a.m.
Foster/Adoptive Blessings Meeting, Great Hall, 12:30 p.m.
High School Ministry, 4:30 p.m.

Monday

Commission/Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Lunch and Learn, Great Hall, Noon
Bible Study Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.
Koinonia Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.
Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Dorcas Circle, Hospitality Room, 1:00 p.m.
Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Movie - *The Insanity of God*, Great Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

BSF Leaders' Meeting, CWC, 6:00 a.m.
Early Risers Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 13

Communion Sunday
Glen Oaks, 2:00 p.m.
High School Ministry, 4:30 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 Noah Braymen and Redeemer Baptist Church**, Chris Axtell, Beth Boeckemeier, Kurt Cohen, Regi Donaldson, Judy Gaumer, Phil Groner, Eunice Hofmeyer, Ellen Kinnaird, Marilyn Lanham, Paul Meinen, **Nathan Njoroge**, Bryan Wieskamp, Sharon Wyckoff Willard. Condolences to: Michael and Sasha Mudlaff and family on the death of Sasha's mother, Kim Peterson.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: Which is the fifth commandment?

Westkirk Lunch and Learn. On January 8 at noon a lunch of chili and the fixings will be served at the Westkirk Lunch and Learn. Rebecca Donaldson will speak to us about her upcoming mission work in Greece among those suffering from human trafficking. If you can attend, please sign up on the Connect Card today.

WOW Menu

Cheeseburger, Fries, Salad, Fruit and Cookie

The Insanity of God. Join us for the free showing of the movie *The Insanity of God* this Friday evening, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. (The movie is 90 minutes long.) RSVP not required – but will help us with room setup! Please plan to join us – friends and family welcome!

FAB Meeting (Foster/Adoptive Blessings). We will be meeting in the Great Hall today immediately following Second Service. Our meeting is open to anyone interested in providing R.E.S.T (Relational, Educational, Spiritual and Tangible Support) to our foster/adoptive families. At our last meeting, we had a discussion about ways to make a peanut butter sandwich – dill pickles, mayo, hot sauce, bacon, etc. This month the menu will be PBJ. Bread and peanut butter will be provided, as well as favorite additional ingredients to try. We would love to have you join us!

Adult Sunday School Class Begins a New Series. Pastor Paul's Sunday School Class (10:15 in the Great Hall) will begin a series of studies in the book of Job on **TODAY**. This will be a DVD presentation by Derek Thomas with a study guide available. In summary: "Why does God permit suffering? It's a question all of us have asked, and the book of Job points us toward the answer. Job's questions are our questions, and we can identify with his frustration, disappointment, and confusion in the midst of trials. In this series, Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas walks us through the book of Job and considers what the Bible says about our darkest moments. He addresses the difficult question of the relationship between God's sovereignty and the existence of evil, sin, and suffering. In the end, as Dr. Thomas shows, it's in our trials that we learn to trust God and say with Job, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." Coffee is served in the Great Hall. So join us between the worship services. We will close at 11:00.

Elder David Vorm is leading another Adult Sunday School Class at the same time in the study of the book of James in the basement in the Calvin Room.



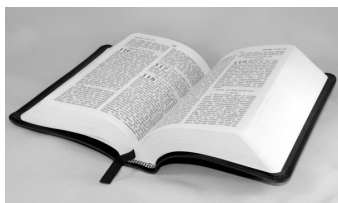
January Communion Offering. This month's offering is for Paradise Lost. The Camp Fire of northern California devastated the community of Paradise. Paradise was the home of Ridge Presbyterian Church. The church grounds were completely incinerated by the fire, as were the home of every member of the church. Westkirk will send all offering gifts to MNA Disaster Response Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America for the communities of Paradise and Chico, California. Please consider a special gift.

Dorcas Circle. If the weather is favorable, please join us this Thursday, January 10, at 1:00 in the Hospitality Room. We don't have a formal program planned, but come and have hot chocolate and fellowship. We will have an informal activity to share and enjoy as we see a new year ahead. Ladies, come and visit with us!!

Perspectives Classes. This course (January 13 – May 5) is designed around four vantage points or "perspectives" — Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic. Each one highlights different aspects of God's global purpose. Classes will be hosted by Westchester Church, 4919 Aurora, Des Moines on Sunday evenings from 5:00–8:00 p.m. with a dinner break halfway through. For more information, email Brandon Mick at BrandonMick@westkirk.org or Sue Holcomb at sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com.

Read Through the Bible in 2019

Many Christians take the beginning of a new year to evaluate their Bible reading habits and then change or begin a Bible reading plan.



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

For your convenience, Ligonier Ministries has compiled an outstanding list of Bible reading plans for you to choose from. Maybe in 2019 you will read more of the Bible each day. Perhaps you'll slow down your reading and instead spend more time considering what you read. Whatever it is you're looking for in a reading plan, you will find it by typing **ligonier bible reading plans** in your search engine.

Some of the great Bible reading plans include:

- 5 Day Bible Reading Program - the Bible in a year with readings five days a week.
- 52 Week Bible Reading Plan - the Bible in a year with each day of the week dedicated to a different genre: epistles, the law, history, Psalms, poetry, prophecy, and Gospels.
- 5x5x5 New Testament Bible Reading Plan - the New Testament in a year, reading Monday to Friday. Weekends are set aside for reflection and other reading. Especially beneficial if you're new to a daily discipline of Bible reading.
- A Bible Reading Chart - your own pace. Use this minimalistic yet beautifully designed chart to track your reading throughout the year.
- Chronological Bible Reading Plan - the Bible in the order the events occurred chronologically.
- *And many, many more...*

A: The fifth commandment is, *Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

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