



# Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

## **This Week's Activities**

### **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.  
High School Ministry, 4:30 p.m.  
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 p.m.

### **Monday**

Omega Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study, 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.  
Explorers' Class, 6:30 p.m.  
Choir, Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### **Thursday**

Dorcas Circle, Hospitality Room, 1:00 p.m.  
American Heritage Girls Troop Meeting, 6:15 p.m.  
Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

### **Friday**

*Shepherd* Articles Due  
Student Ministries Fun Night

### **Saturday**

BSF Leader Meeting, CWC, 6:00 a.m.  
Game Night, Hospitality Room, 4:00 p.m.

### **Sunday**

Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 p.m.

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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 Shawn Powers and Redemption Hills Church of Waukee**, Beth Boeckemeier, **Regi Donaldson**, Judy Gaumer, **Jonathan Griggs**, Phil Groner, Ellen Kinnaird, Marilyn Lanham, Paul Meinen, Nancy Swartzwelter, Jerry Tuinstra, Sharon Wyckoff Willard.

**WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

**Two Adult Sunday School Classes, (10:15-11:00).** Today in the **Great Hall** Pastor Paul's Class will continue with Derek Thomas' DVD on The Book of Job. The second class, led by Mitchell Mahan, will be held in the **Calvin Room** downstairs and continues in the Book of Acts.

**Rebecca Donaldson Report.**

As part of her full-time, missionary training, Rebecca spent this past week in Clear Lake, Iowa - the home of International Messengers. She has now returned to Montana to complete her training course. To prepare for her upcoming move to Athens, Rebecca has donated, given away and sold many personal and household items. But, she still needs to sell her car! If you know anyone who might be interested in a 2015 Chrysler 200s with 52,591 miles, please call Rebecca directly at 515-779-1790. Selling price is \$12,500. Thank you!

**Dorcas Circle.** Ladies, please join us on Thursday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m. as we gather for our study in "ANGELS as Messengers". Our study will be led by Elaine Erickson. We'll begin with dessert served by Kelli Miller and Barb Wilson. We enjoy fellowship and study together in the Hospitality Room. Even if you've never come before, we welcome you to visit with us this week.

**Westkirk Lunch and Learn.**

On Tuesday, March 12 at noon Westkirk Lunch and Learn will meet in the Great Hall for a meal featuring pork loin. Leah Fry, a personal trainer from Fit for the King will speak to us about exercises folks with physical limitations can use to maintain their health. We will be done by 1:00, so you can still keep other appointments that afternoon. If you can attend, please sign up on the Connect Card **TODAY.**



**March Communion Offering.** This month the Communion Offering will go to the Robert Morrison Project to raise funds to translate the book "Expositional Preaching into Farsi. Are you willing to help Iranian pastors become better expository preachers in their own tongue? Iran today is believed to have the fastest growing Christian church in the world. Yet, probably have the fewest number of Christian books in their own language; fewer than 100, and even fewer can be considered reformed. Westkirk's partner in ministry, Robert Morrison Project (RMP), is dedicating more resources to translating reformed Christian titles into Farsi, which help Iranian pastors more effectively preach to the growing number of new Iranian Christians. Will you please consider a generous gift to help us complete this important project for the Iranian church?

**When Do Children Take Communion at Westkirk?** Please show discernment in leading your children during communion. You may certainly take your children with you to go forward for communion. At that time, you should indicate to the server if your children are to receive the elements. Since Paul encourages us (1 Corinthians 11:23-34) to examine ourselves in order not to take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner, we do not subscribe to the partaking of the elements by infants, toddlers or young children (paedo-communion). We do encourage parents to talk with their children about the Gospel, about communion, and bring them to meet with one of the pastors to help them discern if their child is ready to partake. A child who is ready to take communion is also ready to publicly profess his or her faith and be baptized, if they have not already done so.

**Prayer, Fasting and the Pursuit of God.** Join us for Secret Church on April 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:50 p.m. In Secret Church 19, David Platt will take an in-depth look at the Bible's teaching on prayer and fasting. To register, please sign up on the Connect Card. Your \$10 fee (which covers the study guide and dinner), can be paid to Sue Holcomb or Brandon Mick [BrandonMick@westkirk.org](mailto:BrandonMick@westkirk.org), [sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com](mailto:sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com).

**English Tutors Needed.** Lutheran Services in Iowa has launched a tutoring program and has a list of adult learners waiting for a tutor to help them improve their English or become a US Citizen. Volunteers will be matched with students according to their needs and preferences and meet at a time and location that is convenient. Tutors will receive training and will have access to learning resources and support from a LSI team-member. If interested, please contact Becky at [Becky.Schwanz@LSIowa.org](mailto:Becky.Schwanz@LSIowa.org) or call 515-271-7411.

**WOW Menu**  
**Chef's Choice, Salad, Fruit and Cookie**

**Joshua Christian Academy.** Join us in celebrating the 10th Anniversary of JCA at their Annual Banquet on Friday, March 29, to be held at the Elwell Family Food Center on the Iowa State Fairgrounds from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Van Harden will be the keynote speaker at the celebration. A number of complimentary tickets are available. Please contact Mona Yentes for more details 515-778-5433, [ksyentes@gmail.com](mailto:ksyentes@gmail.com) or sign up on the Connect Card.



**Operation Christmas Child** – Join other crafters in the Great Hall on Saturday, March 23, from 10:00 a.m. to noon for fun making items to pack in shoeboxes in November. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please call or email Patricia Fitzgerald at 515-491-3946 or [patricia.l.fitz@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.l.fitz@gmail.com), with questions, or check out OCC's website: [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/year-round-packing-ideas](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/year-round-packing-ideas).

**Church Softball League.** Grace Church has invited Westkirk to join their adult co-ed softball league. Games will begin in early May and will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. All games will be played at Grace Church (E. 25th St. and Aurora). Each team will play one game per week, with 12 games guaranteed. Teams should have at least 4 women in the lineup at all times. Game balls will be provided. Cost is \$120 per team for the entire summer, payable at the first game.

We have had some interest expressed in forming a team but there is still room for additional players to sign up. We are also in need of someone to act as manager of the team. If you would be willing to be that important person, or would just like to join the Team, please sign up on the Connect Card.

A: The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

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