

July 7-14, 2019

Today

First Service, 9:00 a.m. Sundae Sunday, Great Hall, 10:15 a.m. Second Service, 11:15 a.m. St. Louis Pre-Trip Meeting, Student Center, 12:30 p.m. Hungary Team Meeting, Luther Room, 12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School, 5:15 p.m.

Monday

Vacation Bible School, 5:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. (Dave Vorm's Home - 8835 Oakdale Dr., Johnston)

> **Tuesday** Lunch and Learn, Great Hall, Noon Vacation Bible School, 5:15 p.m. Koinonia Housekirk, 6:30 p.m. Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

> > Wednesday

Vacation Bible School, 5:15 p.m.

Thursday Vacation Bible School, 5:15 p.m. Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Early Risers Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 14

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.

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 Augsburger and Soteria Des Moines, Regi Donaldson, Judy Gaumer, Phil Groner, Ellen Kinnaird, Marilyn Lanham, Paul Meinen, Michael Snodgrass. Condolences to: Scott and Stacie Bland on the death of Scott's mother, Elaine Bland of Durant, Iowa.

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Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: How is the word made effectual to salvation?



July Communion Offering. The Communion Offering today will be given to First Hope. At our Mediterranean Banquet, we heard from our missionary Refik Topcu about his work with the refugee children in Turkey. This money will help fund a program in the Torbali Refuge Center where the

children (primarily Syrian refugees) receive education and development programs. Thank you for your gift!

Knox Night, July 17. On Wednesday evening, July 17 at 7:00 p.m., Session is hosting "Knox Night" to celebrate Pastor Michael's Extended Renewal Leave. At that time, Pastor Michael will be in Edinburgh studying John Knox, 'the Father of the Presbyterian Church,' and Scottish Reformation History. He has planned a sermon series in October to share some of what he has learned alongside some important Biblical texts in the life and ministry of John Knox. But the rest of you are invited to come and view the documentary called, KNOX: the Life and Legacy of Scotland's Controversial Reformer. Documentaries sound pretty boring but Pastor Michael assured us before he left that this one wasn't too bad. Just in case, he asked us to make sure refreshments were served! Ruling Elder, John Johnson will host our evening together. Come as we view this 77-minute film and follow in the footsteps of John Knox as he makes his epic journey from Catholic priest to passionate Protestant preacher, facing down the most famous Scottish queen of all time!



Sundae Sunday - TODAY. We will start gearing up for our Road Rally VBS this morning with a special time of fellowship and sundaes. That's right! Please join us in the Great Hall at 10:15 to fellowship with one another while we enjoy an ice cream treat. What can be better than Jesus and ice cream?!

Westkirk Lunch and Learn. Lunch and Learn will meet this Tuesday, July 9, from noon to 1:00. An indoor picnic will feature hamburgers and the fixings, along with fruit and chips. Pastor Paul will talk about "Grief: What Is It and How Do I Handle It." If you plan to attend please sign up on the Connect Card **TODAY**.



We're revved up and ready to welcome you to Vacation Bible School!

We've got the green flag, but it's not too late to get in the race!

VBS begins TONIGHT! 5:15-8:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and join us for dinner at 5:15, worship at 6:00, and classes for adults AND kids Sunday-Thursday evenings this week! While the kids are on a 'road trip' through the basics of salvation, Nathan Hiatt will be leading the adult class through Luke 3-4, in a study on 'Christ as the Second Adam.' It promises to be a great week in the life of our church, and your participation is a bless-ing! Come join us!

Westkirk loves kids, and their safety is a top priority! Volunteers in Children's and Student Ministries are in the process of renewing background checks. In the near future, volunteers will also be asked to complete an online child protection course through Protect My Ministry. Thank you to John Donaldson and the security team for their diligence in this important effort.



Operation Christmas Child – Ideas for July. Savvy shoppers know that they can impact more children around the world for eternity by looking for

shoebox items throughout the year. Check out the packing guide for the suggested item of the month. You can use this guide to help put togeth-



Clothing Items

er shoebox gifts that are sure to bless and delight boys and girls. <u>www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/year-round-packing-ideas/</u>. July is **clothing items.** Some ideas include, shoes, socks, shirts, hats, shorts and underwear. Contact Patricia Fitzgerald with questions (<u>patricia.l.fitz@gmail.com</u> or 515-491-3946).

Second Service Greeters. We are looking for volunteers to be greeters for the 2nd service. This is an easy but important way to serve Westkirk by making worshipers feel welcome. Some members enjoy having their children join them as greeters. If you attend Sunday School, you might even be able to serve as greeter for both the first and second services. If interested, please contact Barbara Orend at <u>barbaraega@gmail.com</u> or 515-314-8071. Thanks very much for considering this opportunity to serve your fellow worshipers.

A: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

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