



# Westkirk Weekly

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **This Week's Activities** **September 8-15, 2019**

### **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 Ministries, 4:30 p.m.  
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 p.m.

### **Monday**

Commission Deacons Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Omega Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.  
Commission/Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday**

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

### **Thursday**

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

### **Friday**

Wedding Rehearsal

### **Saturday**

BSF Leaders' Meeting, CWC, 6:00 a.m.  
Early Risers Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 8:00 a.m.  
Wedding, 4:00 p.m.

### **Sunday**

*Shepherd* Articles Due  
High School Ministries, 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 Chuck Muether and Immanuel Reformed Fellowship, Oskaloosa;** Mary Axtell, Regi Donaldson, Elaine Erickson, Judy Gaumer, Phil Groner, **Chuck Holcomb,** Ellen Kinnaird, Marilyn Lanham, Paul Meinen, **Ruth Steiff.** Condolences to: Luke and Betsy Wenz and family on the death of Betsy's grandmother, Virginia Goetz.

### **WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: What is prayer?



**September Communion Offering.** Garden Gate Ranch is the only home in Iowa for women recovering from sex trafficking who are pregnant or have children. It is also completely faith based. Founder Brenda Long is a solid Christian woman who knows true healing comes through Jesus. The home is being renovated now with plans to open by year end.

Pathway House is **Garden Gate Ranch's** immediate rescue home. This home is unlike any other in the state of Iowa, filling a great need for immediate rescue — to get her off the street and into safety. While most safe homes require an interview process before admitting women to the house, the Pathway House admits first, and interviews second. They admit her—question-free—one day and then discuss options and direction with her the next. They understand that no person can plan for their tomorrow if they don't feel safe today. This reversal of interview and admittance enables women to first focus on their safety in order to finally focus on their future. With this immediate admittance, women are less likely to disappear again into the shadows of exploitation, and less likely to be victimized by yet another pimp. The Pathway House meets her needs for today, so she can finally look toward tomorrow. For more information go to [www.gardengateranch.com](http://www.gardengateranch.com).

### **WOW Meal**

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

**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.

**Westkirk Lunch and Learn.** This Tuesday, September 10, Lunch and Learn will meet for a meal featuring spaghetti. "Decisions at the end of life create deep anxiety for those involved. But it is possible to find peace and comfort amid the hard choices." We will examine biblical considerations about end-of-life decision making from the view point of Bill Davis led by Pastor Paul. Bill Davis is an elder in a PCA church and a professor at Westminster Seminary California. Please sign up on the Connect Card **TODAY**.

<p><b>Urbandale Food Pantry</b> <b>Item for September - Bars of Soap</b></p>
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**Time to Sign Up for Explorers' Class.** The next Explorers' Class will begin Sunday, October 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. We will plan to have a light lunch together. Mark your attendance on today's Connect Card or RSVP to Pastor Michael at [westkirk@westkirk.org](mailto:westkirk@westkirk.org). The Explorers' Class is your gateway to membership at Westkirk Presbyterian Church. Pastor Michael leads the class and it is a great opportunity to get to know him better, meet other Westkirk attendees and find out more about the church. It is a no-obligation experience as you will be given plenty of time after the 4 classes conclude to determine if you would like to join in membership. If you cannot attend all the sessions, please let Pastor Michael know and he will make alternative arrangements for you. We look forward to seeing you there!



### **Operation Christmas Child – Ideas for September.**

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 together shoebox gifts that are sure to bless and delight boys and girls. [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/year-round-packing-ideas/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/year-round-packing-ideas/) September is games. Some ideas include small hand held games, puzzles, checkers, dominos. Feel free to contact Patricia Fitzgerald with questions ([patricia.l.fitz@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.l.fitz@gmail.com) 515-491-3946).

**Bible Study Fellowship.** Ladies, we are excited to again partner with BSF, an organization committed to the study and application of God's Word on a daily basis. In BSF, through personal daily study of the Bible, combined with weekly group discussion, a live lecture and insightful notes, participants discover the Bible's relevance to today's challenges. Beginning September 10, classes meet each Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. here at Westkirk. If you are interested in learning more, go to [www.bsfinternational.org](http://www.bsfinternational.org), contact a member of the staff or call the church office.

**Baby Clothes To Greece.** Thank you for providing the extra suitcases we needed for the Greece Team. We do have one more request! We are taking many heavy items to the women recovering from sex trafficking at Damaris House in Greece. We have purchased lots of supplies for their beading projects, Bibles in Arabic, Spanish and English, lotions and lots more! Now we need some lighter items to pack around these things. If you have infant clothes (birth to 24 months) that you no longer need, are in good condition and that you would be willing to donate, please contact Sue Holcomb ([sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com](mailto:sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com)).

A: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

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