



Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

This Week's Activities
October 8-15, 2017

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.
One Ancient Hope Housekirk, Hospitality Room, 5:30 p.m.
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 p.m.

Monday

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

Tuesday

Lunch and Learn, Great Hall, noon
Women's Bible Study, East Wing, 1:00 p.m.
Koinonia Housekirk, Lounge, 7:00 p.m.
Doulos Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.
Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Deerfield, 10:00 a.m.
WOW Supper, 5:30 p.m.
Worship, Sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.
Classes for Children, Students and Adults, 6:30 p.m.
Choir, Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Dorcas Circle, Hospitality Room, 1:00 p.m.
AHG Board Meeting, Blue Classroom, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

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

Sunday, October 15

Shepherd Articles Due
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**, Carolyn Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, Joshua Crowder, Darlene Denison, Tom Edson, Judy Gaumer, Jonathan Griggs, Ellen Kinnaird, Marie McGhee, Paul MacLafferty, Paul Meinen, Tom and Dianne Papham, Don Powers, **Micki Strait, Alan Taylor.** **Congratulations to Jr. and Courtney Heater on the birth of their son, Isaac Grant.**

October Communion Offering. This month's communion offering will go to OK200, a local not-for-profit organization that orchestrates an epic, one-day, 200-mile bike ride from West Des Moines to Okoboji. Participants ride to raise funds and awareness to help support human traffic survivors in Nepal and Des Moines. For more information contact Rocky Vest (rocky.vest@okoboji200.org or 515-991-6777) or a member of the Evangelism Commission.



During the first service, the communion elements are served to the congregation by the Elders. We hold each of the elements and then when directed, partake together. As part of our communion tradition, we typically stand afterwards and move toward the center aisle, placing our hand on the shoulder of the person next to us and, united together, sing the Lord's Prayer. This is one of the most meaningful moments of worship each month for many at Westkirk. During the second service, two pastors or Elders will hold the elements near the chancel area and when desired, worshippers come forward and are served individually.

Let's Celebrate! Reformation Sunday is October 29. We will celebrate the 500th anniversary our reformed faith with a **unified service at 10:30 a.m. on October 29**, followed by a Celebration Meal at 12:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Pastor Michael will lead our morning worship service which will include special elements. Plan to celebrate this special Sunday with worship and enjoy a congregational meal and fellowship after the service featuring our traditional Westkirk pork loin, tiny whole potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls and dessert. Please sign up on the Connect Card entering the number planning to attend so that we can plan accordingly. There will be no Sunday School or Kidskirk; the Nursery will be available.

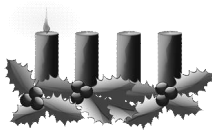
Lunch and Learn. Tuesday, October 10 at noon, Lunch and Learn will meet for a meal featuring meatloaf and mashed potatoes with gravy. The program will consist of pictures of the North Shore of Lake Superior presented by Suzette Carter and Pastor Paul and Donna. Sign up on the Connect Card **TODAY**.

Don't Miss a Single Sound. When you are here at Westkirk, you want to experience every word, note, and moment of worship. That is what you come for! Most of our members and attendees suffice with our very fine sound system, but inevitably there are several in the congregation who could use some additional help. We have an assistive listening system purchased from the funds that have been generously given to our Memorial Gift fund, in memory of the loved ones of many of our Westkirk family. The system is called LISTEN. It can help ensure that everyone here to worship the Lord can receive a clear and interference-free experience. The receiver can sit next to you on the pew, be held in your hand, or be attached to a belt. The earpiece comfortably fits over your ear and can be used with or without hearing aids. The product is designed to be easy to use, convenient, and the volume is controlled by you. Westkirk has purchased 4 receivers to loan out during service time. We will order more to fit the demand. Please do not be ashamed to ask the Sound Technician volunteer to use a LISTEN receiver!

Here We Stand – 31-day Journey With Heroes of the Reformation. Martin Luther didn't stand alone 500 years ago. Nor does he stand alone today. To mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Desiring God is examining a different reformer each day in October. We invite you to join the 31-day journey, just 5–7 minutes each day, to meet the many heroes of the Reformation. Here's the link if you want to find out more or sign up for the emails or podcasts: www.desiringgod.org/here-we-stand. The link also gives you the day-by-day list of individuals covered.

WOW Menu
Chicken Strips and Chips, Tossed Salad,
Fruit Cup and Cookie

Dorcas Circle. Ladies, please join us on Thursday, October 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room, as we continue to study James. Donna Nelson will lead us in looking at James 1:12-27. We have dessert first, then study God's Word. Gail De Graaf will be our hostess. See you then!!!



Greening of the Kirk. The Altar Guild invites you to mark your calendar and come to the annual Greening of the Kirk. On Sunday, November 26, plan to join us for a light lunch at 12:30, a family project at 1:00 p.m. and at 1:30 p.m. we will begin decorating the Sanctuary and other areas in celebration of the Advent season. Watch the Shepherd and the Weekly for more information in the coming weeks.

**Urbandale Food Pantry
Item for October - Kleenex**

Time to Sign Up for Explorers' Class. The next Explorers' Class will begin Wednesday, October 18, at 6:30 during WOW. Mark your attendance on today's Connect Card, RSVP to Pastor Michael at westkirk@westkirk.org or sign up at the Welcome Center. 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 Packing Party. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Things you can do to assist:

- Pray
- Save shoe boxes
- Donate items
- Donate money
- Volunteer

If you are interested in helping with Operation Christmas Child, contact Rene Van Gundy at: renevangundy@gmail.com.

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