



**This Week's Activities**  
**December 24-31, 2017**

**Today**

Christmas Eve

Unified Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

Candlelight Service – 5:30 p.m.

**Monday**

Christmas Day

**Wednesday**

No WOW Activities

**Thursday**

Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 31**

New Year's Eve

First Service - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.

Second Service - 11:15 a.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 Mike Augsburger and Soteria Des Moines**, Carolyn Barnes, Beth Boeckemeier, Flora Boeckemeier, **Laura Brown**, Darlene Denison, **Judy Gabriel**, Ellen Kinnaird, Marie McGhee, Paul Meinen, Tom and Dianne Paplham, Don Powers. Condolences to: Julie Fletchall and Bill MacLafferty and families on the death of their father, Paul MacLafferty.

**WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**  
Question of the Week (answer on the back)  
  
Q: How did God create man?

**Get Healthy, Grow Strong, Live Well.** The Fourth Annual INSPIRE Health and Fitness Conference will take place on Saturday, January 20, at First Federated Church from 8:30-4:30. The cost is only \$35, which includes lunch. This will be a unique opportunity to hear from some national faith leaders on the topic of body stewardship, as well as from bestselling author Gary Thomas (“Sacred Marriage”); nationally syndicated radio host and author Dr. Michael Brown; Steve Deace and others as they lead a robust collection of speakers who will bring a biblical worldview to the theme “Building Stronger Marriages, Families and Ministries.” Check out the website ([www.inspirehealth2018.com](http://www.inspirehealth2018.com)) to learn more about the conference and register.



**Sermon Notes for Kids** are available at the Welcome Center! Kids of any age can complete them during the sermon, and can show them to Mrs. Duff after the service to receive a small reward for their hard work!

**Fourth Sunday in Advent.** Christmas is almost here! As much as anything, this is the theme of Advent. Advent—the word means “the coming”—is the season of longing for the coming of the Lord. “What?” you say, “didn’t the Lord already come long ago? Isn’t this the story we tell of angels and shepherds and magi?” Yes, but this story is part of a larger story of the coming of the Lord, of heaven coming to earth, of a greater Christmas that all will see. Today we remember, celebrate, and anticipate the promise of this greater Christmas.

**Biblical Parenting Seminar.** Parenting is hard and parents need help ... solid, biblical help. On Friday, January 26 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Grace Church (4200 E. 25<sup>th</sup>, Des Moines) is hosting a seminar led by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller from the National Center for Biblical Parenting where parents will receive practical tools to address both attitudes and anger in children. The seminar will offer a biblical, heart-based approach to addressing problems parents face. The cost is only \$10 per person. To register online or for more information, visit [www.gracehome.com](http://www.gracehome.com) and click on “parenting seminar” in the upper right-hand corner.



**Westkirk Women Connect.** What is a runza?! It is best known in Nebraska, even though its origin is debatable. This pocket of soft bread is filled with a delicious beef, onion, and cabbage filling! You may have seen the recipe in the

Westkirk cookbook but aren’t sure if you are up to the task.

Ladies, please join Kelli Miller in the Great Hall Kitchen, on Saturday, January 20, at 12:30 p.m. where she will demonstrate how to make a runza. You’ll be able to get your questions answered and get to taste of this one-of-a-kind comfort food! Cost is only \$5. Please sign up on the Connect Card by January 15.

**Offering Envelopes are now available at the Welcome Center. Please pick up a box and sign your name and number of the offering box on the list.**

**Perspectives Classes.** Perspectives is for believers from all walks of life. It is a 15-week course, from January 14 - April 29. Discover how God has been working (and continues to work) throughout the world. Learn more about God's kingdom and His glory. Find out what your part is in this exciting movement.

The Walnut Creek Downtown Church, 323 E. Locust, is hosting the course and classes will be on Sundays from 5:00-8:00 p.m., with dinner included halfway through the evening. Childcare will also be provided. Visit [Perspectives.org](http://Perspectives.org) for more information.

Registration is \$249. We do not want finances to be the deciding factor as to whether you may attend or not. Scholarships are available to help with the cost for our Westkirk family. For more information, contact Brandon Mick ([BrandonMick@westkirk.org](mailto:BrandonMick@westkirk.org)) or Sue Holcomb ([sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com](mailto:sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com)).

**Urbandale Food Pantry  
Item for December - Deodorant**



**Westkirk Holiday Schedule**

December 24	Unified Service - 10:30 a.m.
December 24	Candlelight Service - 5:30 p.m.
December 27	No WOW
December 31	Regular Sunday Schedule
January 3	No WOW

A. God created man male and female, after his own image,  
in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness,  
with dominion over the creatures.

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