



Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

This Week's Activities November 11-18, 2018

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.
Tone Chimes Practice, Children's Worship Center, 3:30 p.m.
High School Ministry, 4:30 p.m.
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 p.m.

Monday

Commission/Committee Deacon Meeting, Lounge, 5:30 p.m.
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.
Choir, Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Shepherd Articles Due
American Heritage Girls/Trail Life Boys Troop Meetings, 6:30 p.m.
Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Westkirk Women Connect Craft Night, Hospitality Room, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

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

Sunday, November 18

Tone Chimes Practice, Children's Worship Center, 3:30 p.m.
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 Spencer Keroff and First Church of the Open Bible**, Beth Boeckemeier, Diane Browne, Judy Gaumer, Eunice Hofmeyer, Ellen Kinnaird, Don Lanham, Marilyn Lanham, Kevin Masemann, Paul Meinen, Evan Opman, Dick Reed, Vicky Shaver, Sharon Wyckoff Willard. **Condolences to: Chris and Mary Axtell and family on the death of Chris' cousin, Jamie Axtell;** Marilyn Long, Susan Oeffner, Karen Grimmius and family on the death of Marilyn's husband, Ron; Alisa Brinkman on the death of her grandfather, Bob Williams of Ames.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: What is forbidden in the third commandment?

Westkirk Lunch and Learn. On Tuesday, November 13, at noon, Westkirk Lunch and Learn will enjoy a traditional turkey dinner. And, as another tradition, we will have Cathy Mears, Individual Benefits Specialist with Group Benefits, Ltd., share about changes in Medicare and supplemental insurance. There is a window of opportunity to change programs that ends December 7, so come listen to Cathy and make an informed decision about your coverage. We plan to conclude the program about 1:00 p.m. Please sign up on the Connect Card **TODAY**.

Westkirk Women Connect. B.Y.O.C (Bring Your Own Craft). Ladies, do you need more time to work on your craft projects? Or, maybe you need more space to take on the next step. You know it's more fun when you get together with other crafters! Bring your projects to the Great Hall and enjoy conversation and refreshments with other Westkirk crafters this Friday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the Connect Card so we will have an idea of how many to expect.



WOW Menu

**Pork Tacos with Rice and Beans,
Salad, Fruit and Cookie**

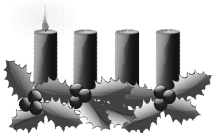


How Does Westkirk Serve Communion? **During the first service**, the communion elements are served to the congregation by the Elders. We hold each of the elements and then when directed, partake together. As part of our communion tradition, we typically stand afterwards and move toward the center aisle, 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.

November Communion Offering - Benevolence Fund.

Four times a year our special Communion Sunday offering is designated for the Westkirk Benevolence Fund. The Benevolence Fund is a non-budgeted fund utilized for helping church members and folks from the community who need temporary assistance. Its only source of income is from special gifts such as yours.

Monies are approved by a member of the Pastoral Staff and a check is cut by the church treasurer. Approved funds go directly to pay for housing, utilities or medical bills. The benevolence fund can also supplement food dependence or fuel, but Westkirk contributes to and encourages the use of the Food Pantry system and is a partner with the Urbandale Police Department in providing gasoline.



Sign up, and join us for the Westkirk Family Greening of the Kirk – Sunday, November 25!

All families and friends of Westkirk are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 25 to help decorate the church with Advent Christmas decorations. We will begin at 12:30 with a lunch (hot dogs and chips!) in the Great Hall followed by a hands-on family Advent activity at 1:00. At 1:30, anyone who is available to help decorate will be greatly appreciated! This is truly a "Westkirk Family" event! The more help, the faster (and merrier!) it will be. Even if you're not able to participate on the 25th, we are also asking families to bring a Nativity ornament (purchased or homemade) to add to our Discipleship Christmas tree. Please see the display on the communion table near the office entrance. If you have questions, please call/text Gloria Huyser (515) 371-9834 or email her at glohuyser43@gmail.com. Please indicate on the Connect card if you are able to attend!



Let Us All Rise in Heart or Body. At certain parts in our worship we stand and at other parts we sit. Most all of these movements are theologically intentional. We move bodily in the hope that our hearts would follow in that movement. When we sit we do so that we might humble our hearts in repentance or in submission. When we stand we do so that we might lift our hearts up to God to hear and respond to his call or simply to signify our bold assurance of his grace toward us in Jesus. As we consider these movements and our bodies in worship we also recognize that not all of our bodies work the same way. So we must add, that though we pray these bodily movements are *helpful* in shaping our worship before God they are not *essential* to worship God in this place. So, if you are unable to stand, or if hurts to do so, or if you have a little one on your lap; know that you are fully and faithfully worshipping here when through the Son, in the Spirit, you lift your heart up to God. Let us, together, lift our hearts up to the LORD in worship!



American Heritage Girls IA0449 is excited to again partner with Wreaths Across America as we Remember our heroes, Honor those who serve our country, and Teach our children the value of freedom. The troop is working with Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa to help decorate each grave there with a wreath this holiday season. Westkirk's AHG girls have raised sponsorship for 140 wreaths so far! In order to lay a wreath on each stone, 1,580 more are needed. To make a donation or sponsor a wreath, please visit with the girls at their booth in the Hospitality Room this morning or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/IA0006P. Thank you!

A: The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.

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