



# Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

**This Week's Activities**  
**December 30, 2018 - January 6, 2019**

## **Today**

Elijah Paul Northfield Baptism, First Service  
Noah Kristoff Lauer Baptism, Second Service  
First Service, 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes, all ages, 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service, 11:15 a.m.  
Removal of Advent Decorations, 2:00 p.m.

## **Monday**

New Year's Eve  
Office Closed

## **Tuesday**

Happy New Year  
Office Closed

## **Wednesday**

No WOW  
Choir, Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

## **Thursday**

American Heritage Girls/Trail Life Boys, 6:30 p.m.  
Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

## **Saturday**

BSF Leaders' Meeting, CWC, 6:00 a.m.

## **Sunday, January 6, 2019**

First Service, 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes, all ages, 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service, 11:15 a.m.  
High School Ministry, 4:30 p.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 Augsburg and Soteria Des Moines**, Chris Axtell, Beth Boeckemeier, Kurt Cohen, Regi Donaldson, Judy Gaumer, Phil Groner, Eunice Hofmeyer, Ellen Kinnaird, Marilyn Lanham, Paul Meinen, Nancy Morris, Bill Roland, Vicky Shaver, Bryan Wieskamp, Sharon Wyckoff Willard. Congratulations to: Carliann and Ryan Northfield on the birth of their son, Elijah Paul. Condolences to: Michael and Sasha Mudlaff and family on the death of Sasha's mother, Kim Peterson.

**WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH**

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

**Westkirk Lunch and Learn.** On January 8 at noon a lunch of chili and the fixings will be served at the Westkirk Lunch and Learn. Rebecca Donaldson will speak to us about her upcoming missions work in Greece among those suffering from human trafficking. If you can attend, please sign up on the Connect Card by Sunday, January 6.

**Save the Date!** Mark your calendar now to join us for the free showing of the movie *The Insanity of God* Friday evening, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. (The movie is 90 minutes long.) RSVP not required – but will help us with room setup!

The Insanity of God is the true story of missionaries Nik and Ruth Ripken. After the death of their son, this ordinary couple journeys into the depths of the persecuted church, asking the question - IS JESUS WORTH IT? How does faith survive, let alone flourish in the places of the world that are overcome with the darkness of sin, despair and hopelessness? Join the Ripkens as they tell the story of being taught by believers in persecution "how to follow Jesus, how to love Jesus, and how to walk with Him day by day even when it doesn't make sense." Please plan to join us – friends and family welcome!

**Advent Decorations - Coming Down TODAY.** It would be greatly appreciated if you could help take down the Advent decorations this afternoon around 2:00 p.m. There will be light snacks and, with several people, it should not take long.

**Office Closed December 31 - January 1**  
**No WOW Activities - January 2**

**Adult Sunday School Class Begins a New Series.** Pastor Paul's Sunday School Class (10:15 in the Great Hall) will begin a series of studies in the book of Job on January 6th. This will be a DVD presentation by Derek Thomas with a study guide available. In summary: "Why does God permit suffering? It's a question all of us have asked, and the book of Job points us toward the answer. Job's questions are our questions, and we can identify with his frustration, disappointment, and confusion in the midst of trials. In this series, Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas walks us through the book of Job and considers what the Bible says about our darkest moments. He addresses the difficult question of the relationship between God's sovereignty and the existence of evil, sin, and suffering. In the end, as Dr. Thomas shows, it's in our trials that we learn to trust God and say with Job, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." Coffee is served in the Great Hall. So join us between the worship services. We will close at 11:00.

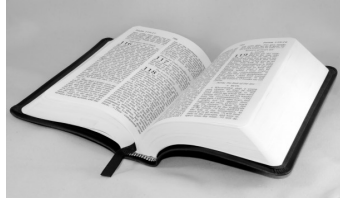
Elder David Vorm is leading another Adult SS Class at the same time in the study of the book of James in the basement in the Calvin Room.

**Perspectives Classes to be Held January 13 - May 5, 2019.**

This course is designed around four vantage points or "perspectives" — Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic. Each one highlights different aspects of God's global purpose. Classes will be hosted by Westchester Church, 4919 Aurora, Des Moines on Sunday evenings from 5:00–8:00 p.m. with a dinner break halfway through. Registration is \$249. For more information, email Brandon Mick at [BrandonMick@westkirk.org](mailto:BrandonMick@westkirk.org) or Sue Holcomb at [sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com](mailto:sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com). We have scholarships for our church family members who wish to attend!

## Read Through the Bible in 2019

Many Christians take the beginning of a new year to evaluate their Bible reading habits and then change or begin a Bible reading plan.



*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)*

For your convenience, Ligonier Ministries has compiled an outstanding list of Bible reading plans for you to choose from. Maybe in 2019 you will read more of the Bible each day. Perhaps you'll slow down your reading and instead spend more time considering what you read. Whatever it is you're looking for in a reading plan, you will find it by typing **ligonier bible reading plans** in your search engine.

Some of the great Bible reading plans include:

- 5 Day Bible Reading Program - the Bible in a year with readings five days a week.
- 52 Week Bible Reading Plan - the Bible in a year with each day of the week dedicated to a different genre: epistles, the law, history, Psalms, poetry, prophecy, and Gospels.
- 5x5x5 New Testament Bible Reading Plan - the New Testament in a year, reading Monday to Friday. Weekends are set aside for reflection and other reading. Especially beneficial if you're new to a daily discipline of Bible reading.
- A Bible Reading Chart - your own pace. Use this minimalistic yet beautifully designed chart to track your reading throughout the year.
- Chronological Bible Reading Plan - the Bible in the order the events occurred chronologically.
- *And many, many more...*

A: The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath-day.