

Staying Up to Date with our Missionaries

Our website includes folders with newsletters, pictures and other materials from our missionaries and mission organizations. You can find the [page](#) under the Resources tab on Westkirk's home page. The password is same as the Shepherd.

Newest Updates:

- D&K - April Update
- Freedom for Youth - DSM - May Update
- South - DSM Juvenile Justice - Weekly prayer updates

A word of caution: some of our missionaries are in dangerous areas. Please don't share or post updates online.

Summer Events

Student Ministry Smoke-Out - Saturday, May 30, 5:30 pm

The Smoke-Out Student Ministries fundraiser returns! Do you love eating BBQ? Do you love supporting Westkirk's Student Ministries? Why not do both? Our own Pit Master, Brad Miller, will be smoking up delicious meat; additional foods from Sides by Shannon. Opus Taylor will be providing music. Suggested donation: \$25/adult and \$10/child (under the age of 8.) [Register](#) on the Church Center app. Thanks!

Summer Kick-off Bonfire - Saturday, June 6, 5:30 pm

Join us after supper for a bonfire at the Bailey's home! Enjoy delicious s'mores, exciting games and a fun-filled evening with your church family. Details to follow. [Register](#) in the Church Center app. Thanks!

Westminster Shorter Catechism

A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Westkirk Weekly

Sunday 5.10.26

8:30 am - Prayer Meeting/Great Hall
9:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:00 am - Fellowship Time/Hospitality Room
10:30 am - Morning Worship Service

Tuesday 5.12.26

12:00 pm - Second Tuesday Lunch and Learn/Great Hall
7:00 pm - Women's Bible Study/Library

Wednesday 5.13.26

5:30 pm - Student Ministries Summer Send-off/Axtell's
7:00 pm - Choir Practice/Great Hall

Thursday 5.14.26

7:00 am - Prayer Meeting/Library
12:00 pm - Prayer Meeting/Zoom
12:00 pm - Dorcas Circle Potluck/Hospitality Room

Sunday 5.17.26

8:30 am - Prayer Meeting/Great Hall
9:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:00 am - Fellowship Time/Hospitality Room
Recognition of Graduates
10:30 am - Morning Worship Service

Note: gluten-free communion bread is available in a basket at the Welcome Center on Communion Sundays

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question of the Week (answer on back)

Q. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

Our Weekly Concerns

Pastor of the Week

Ryan Northfield (interim,) Hope Evangelical Church, North Liberty, IA

Missionary of the Week

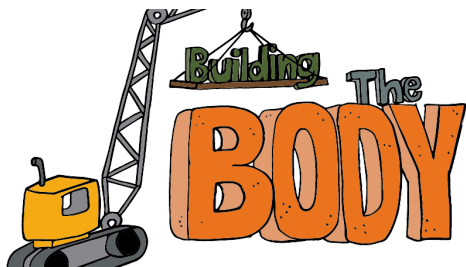
Phil and Renee Remmers, Robert Morrison Project

Prayer and Praise

Continuing to Pray

- Pray for Kinnick Smith, Audrene Hansen's grandson, who has been intermittently hospitalized with some serious health problems.

On-going Concerns may be found in the Weekly Prayer Email. If you would like to receive this email, please call the church office at (515) 253-0330.



VBS 2026: Building the Body

Volunteers Needed

This year, our summer program is moving to mornings during one full week - July 20-24! We're excited to welcome families from our church

and our neighborhood for a week of fun, hospitality, and gospel truth! We'd love for you to be part of the crew as we explore Ephesians to see how God is building His church in Christ! Whether you enjoy teaching, leading games, helping with crafts, welcoming families, or serving behind the scenes, there's a place for you. No experience needed - just a willing heart!, and the ability to serve at least 4 of the 5 days. There are even opportunities to support the week through prayer and setup help!

For more information, check out the article in the May Shepherd, [sign up](#) on Church Center, or contact the church office by June 1. Thank you!

Second Tuesday Lunch and Learn - May 12, 2026, 12 pm

Westkirk adults, who among us has stopped speeders, fixed flat tires along the interstate, chased - and caught - bad guys, lent first aid, and chauffeured the Governor(s) of Iowa? Our own retired State Patrol Officer, Todd Aarhus, will give us the inside scoop of his experience serving the people of Iowa. Please join us for a Dutch Treat (may involve almond paste and butter) at the Second Tuesday Lunch & Learn. [RSVP](#) on Church Center or text Mona Yentes directly at (515) 778-5433.

Student Ministries Summer Send-Off – Wednesday, May 13,

5:30-8:30pm - Join us for a summer send off at the Axtell's home. We'll grill and have s'mores for the group. There will be a signup for contributing side dishes. Address on Church Center.

Dorcas Circle - Thursday, May 14, 2026, 12 pm

Join us for our final meeting before we break for the summer. Bring a potluck dish to share.

Prayer Walk – Wednesday, May 20, 6–8 pm

Join our Evangelism Committee in a time to come together as a church to pray corporately for the needs of our church and our community. This is open to individuals and families with a focus on faithfulness in prayer. The time begins in the Calvin Room. Some may pray inside while others can enjoy the gift of God's creation as they walk in the neighborhood. We hope to see you there!

Pastor Search Committee

The following members were elected as pastoral search committee members on May 3: James Bartlett, Streve Brown, John Hendrickson, Steve Jantz, Clay Larson, Andrew Schoonhoven, Eric Turner, Lisa Wieskamp and Mona Yentes. Please be prayer for them as they begin their work.

Lost and Found

There are a number of Bibles, winter coats and other items in our lost and found. Check the table and coat rack in the Hospitality Room. (Items not claimed may be donated after a period of time.)