

Westkirk Weekly

Staying Up to Date with our Missionaries

Our website includes newsletters and other materials from our missionaries. You can find the missionary update page under the Resources tab at westkirk.org. The password is the same as for the Shepherd, and is available by calling the church office.

Newest Updates

- Freedom for Youth - DSM - October Newsletter
- Petrou - House Damaris, Greece - New Beginnings, Renewed Hope!
- Ruth Harbor - Vision Dinner coming up--see Val Wilson for details

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

Women's Bible Study - Tuesdays, 7pm through the end of October
Study Guide: The Flawed and the Flawless (Tim Keller.) Leaders: Becky Jantz and Elizabeth Klingsheim; meets in the library

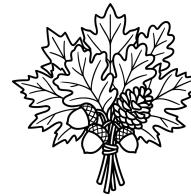
Illahee Hills Outreach Service - 3 pm October 18, November 1.

Join us for our outreach services at Illahee Hills Retirement Community at 3 pm on alternating Sundays throughout the year. We are looking for men to share a brief Scripture exhortation, volunteers to lead music, and Westkirk folks to attend! If you would like to help, see Pastor Nathan.

Hats for the Homeless

Help us keep our neighbors warm this winter! We are collecting handmade or purchased winter hats to distribute to those experiencing homelessness through the Salvation Army. A collection bin will be available in the in the Hospitality Room beginning October 18. Questions? Contact Barbara Orend. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors.

Sunday	10.11.26	8:30am - Prayer Meeting / West Wing 9:00am - Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am - Fellowship Time/Hospitality Room 10:30am - Worship 12:00pm - Chime Rehearsal/CWC
Tuesday	10.13.26	12:00pm - 2 nd Tuesday Lunch & Learn/Great Hall 7:00pm - Women's Bible Study/Library
Wednesday	10.14.26	5:30pm - WOW Meal, Fellowship, & Worship Menu: Pancakes & Sausage, Fruit, Salad, Dessert 6:30pm - WOW Classes for All Ages 7:40pm - Choir Rehearsal/Great Hall
Thursday	10.15.26	12:00pm - Prayer Meeting/Zoom
Saturday	10.17.26	9:00am - Evangelism Training/Off-site
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Westminster Shorter Catechism

A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.

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Question of the Week (answer on back)

Q: Where is the Moral Law summarily comprehended?

Our Weekly Concerns

Pastor of the Week

Isaac Ferrell, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids, IA

Missionary of the Week

RUF, Iowa City



Please Pray For

- Our Church Leadership
 - Elders: Mark Tippin, Nathan Hiatt, Sam Keithley, Clay Larson, Chris Rohloff and Kirk Yentes
 - Deacons: Phil Carpenter, Tom Duff, Eric Turner
- Audrene Hansen and family, on the passing of her brother-in-law Paul Schlichting.
- Val Jensen as she has rotator cuff surgery on October 14.

Continue to Pray

- Pray for Todd Toulouse's sister, Mel. She's been diagnosed with cancer in multiple areas in her body and has a very long journey ahead.

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.



Communion Offering for October

This month's communion offering will go towards the domestic mission trip in summer 2027. We will be working alongside Restore St. Louis, a ministry that provides a variety of services to the needy in their city while faithfully living and sharing the Gospel. Please prayerfully consider making an additional contribution this month, as well as whether God is calling you to join the team for this trip. For further details, please see this month's Shepherd article or speak to Elizabeth or Caleb Klingsheim.

October Lunch & Learn - Tuesday, October 13, 12 pm

Oktoberfest lunch with root beer floats for dessert! Rich and Barb Heki will speak about the important influence grandparents have in the lives of their grandchildren. Please RSVP on Church Center or on the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Men's Puritan Reading Group - Thursday nights at 8 pm

Join Pastor Mark on Thursday nights at the Rabbit Room (8460 Birchwood Ct., Ste. 500, Johnston) starting this week as we read through parts of "Heaven, Taken By Storm" by Thomas Watson., a study of Matthew 11:12. Pastor Mark will have copies of the book available; we plan for the study to last six weeks. Please RSVP on Church Center.

Reformation Sunday and 40th (41st) Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 25th is Reformation Sunday! Our service will include a bagpiper processional and recessional followed by our traditional Reformation Sunday lunch.

We will be celebrating Westkirk's 40th Anniversary with special displays in the Hospitality Room and Library. Be sure to take some time to enjoy these displays after worship or lunch.

While we are celebrating our 40 years, our church historian, Gloria Huyser, recently discovered a longstanding error on our history page. Westkirk was actually founded in 1985, making this our 41st year.

Following worship, we will also offer free family photos. Photos will be sent to you digitally and will help us update our church directory.

We look forward to this joyful day together as we worship the Lord and enjoy fellowship with His people.

Trunk-or-Treat Outreach - Saturday, October 31, 5:30 - 8 pm

Join us for a fun neighborhood outreach featuring a hot dog cookout and Trunk-or-Treat! There are several ways to participate:

- Decorate a trunk (no spooky themes, please) and bring candy to share.
- Help grill and serve hot dogs.
- Simply attend with your family and enjoy the evening while connecting with our neighbors!

Sign up on Church Center. We'll have church invitation postcards available to hand out as you meet people. We'll love to have you be a part of this opportunity to welcome our neighbors and share the love of Christ.

Student Ministries Fall Retreat - November 6-8

Registration is open for this year's Fall Retreat for Student Ministries at Ridge Haven Cono! Details are available on the registration page. Please register by Wednesday, October 21st.