

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

- Hanneman - Oaks Intl. - Colorado - Sharing Boldly
- Ruth Harbor - Vision Dinner coming up--see Val Wilson for details
- Hope Ministries - Thanksgiving Volunteer Registration

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 in the library

Study Guide: The Flawed and the Flawless (Tim Keller.) Leaders: Becky Jantz and Elizabeth Klingsheim; study through the end of October.

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 Hospitality Room beginning October 18. Questions? Contact Barbara Orend. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors.

Sunday 10.18.26

8:30 am - Prayer Meeting/West Wing
9:00 am - Sunday School/All Ages
10:00 am - Fellowship Time/Hospitality Room
10:30 am - Morning Worship Service/Sanctuary
12:00 pm - Chime Rehearsal/CWC
3:00 pm - Illahee Hills Service

Monday 10.19.26

12:00 pm - Omega Small Group
6:30 pm - Session/Calvin Room

Tuesday 10.20.26

7:00 pm - Women's Bible Study/Library

Wednesday 10.21.26

5:30 pm - WOW Meal, Fellowship and Worship
Menu: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Dessert
6:30 pm - WOW Classes for all ages
7:40 pm - Choir Practice/Great Hall

Thursday 10.22.26

12:00 pm - Prayer Meeting/Zoom
8:00 pm - Men's Puritan Reading Group/Rabbit Room

Sunday 10.25.26

Reformation Sunday

9:30 am - Prayer Meeting/West Wing
10:00 am - Fellowship Time/HospitalRoom
10:30 am - Morning Worship Service/Sanctuary
12:30 pm - Reformation Sunday Lunch/Great Hall



Westminster Shorter Catechism

A. The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with oall our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

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Question of the Week (answer on back)

Q: What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

Our Weekly Concerns

Pastor of the Week

David Hutchinson, Colfax Center Presbyterian Church, Holland, IA

Missionary of the Week

R&L, CRU and First Hope Association



Pray

- Congratulations to Zach and Emily Gilbert on the birth of their son, Leon Kim Gilbert..
- Pray for Mark Bakker and his family as they mourn the passing of his brother, Randy Bakker, this past week.

Continue to Pray

- Pray for Todd Toulouse's sister, Mel. She has cancer in multiple areas in her body. She has major neurosurgery on October 19 in Iowa City.
- Audrene Hansen and family, on the passing of her brother-in-law Paul Schlichting.
- Val Jensen as she recovers from rotator cuff surgery on October 14.

Pray for Our Military

- Ben Lanham - Marines, Japan
- Micah Mudlaff - Air Force, Germany
- Jonathan O'Leary - Air Force
- Brian Smit - Navy, Florida
- Ben Green - Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
- Gor Riak - Air Force, Virginia
- Kate Green - Iowa National Guard
- Ian Carlson - Air Force



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. For further details, please see this month's Shepherd article or speak to Elizabeth or Caleb Klingsheim.

Reformation Sunday and 40th (41st) Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 25th is Reformation Sunday.!

Next Sunday, we will enjoy Ron Husted and his bagpipes as the prelude and postlude during our morning worship service. Please prepare your small children as the bagpipes can be startling for little ones.

We will hold our traditional Reformation Sunday lunch after the service. **Please RSVP on Church Center or on the Connect Card for the meal.**

Be on the lookout for displays of photographs, hymns, recipe books and other historic items (including the Noah's Ark made by former member Bob Schmadeke) in the Hospitality Room and Library. Take some time to enjoy these displays after worship or lunch.

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.

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.

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 on Church Center by Wednesday, October 21st.