

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

- Hope Ministries - A Life Transformed
- 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 in the library

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

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

Rabbit Room, 8460 Birchwood Ct, Ste 500, Johnston

"Heaven, Taken By Storm" by Thomas Watson (study of Matthew 11:12)

Illahee Hills Outreach Service - 3 pm November 1, 15.

Join us for our outreach services at Illahee Hills Retirement Community at 3 pm on alternating Sundays throughout the year. If you would like to help, see Pastor Nathan.

Hats for the Homeless

We are collecting handmade or purchased winter hats to distribute to those experiencing homelessness through the Salvation Army. A collection bin is be available in the in the Hospitality 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

Tuesday 10.27.26

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

Wednesday 10.28.26

5:30 pm - WOW Meal, Fellowship and Worship
Menu: Potluck
6:00 pm - Chime Rehearsal
6:30 pm - WOW Classes for all ages
7:40 pm Choir Practice/Great Hall

Thursday 10.29.26

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

Saturday 10.31.26

5:30 pm - Trunk or Treat

Sunday 11.1.26

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



Westminster Shorter Catechism

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words. I am the Lord why God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

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Question of the Week (answer on back)

Q: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

Our Weekly Concerns

Pastor of the Week

Brian Janssen, Hospers Presbyterian Church, Hospers, IA

Missionary of the Week

Darius and Celestine Togba, Child Relief Foundation

Continue to Pray



- Audrene Hansen and family, on the passing of her brother-in-law Paul Schlichting.
- The Bakker family as they mourn the passing of Mark's brother, Randy Bakker.
- Val Jensen as she recovers from rotator cuff surgery on October 14.

Pastor Search Committee Prayer

The Pastor Search Committee humbly asks for your continued prayers as we move forward in the search for our next Senior Pastor.

- Pray for the candidates whose applications we have received but who were not the right fit for Westkirk Pray that God would guide them and their families toward the right call and that He would bless them in their continued ministry. In addition, pray for the candidates we are still reviewing.
- Pray for the continued support of the members of the Pastoral Search Committee and their families as they carry out this important responsibility. Pray that God will grant the committee wisdom, responsibility, unity, and peace as they seek His direction in finding our next Senior Pastor.

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.



Fellowship Time Treats

There are gluten-free and dairy-free options during our Fellowship times on Sunday mornings.

Reformation Sunday and 40th (41st) Anniversary Celebration

This morning, 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. Pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and desserts. The pork loin and green beans will be dairy and gluten free.

Be on the lookout for displays of photographs, hymns, recipe books and other historic items 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 outdoors. Photos will be sent to you digitally and will help us update our church directory.

WOW meal this week- October 28

Since it is the last Wednesday of the month, please bring a dish to share for the WOW potluck. Thanks!

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

Join us for our outreach featuring a hot dog cookout and Trunk-or-Treat this Saturday. Sign up on [Church Center](#). We'll love to have you be a part of this opportunity to welcome our neighbors and share the love of Christ.

Time Change This Weekend - November 1

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night for the time change on Sunday, November 1.

Cancellations and Schedule Changes

As the winter months approach, its time to be prepared for possible weather-related cancellations. We do not typically cancel for cold weather or make these decisions in advance. Decisions are made by 7:30 am on Sundays and by 3 pm on Wednesdays. Communications about closures will be available via text and the church website.



If you would like to be able to receive text messages from the church about schedule changes, please opt in to receive texts in the Church Center app or on the Connect Card.