

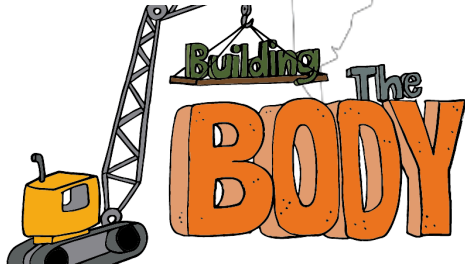
Staying Up to Date with our Missionaries

Our website includes newsletters and other materials from our missionaries. You can find the page under the Resources tab on Westkirk's home page. The password is same as the Shepherd.

Newest Updates:

- 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.



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!

Westminster Shorter Catechism

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her yet without sin.

Westkirk Weekly

- Sunday 5.24.26** **Remembrance Sunday**
9:30 am - Prayer Meeting/Great Hall
10:00 am - Fellowship Time/Hospitality Room
10:30 am - Morning Worship Service
- Monday 5.25.26** Memorial Day
Church Office Closed
- Thursday 5.28.26** 7:00am - Prayer Meeting/Library
12:00pm - Prayer Meeting/Zoom
- Saturday 5.30.26** 5:00pm - Student Ministries Smoke-Out
- Sunday 5.31.26** 8:30 - Prayer Meeting
9:30 - Sunday School
10:00 Fellowship Time
10:30 am - Morning Worship Service

Tabletalk Magazine

Our church subscribes to Tabletalk, a monthly magazine with devotionals and articles written from a Reformed perspective. Pick up a copy at the Welcome Center or by the church office.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question of the Week (answer on back)

Q. How does Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

Our Weekly Concerns

Pastor of the Week

Phil Arnold, New Life Fellowship, Elk Run Heights, IA

Missionary of the Week

Josh and Leah South

Des Moines Juvenile Justice Ministry, Greater Iowa Youth for Christ

Prayer and Praise

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.

Women's Summer Book Study - starting June 3

Join us this summer as we read and discuss Help! I'm Ruining My Kids: A Gospel Guide for the Mom Who's Desperate for Change by Abbey Wedgeworth. This group is for moms in every stage — whether you're brand new or have been at this for years. Come for encouraging conversation, shared wisdom, prayer, and the reminder that we're not alone in this calling. Our hope is that this time together will point us back to the Lord's grace and meet us right where we are, however this season of motherhood looks.

Wednesdays | 7pm-8:30pm * June 3-August 11 * Kelly Bartlett's home

Note: We ask that each participant purchase a copy of the book before the study begins. If that is prohibitive, the church has 10 copies available at no cost for those who would like to participate.

Pastor Search Committee

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

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 prior to Tuesday, May 26. Thanks!

Summer Men's Conversations – Monday, starting June 1

Pastor Nathan will be reading through the book, The Redeemed Man, edited by Joel Beeke, this summer beginning Monday, June 1. All men, high school and up, are invited to join him on Monday evenings at 8 pm at his home to discuss the book and pray together as we strive to live as "Redeemed men." If you are interested, join the [Group](#) on Church Center or talk to Pastor Nathan.

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!

Redeemer Women's Brunch - Saturday, June 20, 9 am

Redeemer Presbyterian (5000 Hickman Rd) is inviting Westkirk women to a spring brunch on June 20th at 9 (check-in begins at 8:30) Margarita Lutz will be speaking on growing in relationships through the eyes of the Song of Songs. More information at the Welcome Center, including a QR code to register.