

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 same as for the Shepherd.

Newest Updates:

- Hope Ministries - DSM - Matching Gift through 7/31, Ministry Update Event Recap
- Marvin - Hungary - National staff information
- 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 Men's Conversations - Mondays at Hiatt's.

Book: The Redeemed Man by Joel Beeke; Meet at the Hiatt's home

Women's Summer Book Study - Wednesdays at 7 pm

Book: Help! I'm Ruining My Kids by Wedgeworth; Bartlett's home.

Student Ministries Fall Kickoff -

We are planning a dinner with families of our student ministries participants. Those with kids age 12 and up are invited to join. More details to follow. For more information about our student ministries in general, see Sam Keithley or Casey Faber.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Westkirk Weekly

Sunday 7.26.26

8:30 am - Prayer Meeting/West Wing
9:00 am - Summer Psalm Sing, All Ages/Great Hall
10:00 am - Fellowship Time/Hospitality Room
10:30 am - Morning Worship Service/Sanctuary

Monday 7.27.26

8:00 pm - Men's Conversation Group/Hiatts' Home

Wednesday 7.29.26

7:00 pm - Women's Book Study/Bartletts' Home

Thursday 7.30.26

7:00 am - Prayer Meeting/Library
12:00 pm - Prayer Meeting/Zoom

Sunday 8.2.26

8:30 am - Prayer Meeting/West Wing
9:00 am - Summer Psalm Sing, All Ages/Great Hall
10:00 Fellowship Time/Hospitality Room
10:30 am - Morning Worship Service/Sanctuary



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Question of the Week (answer on back)

Q. What is effectual calling?

Our Weekly Concerns

Pastor of the Week

Shawn Powers, Redemption Hill Church, Waukegan, IA

Missionary of the Week

Darius and Celestine Togba, Child Relief Foundation, Inc.

Prayer

- Our condolences to the family and friends of Fran Nugteren, who passed away on July 18.
- Dan Marvin is in Hungary for an evangelistic English language camp. The camp begins today, and Dan has asked that we pray for God to show His love and care through interactions with the campers and each other.
- Katie Raleigh's dad, Joe, who has been having some health issues and possibly a stroke.

Continue to Pray

- Pray for Todd Aarhus as he grieves the passing of his mother, Harriet Aarhus.

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.



Pastor Search Committee Update

The pastor search committee continues to meet regularly. The Lead Pastor Profile is complete, and is posted on the Westkirk website as well as numerous other partner sites to get wide visibility on the position. We hope to begin evaluating applicants in the very near future. Please continue to pray for our committee, for our church, and for our future pastor and his family.

Ordination and Installation Service - Sunday, July 26th

Today, we are ordaining and installing Clay Larson as a Ruling Elder and Eric Turner as a Deacon. Both were elected at our Congregational Meeting on July 12th. Be sure to greet and congratulate each of them. We are thrilled to have them serving at Westkirk!

Urbandale National Night Out - Tuesday, August 4th

Westkirk will again have a booth at this community event which takes place from 5-7:30 PM in the parking lot of the Urbandale Police Department. We will have a small craft activity for children and will be seeking to make our presence known in our community. More details will be forthcoming, but if you are interested in helping out, please contact Pastor Nathan.

Drivers Needed

In our efforts to serve the community at Illahee Hills we have begun providing some transportation so that residents can attend worship at Westkirk. We are in need of 2-3 vans each week to pick up at Illahee Hills (less than 1/2 mile away!) around 10:10 and drive residents back promptly after service (as they have a tight lunch hour). If you are interested in serving in this way or have any questions, please contact Chasity Elseman.

Professions of Faith and Baptism

If your child has been talking about taking communion or asking questions about it, praise the Lord! It is a joy to see our children begin to express an interest in the means of grace that God has given to us. If you believe that your child clearly understands their need for Christ, is able to credibly profess their faith in Him, and is ready to come to the Lord's Table, please reach out to one of our elders to get the conversation started. Additionally, if they have not yet been baptized we can discuss that as well. We're excited about the work that God is doing in our children!