

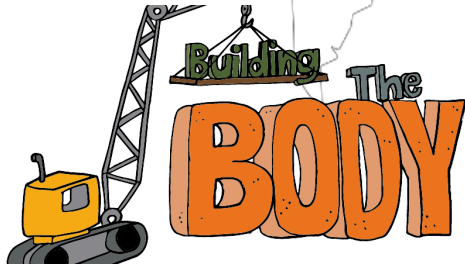
## Staying Up to Date with our Missionaries

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:

- Hope Ministries - DSM - A Family Restored
- 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. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

# Westkirk Weekly

## Sunday 5.17.26

- 8:30 am - Prayer Meeting/Great Hall
- 9:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 am - Fellowship Time/Hospitality Room  
Recognition of Graduates
- 10:30 am - Morning Worship Service

## Monday 5.18.26

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

## Tuesday 5.19.26

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

## Wednesday 5.20.26

- 6:00pm - Prayer Walk/Calvin Room

## Thursday 5.21.26

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

## Sunday 5.24.26 Remembrance Sunday

- (No Sunday School on Memorial Day Weekend)
- 9:30 Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am - Morning Worship Service

### Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question of the Week (answer on back)

Q. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

## Our Weekly Concerns

### Pastor of the Week

Ryan Wilson, Greenbelt Community Church, Clive, IA

### Missionary of the Week

Hope Ministries, Des Moines, IA

### Prayer and Praise

### Our Military

- Ben Lanham - Marines, Japan
- Micah Mudlaff - Air Force, Germany
- Jonathan O'Leary - Air Force, Germany
- Brian Smit - Navy, Japan
- 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.*

### 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.

### Prayer Walk – Wednesday, May 20, 6–8 pm

Join our Evangelism Committee in a time to come together as a church to pray corporately for the needs of our church and our community. This is open to individuals and families with a focus on faithfulness in prayer. The time begins in the Calvin Room. Some may pray inside while others can enjoy the gift of God's creation as they walk in the neighborhood. We hope to see you there!

### No Sunday School Next Sunday - May 24

There will be no Sunday School for adults or children next Sunday due to Memorial Day weekend. We plan to have a final week of Sunday School on May 31 for all ages.

### Student Ministry Smoke-Out - Saturday, May 30, 5:30 pm

Please see information on insert (including highlights of the evening, suggested donation amounts and information about bringing dessert contributions to the meal.)

### 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!

### Pastor Search Committee

The following members were elected as pastoral search committee members on May 3: James Bartlett, Steve Brown, John Hendrickson, Steve Jantz, Clay Larson, Andrew Schoonhoven, Eric Turner, Lisa Wieskamp and Mona Yentes. Please be prayer for them as they begin their work.

### Lost and Found

There are a number of Bibles, winter coats and other items in our lost and found. Check the table and coat rack in the Hospitality Room. (Items not claimed may be donated after a period of time.)

## **Congratulations to Our Graduates!**

Elijah Carlson  
Ziza Elseman  
Kate Green  
Anna Freese  
Kate Rohloff  
Bethany Tippin  
Isaac Venema



## **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!



### **Desserts for the Smokeout**

The Student Ministries team is seeking desserts to serve at the Smokeout on Saturday, May 30. If you are interested in contributing, please reach out to Kortney Vest with the type of dessert you'd like to make. Desserts can be dropped off at the church that day, or you can coordinate alternate arrangements with her.