



Westkirk Weekly

August 22, 2010

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

This Week at Westkirk

Today

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Scheve Housekirk, Scheve Residence, 5:00 p.m.
Baptism, Olivett Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.

Monday

Omega Housekirk, H.R., 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Bagpipers Luncheon, 1:00 p.m. Johnny's, Fleur Drive
New Light, Church Lounge, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

New Life and BLAST, 6:15 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal/ Get-Acquainted Party, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Senior Adult Ministries Field Trip, 10:30 a.m.

Urbandale Food Pantry Hygiene Drive

The Westkirk Parish Deacons, are accepting donations for personal hygiene items to be delivered to the Urbandale Food Pantry. The August item: **Bars of Soap!** Please place your donations in the box located on the table in the Hospitality Room. Check it out on your way to have cookies and coffee after service! Thank you for your contributions for those in need!

Looking Ahead: In September we will collect laundry detergent.

The Church Family Album

We are putting together a new Church Family album for the Lounge. Many of the photos in the old album are outdated or in black and white. If you wish to submit a photo, new photos must be 4" x 6" or smaller and the family names listed. Please leave the photos in a box at the Welcome Center. All photos need to be submitted by September 30.

BIBLES, BIBLES, BIBLES

What a wonderful stack of Bibles for Hope Ministries!!!!

Thank you very much for your contributions to the men at Hope.

We will continue to collect Bibles until September 12. Our Communion offering for September will be our Bibles for Hope, or if you would like to give money towards a new Bible. We welcome any gently used Bibles, preferably NIV.

Labor Day Weekend Opportunities to Serve

On Saturday, September 4, **Hope Ministries** will have WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES at 9:00 a.m. at Copper Creek Lake in Pleasant Hill. With enough participants, they plan to form a "Circle of Hope." There would need to be 1700 people to make this happen - Will you be one to walk? Will you be a part of a Westkirk group? Would you sponsor a walker?

To register or more information, pick up a flyer at the back table in the Narthex. Thank You!!!

Another Opportunity to Serve

Beginning on Thursday, September 2 through Monday, the 6th, MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND will be filling bags at the Hy Vee Hall downtown. We would like to get a group of 10-20 from Westkirk to fill from 10-noon on Saturday. Sign the group list at the back table in the Narthex, or pick a convenient time and sign up or show up!!! Many volunteers are needed. Most of the packaged food will be sent to Haiti.

Choir Season Approaches

It's that time again when our choir starts preparing for the 2010-2011 season. If you have been thinking of joining the choir, now is the time. Come to Music Director Larry Kussatz' get-acquainted/reacquainted party for singers. On **Wednesday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall**, there will be snacks and beverages to enjoy while listening to some of the music scheduled for the coming season.



Mark Your Calendars for a Rootin' Tootin' Time!!

Youth (6-12th grade) and their families are invited to join us for a Fall Kickoff Barn Bash on August 25. This event will take place at the Simpson Barn in Johnston (just west of the Johnston Public Library) from 6 to 8 p.m. We'll have a cow patty toss, wheel barrel races, potato sack races, cow milking contests, and more. Please RSVP in the Hospitality Room or by contacting Pastor Steve (westkirkyouth@gmail.com) by August 22. We hope you'll join us as we kick off a new year in the Student Ministry!!

Sign Up Today for Senior Adult Trip

All senior adults are invited to sign up **today** for the trip to the Fort Des Moines Museum on Thursday, August 26. The cost is \$4.00 for seniors. Fort Des Moines is located at the intersection of Army Post Road and Union. We will gather at the church at 10:30 to car pool to the Fort. Around 12:45 we will continue on to Okoboji Grill on SE 14th for lunch at your own cost. The sign up sheet is in the Hospitality Room and the deadline is Sunday, August 22.

Baptism Planned for Tonight

Pastor Michael and the Session of Westkirk Presbyterian Church are pleased to announce that we will be having a brief baptism service at Olivet Baptist Church tonight at 7:00 p.m. The baptism is for all who have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, but have not yet been baptized.

Baptism is a public testimony of what Jesus is doing in the life of a believer in Christ. Olivet Baptist Church, (which is just up the hill) at 2743 82nd Place has graciously opened their doors to us, on Sunday, August 22. We would like everyone to be there! All Westkirk members and friends are invited to celebrate their own baptism, as those who are being baptized make their profession of faith. For more information, contact Pastor Michael at the church office.

Pray! Pray! Pray!

Many of you have taken advantage of the prayer cards found in the hymnals each Sunday. If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the prayer card, insert it in the envelope and place it in the offering basket or hand it to a member of the prayer commission. This is also a great opportunity to receive special prayers for someone you have invited or are thinking about inviting to attend Westkirk on "Back to Church Sunday," September 12.

Col 4: 2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Mental Illness

No cast or crutches, no injections. Nothing you can see. But he's still sick. His behavior is strange and unpredictable. Mental illness. Sometimes you worry he might hurt himself or someone else. The constant tension is hard to live with.

When one family member is mentally ill, the whole family suffers. By listening and helping you sort through your feelings, a Stephen Minister can provide the caring support to keep you going.

Check Out Coming Events in the *Westkirk Weekly*

The *Weekly* is published for the express purpose of sharing information with the congregation. Please remember: Use the *Weekly* for your announcements! The deadline for submitting information is Wednesday noon.

Membership Directories Are Available

The latest edition of our Church Membership Directory is now available. Copies may be picked up at the Welcome Center.

Pre-Order Westkirk Cookbooks

If you would like to pre-order the Westkirk Church Cookbook, please submit your name and quantity on the sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room. Cookbooks will be available before Thanksgiving or soon thereafter. The cost is \$15 each or 2 for \$25. For additional information, call Regi Donaldson at 515-276-6263.

Our Daily Bread

The September, October, November 2010 issue of *Our Daily Bread* is available and will be distributed by the Ushers after morning worship. Remember to return your old *Daily Bread* to be recycled.

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