



Westkirk Weekly

September 5, 2010

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

This Week at Westkirk

Today

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday

Labor Day, Office Closed

Tuesday

Women's Bible Study, Children Worship Center, 12:45 p.m.
Stephen Ministry, H.R., 6:30 p.m.
Meeting of the Commissions, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

(WOW) Supper 5:30 p.m.,
Classes 6:15 p.m.,
Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Dorcas Circle, H.R., 1:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study, Cunitz Residence, 6:45 p.m.

September Communion Offering

We have begun a collection of new and used BIBLES - NIV - for the men in the **Hope Ministries** recovery program. There is already a pile of Bibles on the Narthex back table, and we will be emphasizing this ongoing need up to September 12 when we have Communion.

So look around your house to see if there is an extra copy you are no longer using which could be donated for the men at Hope Ministries. We would appreciate your donation. If you don't have an extra Bible, you may make a monetary donation to purchase a new one.



Women's Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, September 7, Sasha Mudlaff will be leading a Beth Moore Bible study called *To Live is Christ, the Life and Ministry of Paul*. The study will meet in the Hospitality Room on Tuesdays from 12:45-2:45 p.m. Want to learn more about sold-out sevanthood? Want to be challenged to follow Paul's example just as he followed the example of Christ? Just let Sasha know that you plan on attending or call the church office so we can order enough books.

"All Ladies Welcome"

Time has arrived to start coming back to Dorcas Circle, September 9, 1:00 p.m., Westkirk Hospitality Room. Our new study program will be the exciting video series by Ray Vander Laan, taking us on many journeys during Jesus' time. The first video will be discussed by Fran Nugteren. Dessert will be furnished by Irene Reed and Elly Smith. Please plan to attend! Read more about Dorcas Circle in the September *Shepherd*.

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 Many of the photos in the old album are outdated or in black and white.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.

Host Families Needed for Drake International Students

The Drake University International Student American Family Friendship Ministry is looking for host families to connect with and become friends with students while they study here in Des Moines. This may be their only contact with Christians. There are applications at the Narthex back table. Talk with the De Graafs and Bishops about their students, and see if the Lord is leading you to invest in a student's life and make a difference for His glory!!!

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, September 14, the senior adults of Westkirk and their friends will meet for a monthly luncheon featuring Swiss Steak. The rest of the lunch will be served family style so you can control the portions. We will hear a speaker from the Aging Resources of Central Iowa Agency. Her topics will include services to assist you in your home and options when you want to move to assisted living, etc. Bring a friend who might benefit from the information. If you are younger with older parents and want this information, please join us. The meal begins at noon. The program will begin around 1:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be in the Hospitality Room. (Deadline is Sunday, September 12.)

WOW Begins!

This Wednesday our family suppers and Christian Education begin with dinner from 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the Great Hall and a balloon launch before classes officially start. Come and be filled with physical and spiritual nourishment. There are classes for all ages. No advance registration needed.

Women's Bible Studies

There are two Beth Moore Bible studies being offered this fall and beginning this week. Sasha Mudlaff will be leading a study of Paul and his ministry called *To Live is Christ* on Tuesday afternoons from 12:45-2:45 p.m. in the Children's Worship Center. Mona Yentes will be leading a study of the fruit of the spirit called *Living Beyond Yourself* on Thursday evenings from 6:45-9:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Cunitz. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact the leaders.



Fall for Jesus at Westkirk 2010

This fall, join with friends behind our common purpose and goal of KNOWING CHRIST and MAKING HIM KNOWN!

Our fall discipleship ministry brochure will be available after worship today.



Only One Weeks Left!

Have you ask someone to join you for Back to Church Sunday at Westkirk, next week?!

A Thank You Note to the Congregation

The following note was received from Greg and Cathy Huffer of Back2Back Ministries. The Mission Commission has posted several pictures from them on the Mission bulletin board in the Narthex.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your faithful and generous partnership with us in reaching orphaned children in Monterrey, Mexico. Every time that we have expressed a need, Westkirk has responded in love and kindness to these children whose voice is so rarely heard in our world today. Your blessings have over flown to bless the lives of the poor and the father-less and we praise God for you.

We would like to give special thanks for the pillow cases that all of the children of Westkirk made for the boys and girls of the Children's Home we call Villa de Juarez. The kids all loved receiving the pillow cases, the notes and the turtles (I have enclosed some of the pictures).

Also, I want to thank you for your assistances with relief funds for Hurricane Alex. As you may be aware we received 40" of rain in 36 hours. There was massive flooding in most of Monterrey. One entire village of lean-to homes was completely destroyed, washing away homes of more than 1,000 people. And this was just in one area of a town of more than 6 million. So many people, including the children in the Children's Home had no water for weeks. With your donation, we were able to purchase clean drinking water and food which we passed out at both the Children's Home and the shanty town area.

Friends, we cannot thank you enough for the support we have received from you for our ministry to the children whom the Lord loves so much. We ask for prayers as we will travel to Cincinnati for support raising, vacation and time with Cathy's mother, whose health has been in decline.

God Bless you all.

Greg, Cathy and the boys

Altar Guild Requests

The Altar Guild of Westkirk is in need of flowers-silk or fresh - for the flower arrangements on the altar for each worship service.

Flowers can be donated in honor:

- 1) memorial
- 2) birthday
- 3) wedding anniversary
- 4) wedding
- 5) engagement
- 6) just because

If fresh flowers are used in the arrangements, the flowers will be given donor following the morning worship service. If silk flowers are used, the flower arrangements will be added to the "Westkirk flower collection" and will be used for further worship services.

If you are interested in assisting the Altar Guild to beautify our sanctuary, please contact Audrene Hansen. She will purchase and arrange the flowers. The approximate cost is around \$25 to \$40 for the two arrangements per Sunday, dependent upon the flower requests.

If you have any questions, please contact Audrene at 243-1679.

You Can't Drive Anymore

The church steps are getting to be too much for you. You just can't get the cap of the medication bottle. You feel frustrated because you can't do these things, and you've always been very independent. A Stephen Minister would like to listen.

A Prayer Request from the Prayer Commission

The pastor gives the congregation a charge as part of the Baptismal Ceremony to which we answer "**We will!**"! He asks:

"Do you, Christian family, acting for yourselves and in behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility with these parents for their son's/daughter's spiritual welfare?"

"Do you commit yourself to set a Christ-like example before him/her, to provide all that is necessary to the end that he/she may one day confess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord?"

Undergirding a family and their children with prayer during the school year is one way to fulfill your obligation. Will you commit to praying for a family? If your answer is "**We will!**", now is the time to sign up. Envelopes with family information are available before and after the service in the narthex. Please stop by the table and get started praying for our children.

1Sam 12:23 "As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right."

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.



Are you ready to **GET REAL** about your faith? We live in a world where we long to get real - real relationships and real success. That's the cry of our hearts - to be real in a world that is increasingly fake. At the 2010 Fall Retreat, we're going **GET REAL!** From the Sermon on the Mount, we're going to learn from the **REAL JESUS** about how we can be **REAL DISCIPLES** of the **REAL GOD** in a world looking for something real. Are you in?

BLAST and New Life 2010 Fall Retreat

Rivercrest Christian Camp, Fremont, NE

10/22 – 10/24/2010*

*Note: Retreat Date Change Due to Availability of Camp Space.

Registration Deadline: 10/10/2010

Cost \$100 per student**

**Meals, lodging, zip line, ropes course, and transportation included!! Paintball is an additional \$15.

Be There! Get Real!

**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 September item is Laundry 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 October we will collect **SIZE 4-6 DIAPERS.**

WOW

Westkirk On Wednesday

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Fellowship

Light Meal:

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,

Green Beans, Salad Greens

Beverages and Dessert

6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Classes

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir

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