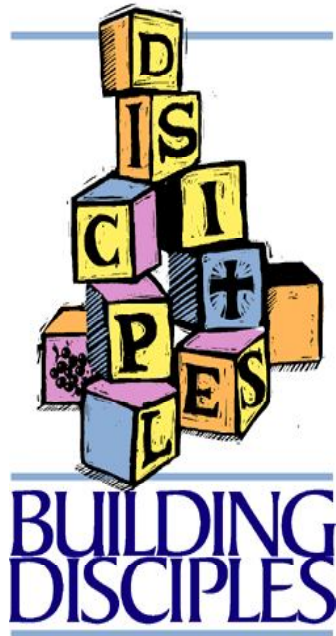


Westkirk Presbyterian Church



Spring Classes - 2012

Through the bleak, cold days of winter, we long for the renewal and warmth of spring. In 2012, join with Christian family behind the common purpose and goal of KNOWING CHRIST, and MAKING HIM KNOWN! Westkirk is pleased to offer several avenues for you and your family to be renewed as we grow in faith and obedience together!

Join Us

Traditional Worship Service
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.

Westkirk Presbyterian Church
2700 Colby Woods Drive
Urbandale, Iowa
515-253-0330
www.westkirk.org

Sunday School for All Ages *at Westkirk Presbyterian Church*

Children's Ministry

Sunday School Hour, 9:00-10:15 AM

The 2010-2011 children's curriculum at Westkirk Presbyterian Church is designed, "to equip the body of Christ to spread to the next generations a passion for the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ. Our aim is to impart to children a vision of God, who He is, and who we are in relation to Him, and to establish them with a foundation of doctrine and truth. We want them biblically grounded, seeing God as the hero of every story, with a God-centered world view and a faith that will hold them when the days of testing come. We want them to love the Lord their God with all their heart, and to delight in Him forever."

– from *children desiring God*, *God-centered resources for training the next generation*

Contacts: Karen Admussen, Director of Children's Ministry; Sandy Tuinstra, Deacon of Christian Education

Pre-School-Kindergarten

He Established a Testimony - We have been commanded to acquaint the next generation with both the acts and the words of God, by blending our own hearts of faith and affection for God with the powerful stories of our great God.



Teachers: Sandy Tuinstra, Teresa Bakker
Room: 1

1st-3rd Grade

Faithful to All His Promises – God’s promises are gifts to the believer. The challenge of the Christian life is not to simply know the promises of God, but to place unshakable confidence in them. This study teaches children that God’s character is trustworthy; therefore, His promises are true and reliable.



Teachers: Chris Brown, Sasha Mudlaff
Room: 3

4th-6th Grade

How Majestic is Your Name - The names of God are wonderful revelations of His majestic character. This study presents the Hebrew names of God in the Old Testament and the names of Christ and the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. Each lesson encourages children to see and rejoice in the goodness and greatness of God as they explore the meaning of His glorious names.



Teachers: Karen Admussen, Jerry Tuinstra
Room: 5

Nursery, 10:15-11:45 AM, Ages 0-3

A Sure Foundation: A Philosophy & Curriculum for Ministry to Infants & Toddlers - Children hear foundational Bible stories, learn simple truth statements, and begin to memorize Scripture verses.



Room: Nursery, east wing

Sunday Worship Hour

10:45-11:30 AM (dismissed during regular morning worship)

Kid's Own Worship, 1st-5th Grade

Parents are encouraged to discern when their child(ren) should remain in the regular Sunday morning worship. We encourage prayerful discussion on this beginning around 3rd grade.

Song & Scripture – The children have an opportunity to sing worship songs, as well as read and talk about the Responsive Reading and scripture to give them a better understanding of key biblical truths.

Teachers: Karen Admussen, Sasha Mudlaff

Room: Children's Worship Center

Kids of the Kingdom, age 3-Kindergarten

Kingdom of the Son – The Kids of the Kingdom will continue to learn about prayer through the Lord's Prayer as taught by the Kingdom of the Son curriculum from Gospel Light VBS. We will be exploring the African safari as well on this adventure into God's Word, using stories from Jesus's prayers, skits of everyday life adventures, crafts, and worship. We will also take time to focus on church holidays and events (such as Valentine's Day, Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, etc.), learning how God has worked in the lives of others who have gone before us in faith.

Teachers: Gloria Huyser, Keri Roland

Room: 1

Westkirk Presbyterian Church Student Ministries (WPCSM)

WPCSM exists TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN among junior and senior high students here at Westkirk, in the Des Moines metro area, and beyond. We seek to fulfill our mission by enfolding non-believing students, encouraging students with Christian

relationships, equipping them in their faith, and unleashing them into the world in order to exalt God with their lives.

As a ministry, we take as our theme verse...

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

The WPCSM team, led by Pastor Brandon Mick, longs to “share life” with students and their families. This long-standing, durable “shared life” is what the Greeks called FRIENDSHIP. This noble desire for friendship is sought in order to provide a ground in which, partnering with parents and families, we can go about the work of planting and watering the seed of faith in students. While at the same time, it is the vantage point from which we can watch as the Lord, Himself, causes it to grow!

We believe that the Lord uses the Holy Spirit to convict and transform the lives of students. He has chosen to use the local church in this process. Therefore we believe it is important for students to “share life” not only with parents and WPCSM leaders, but with the church itself. We encourage this through expecting students to worship regularly, in providing opportunities for inter-generational involvement, and allowing students to testify to God’s work in their lives. In this manner, students not only benefit *from* being members of Westkirk Presbyterian Church, but are also a benefit *to* the rest of the congregation.

Contacts: Pastor Brandon Mick and/or Sandy Tuinstra, Deacon of Christian Education

Sunday School

Meeting Time: 9-10 am, Student Center, East Wing, Lower Level

Senior High (NEW LIFE) Sunday School

Session 1 (January)

JUST DO SOMETHING: A Liberating Approach to Finding God's Will

High School students will spend the first month of the semester finishing up our discussion on God's will. It is generally in college that students begin to make the big decisions that will frame their life's course. By discussing God's will with High School students, we will seek to lay a foundation for those big questions, which will be coming for them.



"Just Do Something," by Pastor Kevin De Young of University Reformed Church in Lansing, Michigan encourages young people, not to "let go and let God," but to trust in God and "get going" as they live a life that glorifies God by answering the call to follow His Son, Jesus, into the world.

Session 2 (February - May)

The Songs of Ascent: Psalm 120 – 134

Three times a year the Jewish people would journey to Jerusalem for the major religious festivals. On their way they would sing these Psalms as they prepared for celebration and worship.

The high school students will read and discuss these 15 psalms over the course of the Winter-Spring semester. Our study of these Psalms will lead us all the way to May 27, which is the day we will celebrate Pentecost as Christians. This is the celebration of receiving the Holy Spirit, which enables us to celebrate and worship our God, not in a locale (Jerusalem) but everywhere, in Spirit and in Truth!



(Aaron Collier – “Furrows Not Fallow” - based on Psalm 129)

Leaders: Elder Kevin & Rachel Heer, Brad Miller & Pastor Brandon Mick

Meeting Place: Student Center, East Wing, lower level

Middle School (BLAST) Sunday School

Doctrine – Year II

This course will use the Westminster Catechism to help students (7-8th grade) gain an understanding of the basics of the Christian faith. Students will use a traditional/ modern language parallel version of the Catechism to explore the important questions of life and faith. Year I outlined the basics of “what man should believe about God.” Year II will outline the basics of “what duty God requires of man.”

Leaders: Elder Trent & Dawn Vis, Pastor Brandon Mick

Meeting Place: Westkirk Youth Classroom, East Wing, lower level

Adult Fellowships

9:00-10:00 AM

Contacts: Michael Mudlaff, Pastor; Sandy Tuinstra, Deacon of Christian Education



Logos

...continuing study through the Book of Romans
(coming up, Hebrews)

Teacher: Dan Marvin

Location: Hospitality Room

The Bible in Everyday Life

Looking at the Book of Numbers: "Raising a People for the Promised Land"

Teacher: Pastor Paul Nelson

Location: Great Hall (west wing)

Special Sunday Morning Opportunities

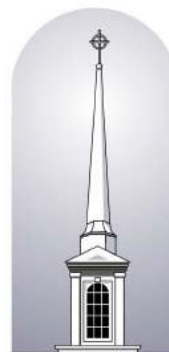
Explorer's Class

This four-week class is for those exploring membership at Westkirk Presbyterian Church. Get to know Pastor Michael as we explore what it means to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and be a part of the local body of Christ. Completion of this class is a pre-requisite for membership.

Teacher: Pastor Michael Mudlaff

Location: Lounge (east of the Narthex)

Date: The next Explorer's Class meets for four consecutive Sunday mornings at 9 AM, beginning January 22nd. New members will be received on Sunday, March 4.



Mid-Week Women's Ministry

Beth Moore Bible Studies

The Patriarchs

Discover God's pursuit of a relationship with man, and marvel as His plan to bless all people unfolds. Full of twists and turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery this Bible study keeps participants captivated by the God who stars in it! Explore concepts such as blessing, covenant, and promise, and the bearing each has on a New Testament believer's life today. Group members will also study the Hebrew names of God introduced on the early pages of Scripture.



Throughout 10 weeks of exciting, engaging intrigue, participants will plunge into the heart of Genesis, to God's remarkable pursuit of relationship and to the unfolding of His earthly plan: that through one nation—and ultimately, one man—all people on earth will be blessed. Many of the most profound and enduring concepts in the whole counsel of God's Word are initiated in this marvelous book of beginnings.

Facilitator: Sasha Mudlaff

Date, Time and Place: Tuesday afternoons, 1-3 p.m.; Room 5 at Westkirk, January 10-March 13.

A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place

Explore the fascinating account of the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its variety of meanings for your walk with God today.



Perhaps no Old Testament event so dramatically illustrates God's persistent desire to relate to His children as the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness. Through the tabernacle God initiated a deeper relationship with His Chosen People by bringing reconciliation and revealing His glory. And certainly, no Old Testament event so richly prefigures the coming of the true Tabernacle, Jesus Christ. In this 10-week in-depth Bible study you will be challenged to prepare your heart, like the holy of holies, to become a home for His love and glory – a dwelling place for the Most High God.

Facilitator: Linda Wilde

Date, Time and Place: Thursday evenings, 6:45-9 PM at the home of Kay Cunitz, January 12-March 15.

Women's 'Dorcas' Circle (Acts 9:36-43)

Ray Vander Laan Faith Lessons Series

Moderator: Marilyn Long

Date, Time and Place: Second Thursday of the month, September – May, 1:00-2:30 PM in the Westkirk Hospitality Room.



WOW (Westkirk on Wednesdays)



Schedule

5:30 – 6:15 Supper in the Great Hall

6:15 – 7:30 Discipleship for all ages

7:30 – 8:30 Choir Rehearsal

Children's Ministry (preschool to Grade 6)

Pre-School/Kindergarten

Jesus Gives His Life (winter) & The Early Church (spring)– The children will hear Bible stories from Jesus' anointing all the way through his death, resurrection, and his ascension followed by the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Teachers: Karen Admussen, Judy Gaumer

Room: 1

1st-6th Grade

Are You a Hero? – Hollywood creates super heroes and then creates villains for them to defeat. God knows where there is a serious problem and prepares a willing human to become a super hero! They all had severe fears but had the faith to follow God's direction. Are you willing to become God's next super hero?

Teachers: Jerry and Sandy Tuinstra, Sasha Mudlaff

Room: Room 5

Nursery, 6:15-7:30 PM, Ages 0-3

A Sure Foundation: A Philosophy & Curriculum for Ministry to Infants & Toddlers - Children hear foundational Bible stories, learn simple truth statements, and begin to memorize Scripture verses.

Teacher: Rachel Heer

Room: Nursery, east wing



W.O.W. (Junior High and High School)

Meeting Time: 6:15 to 7:30 pm, Student Center, East Wing, Lower Level

The WPSM component of W.O.W. is a fun, active program designed to be a place where junior high (7th-8th grade) and high school (9-12th grade) students will be challenged by God's Word. Pastor Brandon Mick and a team of adult volunteers use worship music, games, lessons, and discussion to help young people understand and connect with God's Word and the life of Faith.

Junior and Senior High students will meet together from 6:15-7:00 pm for fellowship, games, worship, and lesson. Then at 7:00 students will separate into breakout groups (New Life, Blitz Boyz, & Blitz Girlz) to discuss and dig deeper into the evening's lesson.

Session 1 (January 11- February 15)

James 1

Students will spend the first 6 weeks of the semester in the first chapter of James' Epistle. Our lessons and discussions will be based around this portion of our Holy Scriptures as we talk about discipleship and what it means to grow up in Christ.

Session 2 (February 29 – March 14)

Lenten Series

During Lent, our Wednesday lessons will be based upon the Lenten Sermon Series (TBD). The students will spend our time during W.O.W. digging deeper into the heart of Lent through lessons and discussion.

Session 3 (April 11 – May16) **Student Selections**

The last 6-week series of our Winter-Spring Semester will be based on topics near and dear to the lives of Students. Students will be allowed to speak up on what they want to hear about. Then we'll discover what the Scriptures have to say about the things that concern students most.

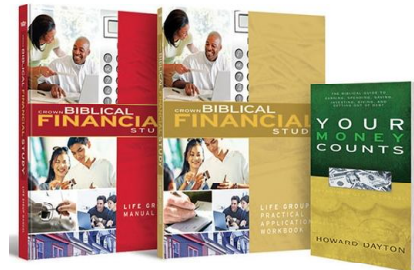
Leaders: Mark and Hannah DeGroot, Kevin Heer, Brad Miller, Kyra Stadtlander, Styles Stadtlander, Amy Withers, and Abbey and Pastor Brandon Mick

Adults

Biblical Financial Study

Did you know that God talks more about money than anything else in Scripture? Discover what God's Word (over 2300 verses) says about managing His money. The Westkirk Stewardship Commission will be offering a 12 week course from Crown Ministries starting on January 11th. **Registration is free**

for the first 10 people to sign up, after that, it is \$45.00 per person. Sign up for this class in the Hospitality Room. Early sign-ups ensure that materials are available on the first day of class.



Facilitator: Mark Stadtlander, Chris Brown and Aaron Pieper

Date and Place: January 11 – March 28, room will be determined on the first evening based upon the number of participants

Pastor's Class

Did deeper into God's Word with Pastor Michael as we explore together the greater context and meaning of the text of next Sunday's sermon. This informal class will look ahead to the next passage in the current sermon series and begin to wrestle with what it says, what it means, and how to apply it to our lives. An in-depth, advance peek into next Sunday's sermon. Preaching topics for the first half of 2012 include: finishing up the Apostles' Creed, The Seven Last Words of Jesus, and Daniel



Facilitator: Pastor Michael Mudlaff

Date and Place: beginning January 11, room will be determined on the first evening based upon the number of participants

Two Ways to Live

A study to help us explain Christianity

A short, seven session evangelistic Bible study to help us explain the message of the Gospel, based on the *Two Ways to Live* outline and brochure.

Sometimes, perhaps after an initial conversation, your non-Christian friends or family may be willing to sit down with you and read for themselves what God's Word says. In an hour or so over lunch or after dinner one night, there is something ideal for the purpose: the Two Ways to Live Bible study explaining Christianity. This attractively-produced Bible study will get people opening up the Bible to discover for themselves the core components of Christianity. The study combines short passages, simple questions and explanatory text to link it all together.

Facilitator: Pastors Michael Mudlaff and Paul Nelson, along with 2W2L alumni

Date: begins on April 4

Special Events

Concerts of Prayer

The Prayer Ministry of Westkirk Presbyterian Church invites you to come, pray and worship at these specially scheduled, 6:30 PM prayer services held each third Sunday of the month:

- January 15th, Prayer Service of Spiritual Renewal
- February 19th, Prayer Service of Confession
- March 18th,
- April 15th, PM Prayer Service
- May 20th, Pentecost Prayer Service
- June 17th

The Lenten Season at Westkirk and Holy Week

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday Communion Service of Worship, 7 PM

Palm Sunday, April 1

9 AM Sunday School; 10:30 Worship

Holy Week Wednesday, April 4

No regular WOW activities

Maundy Thursday, April 5, *Service with Holy Communion 7 PM,*

Good Friday, April 6, 7 PM

"The Seventh Word: It is Finished"

Jesus' last word is remembered through readings, prayers and moments of silent reflection. At the end of this final Lenten message, we will share the Lord's Supper and the congregation will depart in silence.

Resurrection Sunday, April 8

Easter Breakfast in the Great Hall, 8-9:30 AM

Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion, 10:30 AM

Plan Ahead!

Children's (Mother's Day) Sunday, May 13

Music Sunday, May 20

Westkirk Presbyterian Student Ministries (WPSM) Winter-Spring Events Calendar

This semester we will be focusing monthly events on opening our group to outsiders. These fun events will be great opportunities for our students to invite their friends in order for them to see the love that we have for Jesus Christ as displayed in our joyous fellowshiping with one another.

January

Winter Jam

Friday, January 20th

5:30 – 10 pm

Cost: \$10 for a ticket + any additional money you'd like your student to spend on merchandise from the bands.

Westkirk's Student Ministries (7th-12th Grades) will be attending the **2012 Winter Jam Tour** when it stops in Des Moines! Winter Jam features some top names in Christian music. The event includes music, a speaker, and more. Cost is \$10 at the door. Doors open at 6 pm. We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm to ride down together. For more information about the event, please visit <http://www.jamtour.com/shows/des-moines-ia>.

February

Sledding at the Stadtlanders'

Date: A Saturday TBD

1-5 pm

Cost: FREE!

All students (7th-12th Grade) are invited to bundle up, bring a sled, and come on out for an afternoon of wintry fun! We'll be meet at the church and ride out together to the Stadtlanders' near Winterset. And in case you were wondering... Yes, there will be hot cocoa!

March

Lock-In

Friday, March 16th – Saturday, March 17th

7 pm – 7 am

Cost: \$5/student for snacks, drinks, and pizza

All students (7th-12th Grade) are invited and encouraged to bring their friends to Westkirk to spend the evening playing games, eating food, watching movies, and sleeping. Oh, wait... NO SLEEPING!

April

Staff Search Party

Saturday, April

5 – 7:30 pm

Cost: \$5/student for pizza in the Student Center after we've found our leaders.

OH NO! Our leadership staff is missing! We usually keep them in the closet in the Student Center and only let them out on Sundays and Wednesdays, but they've escaped! Word has it that they are at Valley West Mall. They've heard that we're looking for them, so they've all put on disguises. Grab your friends and come help us SEARCH for our STAFF!

May

End-of-the-Year Party!!!

Wednesday, May 23rd

6-7:30 pm

Cost: FREE!

Let's celebrate together all that we have been through this school year. We'll be meeting in the Student Center in the East Wing, Lower Level during the regular W.O.W. time. We'll play games, sing some songs, eat some food – you know, we're going to PARTY!!!

Student Leadership

SALT (Student Action Leadership Team): SALT works to develop, train, and prepare youth for ministry through hands-on training methods. SALT specializes in leadership training by allowing young people to schedule and minister in areas such as Vacation Bible School, Kids Ministry, and community service. Their ministry is displayed in various activities as they serve our congregation and those in need within our community. Students interested in serving on this team are required to fill out a SALT leader application which can be picked up in the Student Center, located in the lower level of the East wing. SALT meets monthly.



Mission Trip to Greece

A mission trip to Greece is being planned by Ben and Terrie Bishop for March 15-27, 2012. Ben and Terrie would like to invite the Westkirk family to join them. The focus of the trip will be visiting, ministering to and with Westkirk Missionaries Dina and Argyris (Archie) Petrou.

Airfare, ground transportation, meals and lodging are estimated at \$1,800, plus a little extra for incidentals and some meals on your own. Airfares change with the wind so it is important that we get our group together and confirm our seats. Call Ben or Terrie Bishop, 287-2706, btbishopdsm@msn.com for more information or to get the ball rolling.

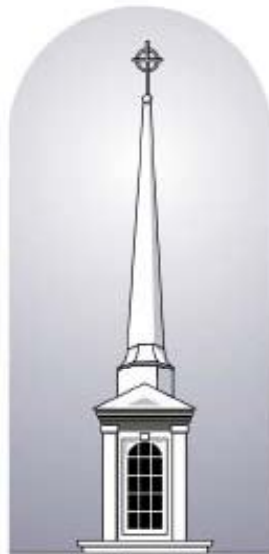
Celebrate 25 Years of Ministry at Westkirk

by joining Pastor Michael on a tour of Turkey and Greece as we

Walk in the Footsteps of Paul in October of 2012

What better way to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Westkirk Presbyterian Church than to travel in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul with your church family? Join Pastor Michael as we explore various sites from Bible times in modern day Turkey and Greece. We depart from Des Moines on the day after Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2012 and arrive on Tuesday in Istanbul. We will see many of the city's beautiful sites including St. Sophia, one of the greatest churches in the world – built by Byzantine Emperor Justinian. But the highlights of our time in Turkey will be the seven biblical cities from Revelation as well as an entire day in Ephesus. We will fly to Athens, Greece on the eighth day of our 10 day tour where in addition to the Parthenon on other great architectural marvels, we'll visit Mars Hill where Paul delivered his speech on the 'Unknown God.' We'll also make our way to Corinth and Cenchrae before preparing to return home to Des Moines.

As we walk in the footsteps of Paul, we'll never read Acts or Paul's epistles the same. Total cost for the trip is \$3473.50 per person with double occupancy. This includes travel, taxes, visa, breakfast and dinner daily, and gratuities. Details (including the fine print and the cost of the optional Rome extension) are available on the program brochure and registration form available in the Hospitality Room. A full deposit of \$500 is required at registration. More information, including a video, will be made available in February. Check the Shepherd and Weekly for upcoming meeting time and date.



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