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Discovering God's Vision for Your Life

One way in which the Bible indicates that we can discover God's vision for our lives is through the recognition and utilization of our spiritual gifts. This past November we spent three Sunday mornings introducing, what to some of you, was a new topic from the Bible. Others have some teaching or experience with the biblical truth that at the point of our conversion, the Holy Spirit comes into our lives in a new and wonderful way and endows us with spiritual gifts – passions and abilities that are for the purpose of ministry.

Well, starting in January, you will have a chance to learn more. Van will be discussing spiritual gifts in the 'big' adult Sunday School class, and HouseKirks will be encouraged to study the eight session course, *Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts*. Then, in April, we will explore the matter from Scripture more deeply from the pulpit. Somewhere in all that, we will grow by discovering our gifts together and learning how God wants them to be used. The Session, the Commissions and all the ministry teams here at Westkirk will become more effective when we all understand our gifts and see more clearly how each one of us can contribute to our church's vision: **TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN**. Then, our congregation will grow spiritually as more and more of us feel included, become involved, and recognize our role in the ministry.

Indeed, everyone will benefit. Over time, a larger percentage of our members will discover their gifts, grow spiritually and play a greater part in the ministry. Then, guests, new attendees and new members will sense the importance of this process and realize that Westkirk is a church that cares for its own and has concern for people's spiritual growth and personal ministry. Did you know that research confirms that the more relationships form during the first six months of membership in a local church, the less likely new members will become inactive? Gary Robinson is always quick to share his own experience with that to our new members during the Explorer's class – and now we know it is statistically verifiable!

People are hungry to know God's will for their lives, and experience the transformation that such knowledge brings. Spiritual gifts are for the community, so when individuals are changed by God, the community grows and changes as well. I hope you are excited to know more. Discovering and developing spiritual gifts energizes people and invigorates congregations – I'm excited to see what God has planned for Westkirk Presbyterian Church in 2008!

Pastor Michael



ESV 1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.



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Help Wanted

We want to begin making our own cookies to be used for after-church fellowship.

We just need volunteers to bake, we will provide the premade cookie dough. The cookies can be baked at church on your schedule!

We are looking for volunteers to sign up for a month at a time. Sign-up sheets are in the Hospitality Room.

This could be just what you were looking for to serve the ministry at Westkirk. For more information contact **Larry Kussatz or Chuck Heitbrink**



The Bulletin Board

January Activities. See related articles in this issue

- Tuesday 1/1** New Year's Day, office closed
Wednesday 1/2 "Divorce Proof Your Marriage," 6:30 p.m.
Thursday 1/3 **Highlanders**, 11:30 a.m. HyVee, West Des Moines
Prayer shawl ministry, 7:00 p.m.
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- Sunday 1/6** **Sunday School**, 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday 1/7** **Commissions/Deacons meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 1/8** **New Light meeting**, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 1/9** **WOW** activities start with supper at 5:45 p.m.;
Bible classes at 6:30 p.m.; **Marriage class**, 6:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday 1/10** **Dorcas Circle**, 1:00 p.m., Hospitality Room
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- Sunday 1/13** **Sunday School**, 9:00 a.m.; **Explorers**, new member class, 9:00 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Night at the Kirk, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday 1/15** **Articles due for February Shepherd**
The Clan HouseKirk meeting, 1:00 p.m., Hospitality Room
- Wednesday 1/16** **WOW**, supper at 5:45 p.m.; **Bible classes**, **Marriage class** 6:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
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- Sunday 1/20** **Sunday School, Explorers**, 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. **Commissioning of Brett Strait**
- Monday 1/21** **Session Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 1/22** **Bagpipers luncheon**, 1:00 p.m., Club Car Restaurant
New Light meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 1/23** **WOW** activities start at 5:45 p.m.; **Bible classes**, **Marriage class**, 6:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
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- Sunday 1/27** **Sunday School, Explorers**, 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting, **6:00 p.m.**, begins with **Potluck Supper** at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 1/30** **WOW** activities start at 5:45 p.m.; **Bible classes**, **Marriage class**, 6:30 p.m.



Highlanders Meet

The Highlanders will meet **Thursday, January 3** at the HyVee Deli on Grand and Railroad in West Des Moines. The private dining room is open at 11:30 a.m. and the program, "Character Counts," by J. Scott Raecker will begin at 12:15 p.m. This is a dynamic presentation that everyone will enjoy. Come and bring a friend.

... Jack & Bette Jones, Coordinators

"Divorce Proof Your Marriage"

By Dr. Gary and Barb Rosberg.

Gail and George De Graaf will be leading a class on the above topic and going through the six secrets to a "Forever Marriage." We will be looking at **Forgiving Love, Serving Love, Preserving Love, Guarding Love, Celebrating Love and Renewing Love.** God has given us guidelines in His word and this study will help us gain a deeper appreciation for our spouse.

Gary and Barb have provided a road map to help us locate the status of any marriage. They have a radio program and have talked to thousands of couples and are definitely qualified in making observations based on how we see our spouse and how they see us.

At the end of the class we will have a ceremony and have the opportunity to sign the Marriage Covenant located in the Pastor's Lounge. Join us on Wednesday evenings starting at **6:30 p.m. on January 2** and going for seven weeks ending on February 20.

See Gail and George to sign up and purchase the workbooks and study guide.

Westkirk on Wednesday Resumes

Our first WOW family night in 2008 will be on **Wednesday, January 9.** The evening will begin with supper at 5:45 p.m. followed by activities for all ages at 6:30 p.m.

Don't forget to volunteer to help prepare, serve or clean-up on one of those nights. It isn't hard and it's fun! Or, you may bring a dessert for a meal.

Considering Westkirk Membership?

Yes? Then make a note of our next new member class (The Explorers) beginning **January 13 at 9:00 a.m.** on Sunday mornings. Haven't made a decision to join Westkirk yet? That decision isn't necessary in order to attend the class. This is an informational class which is also the first pre-requisite for membership. Those who wish to attend this session will find a sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room.

Choir Had a Busy Season

Every Sunday during Advent, the Music Department provided beautiful music. And, in addition, the choir prepared and served a delicious dinner, then presented a great concert to the 100 guests.

We were pleased to welcome Jason Jones, trumpeter from Texas, to play at a couple services. It is always a treat to have him join our fine choir. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented group of musicians in our Music Department.

Choir **rehearsals** for 2008 will begin **Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m.** You will see the full choir again at worship service on January 13. Anyone who wishes to be a part of the group should come to rehearsal on the 9th.

Dorcas Circle

This month's meeting is **Thursday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m.** All ladies of the church and their guests are invited to join us in the Hospitality Room. **Linda Aldrich** will lead us in a faith lesson titled, "God with Us." **Elly Smith and Helen Main** will serve as hostesses.

Session Calls Annual Meeting

This is the official call by the Session for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Westkirk Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m.**

The evening will begin with a **pot-luck supper in the Great Hall at 5:00 p.m.** Bring your favorite dish to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. You can be sure of lots of delicious food, for church folks are known to be great cooks. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship

The **business meeting of the congregation will follow at 6:00 p.m.** This will be an opportunity to review the events of 2007. The Nominating Committee will introduce the candidates for the offices of Elders and Deacons to be elected for the next three years. The financial report will be reviewed and the 2008 budget will be presented for approval.

This is your opportunity to offer encouragement and helpful suggestions to your church leaders. This is a meeting every member should attend! Your presence and votes are very important to the life and health of Westkirk. **Reserve the evening of Sunday, January 27 on your calendar now!**

Covenant Sunday a Special Day

What a moving experience to see our members and friends come forth to bring their pledges for 2008 to be dedicated for the Lord's work. If you weren't able to attend church that day, you may bring your pledge next Sunday or mail it today.

Offering envelopes are available for all who wish to use them. You will find a supply at the Welcome Center. Please be sure to register your box number on the list provided. This will be helpful to those who maintain our financial records. If you have questions, please contact Chris Brown, Treasurer, 987-5328.



Christian Education Commission Meeting

Monday, January 7 the Christian Education Commission will meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the Hospitality Room. This month's topic is a look at yearly evaluation and planning, and a preliminary look at summer curriculum and Vacation Bible School. All parents and those involved in Christian Education are encouraged to attend.

New Light Doubles Meetings in January

New Light, Westkirk's ministry for those with experience with depression, will begin meeting as a support group twice per month in January. Instead of meeting on the second Tuesday of the month and then hosting a presentation on the fourth Tuesday, now both the second and fourth Tuesdays each month will be times for our support group members and guests to come together for laughing and encouragement. Do you know someone who would benefit from being a part of New Light? Please invite them to come and bring them this month. We will meet again on Tuesday evening, **January 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church lounge.



A brand new year is upon us. New opportunities to pursue in the world of Missions. Westkirk is blessed to have so many members interested and involved in the support of Missions. We praise God for those people. It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the Mission program. Session has approved our new budget and those missionaries whom we currently support have expressed appreciation for the continued support during this coming year. We again look forward to seeing how we can participate in their ministry and possibly help you as the congregation to become more involved so that you can feel more of a part of these ministries.

We are looking at opportunities this year to visit the Back2Back ministry in Mexico, or possibly a new ministry in Haiti with Olivet Baptist Church. Would this be of interest to you to join a group traveling there? Several have gone over to Romania to observe the Medical ministry and orphanage with the Lucacius who work with REMM. Dan Marvin has showed us how he is involved with International Messengers and a teaching camp where they teach English over in countries like Hungary.

If you like to stay here in the USA, there are opportunities as close as Manson Iowa with Twin Lakes Christian Camp or Camp Appanoose in Plano, Iowa. You might like to travel to Minneapolis to help out with Operation Christmas Child packing the shoeboxes in November. See Somer Gillett as she and Brad have gone the past two years.

Once again, here are the mission programs Westkirk supports:

Back2Back Ministries: The Huffers in Mexico (**Greg will be here on February 2nd for a dinner**)

Campus Crusade for Christ T.I.P. ISU: The Dave Eggerts

Campus Crusade for Christ Admin: The Schmeidels.

Freedom for Youth, Des Moines: Mark Nelson

Greater Europe Mission, France: Gary De Graaf

Greater Europe Mission, Ireland: The Schusters

Hope Ministries, Des Moines: (Bethel Mission, Bargain Center, Door of Faith)

Navigators. Boulder: The Hannemans

Navigators, Colorado Springs: The Straits (**They will be here January 20th for Commissioning**)

REMM (Romanian Evangelical Medical Mission) The Lucacius

Ruth Harbor, Des Moines: Mark McDougal

Teen Challenge, Colfax: Warren Hunsberger, Robert Schmidt.

Wycliffe SEED, Africa: Jessica Duff

Thank You for your part in supporting all of these ministries. Should you have any questions regarding the Missions that we support, please see any one of the Mission Commission. They are, George & Gail De Graaf, Cynthia Fisher, Somer Gillett, Ryan Glanzer, Rus & Julie Norem, Wendy Reed, Jerry & Diane Skinner, Alvin & Lois Lundgren Stecker, Larry & Sherie Whitehead.

. . . *George De Graaf, Chair, Mission Commission*

Construction Progress

The walls are nearly up. The roof trusses are in place. Soon the east wing will be enclosed for winter and work will proceed inside. The parking lot should be poured Friday, December 21 and available for parking shortly after the New Year. Winter weather, Urbandale city requirements and changes have slowed progress somewhat but we are still looking at a completion date in April and hopefully before Easter.

The balcony will be equipped with stadium seating. We are looking at a new technology system for the infant/toddler area that will keep track of the parents and alert the parents if they are needed.

... *Bill F. Raisch, Building Committee*



The Baltimore Friendship Quilt 1992 – 1997

These personal recollections were written by Vicky Kessler in October 2007 when she cleaned and prepared our treasured Westkirk quilt for storage during the construction of the east wing.

When I think back on the “Baltimore Friendship Quilt” hanging in the narthex at Westkirk, I think about a precious time in my life. I look at the pictures and smile when I think about all of the good times and funny stories. I remember sweet, little Marjorie Lemke telling us how she found stray needles. “John, would you take your shoes off and walk back and forth right here. I can’t find my needle.” We about died laughing! Of course, where there is a group of women, there has to be food. Florence Mills and Fay Troxel made the best cookies! While stitching we could keep up with everyone’s families; we got to know children and grandchildren, nephews and nieces. In one of the pictures you will see a baby, the baby is Aubrey Alshouse. In another picture you will see a half a picture of Kara—she’s now twenty-one and a senior at ISU. Our children always knew they had many people who cared for them and we young mothers had our mentors. I remember one Thursday night, Jim and I had parent night at Crossroads Elementary so Mary Lu Younkin and Ruth Collins watched Kara and started the Piecemaker’s evening while we went to the meeting. That’s just the way it was. Everything was done with a very real sense of purpose—the glory of God!

I don’t know or remember the details of how the quilt idea came about, but I do remember some of my thoughts about it. The building and construction of Westkirk had been approved. Because of the style of the building, I thought a Baltimore album quilt would be appropriate. Everyone has at least one gift, and everyone was willing to share his or her gift for the successful completion of the Westkirk home. If the session approved of the quilt idea for Westkirk, I would be willing to teach anyone interested in learning how to appliqué and “shepherd” the quilt making process. Our first meeting was to be at our home on Thursday evening, March 5, 1992.

At the first meeting, I showed the ladies what a Baltimore Album quilt was. I explained the symbolism behind all of the blocks and how we could incorporate those symbols into the quilt. I remember Marjorie Thompson saying, “Oh my, and you expect us to do that!” At that meeting, we decided to meet Thursday evening and they would begin to learn various appliqué methods.

Now I ask you, what is a good, self-respecting quilter without her tools! The Quilt Block in Valley Junction had a good time with the ladies. Mary or Marilyn, at the QB, would tell me “one of your ladies came in today.” For three months we worked on the various quilting techniques. In the meantime, I was picking fabric to be used in the quilt. The quilt was truly a gift to Westkirk—every financial need was taken care of by the Piecemakers. Oh yes, we needed a name; that is what we decided to call ourselves, besides it’s a lot better and more church-like than, let’s say, the Nimble Needlers.

In May we started on the actual quilt. The quilt shepherd had picked out some block patterns that were necessary for the quilt and others that would work nicely in the quilt. The ladies picked out the blocks they wanted to do and away they went. I must say, I’ve never seen such a bunch of over-achievers before in my life!! By September, the blocks were finished. We then decided the layout of the blocks; the shepherd assembled the blocks. In the meantime, four quilters were appliquéing the borders. Again, more assembly. By October the quilt was together, basted, and ready for the quilt frame.

We were now in the church so we were allowed to have the quilt and frame in the Fellowship Hall. I remember the frame being against the South wall with a sheet over it for protection. Through the win-

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Quilt *continued.* . .

ter, the ladies would bring their sack lunches and quilt. What a sweet time. By spring the quilt was completed and ready for binding. Again, the little over-achievers finished it in record time. The quilt was presented to the church in October 1993.

You will notice that there were no names on the blocks. The quilters wanted no recognition for the individual blocks. You will see, however, another piece hanging by the Baltimore Friendship Quilt. One of the ladies who came every week but did not feel she could appliqué, volunteered to embroider everyone's name on another piece. We wrote out names on the piece of fabric, she embroidered our names, and another quilter appliqued the Oak Leaf and Acorn pattern around the names. The group took care of the hanging and framing of the pieces.

The quilt design was intentional. The middle block is symbolic of Christ. He should be in the middle of our lives. There are two star blocks in the quilt; both stars are in a top middle row. The quilt has two rod pockets so it can be turned periodically. If the quilt is turned there will always be a star on the top middle row. The star symbolizes Divine Guidance.

The quilt is not about us. The quilt is about God's love and grace. He brought us together to demonstrate what can be done if we honor Him. If we worship Him, in our feeble ways, He will honor our efforts in His wonderful ways. I thank God for those wonderful times and memories.

Sincerely, Vicky Kessler, October 7, 2007

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Thank You Notes . . .

*Dear Westkirk & Elaine Elizabeth –
Celebrating This Beautiful Season
With You And Praying Your
Christmas Is Blessed*

Thank you so very much for your prayers and generosity in sending me the material from your services. You are also in my prayers—for a fulfilling 2008!

Sincerely, Joan Yentes

What Kind of Woman Would Receive the Care of a Stephen Minister?

- A woman like **Sarah** who faced a major change in life at an advanced age and needed someone to listen to both her joy and apprehension.
- A woman like **Hagar** who was abandoned along with her child and needed someone to offer her hope and remind her of God's presence.
- A woman like **Hannah** who struggled with her inability to bear a child and needed someone with whom to share her sadness and pain.
- A woman like **Naomi** who had lost her loved ones and needed someone to hear her sorrow and pain.
- A woman like **Ruth** who left everything that was familiar to her and needed someone to journey with her in her new life.
- A woman like **Esther** who was faced with a major decision and needed someone who could listen to her concerns and offer encouragement.
- A woman like **Mary of Nazareth** who lived with both the joys and struggles of having an exceptional child and needed someone to help her sort out the ponderings of her heart.
- A woman like **Martha** who was burdened by the demands of daily life and needed someone to help her regain sight of what was most important.
- A woman like **Mary Magdalene** who received healing from inner turmoil and needed someone to walk with her as she built a new life.
- **A woman like you.**

If you would like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, please see or call Karen Breeding at 963-3954 or Pastor Mudlaff, 253-0330.

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Westkirk Presbyterian

Thank you for what you do in the community. If you get poinsettias next year, please consider us.

Merry Christmas!

The Homestead



New Life Student Ministry
*Westkirk Presbyterian Church &
Urban Heights Evangelical Covenant Church*

Happy New Year Senior Highers and Parents,

New Life, our senior ministry here at Westkirk, will be resuming our weekly gatherings (Club) on **Sunday January 6 at 6:30 p.m.** Club is an excellent opportunity for you to meet new friends, have fun, eat great food, and to learn more about how the Christian faith can relate to you. Please note, youth worship band practice will also resume on January 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Crown Point.

In addition, we have several fun events planned for the first few months of 2008, including:

January 6: *New Life* Student/ Parent Meeting. We'll be meeting at 3:00 p.m. at Urban Heights Covenant Church (7506 Aurora Avenue in Urbandale), our partners in ministry. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this discussion of our student ministry, as well as our 2008 calendar.

January TBD: Tubing at Seven Oaks in Boone, IA. In early January we will be traveling to Boone for some snow tubing. More details to come soon!!

February 8 -10: Spring Retreat at Twin Lakes. Plan to join us for this awesome retreat. Twin Lakes has everything ... paintball, rock climbing, great games, and more. You will not be disappointed.

February 16: Sweetheart Banquet. This is our first annual Student Ministry Sweetheart Banquet fundraiser. The middle and high school youth will be working together to create a memorable evening for their parents and for the members of our church families at both Westkirk and Urban Heights. The youth will plan the menu, decorate, provide valet parking, and serve a fantastic dinner. More details to come.

If you're a senior high student, please consider joining us for Club on January 6 and mark your calendars for all of these upcoming events. And parents, we want to partner in ministry with you, so please feel free to contact us and let us know how we can help you get your student involved. If you have questions or if you need a ride to Club, please visit our student ministry website at www.newlifeyouth.org or contact Pastor Steve at the church office, 253-0330.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

Children's Ministry

In I Samuel 2:2, Hannah dedicates her child to the Lord and prays, *“There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.”*

As this new year begins, let us be thankful to God for our children and dedicate them to the Lord just like Hannah did to Samuel in the Old Testament. Let us also thank God for the wisdom He freely offers to us. James 1:5 says, *“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”* What more could we ask for as parents? Yet God offers us even more: love, forgiveness, protection, comfort . . . Let us take time every day to share these awesome gifts from God with our children.

On **Sunday, January 6** there will be a **meeting for all BLAST children and their parents at 3:00 p.m.** We will meet at Urban Heights Covenant Church, located at 7605 Aurora Avenue (next to Urbandale Middle School) to discuss the middle school program. In addition to receiving feedback about this past year, we're also going to discuss plans for the new year, including curriculum, fun, fund-raising, retreats, camp, etc..

WOW classes will resume Wednesday, January 9 with a look at God's plan for salvation through stories of the Old Testament.

Moms, grandmas and teens, don't forget to mark **January 25-26** for a **women's weekend retreat** called *Breathe, Resting in the Almighty*. This conference, sponsored by Meredith Drive Reformed Church will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Johnston. Contact **Sasha Mudlaff** or log on to www.meredithdrive.org/content/view/162/1/ for more information.



4th and 5th Grade Halloween Party
Anna Admussen, Mallory Wickemeyer,
Elizabeth Leonard, Eric Brown, Meredith
Heer, Ellie Wilde and Monica Brown

Sunday, February 3 there will be a meeting for all parents and those children in sixth grade or above who have not been through **confirmation**. After church a light lunch will be served and Pastor Michael will discuss the confirmation program. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 a.m. beginning March 2 and ending with confirmation on May 11.

How about some winter fun at Twin Lakes Christian Center in Manson, Iowa? Sixth through eighth graders (BLAST) will be attending the **Wintersnobblastertainment February 8-10**. This is a great opportunity to play games, meet new friends, listen to a “rockin” worship band, and hear entertaining speakers give biblically-based lessons. Sign up today at <http://www.twinlakescc.com/>.

. . .*Karen Admussen,*
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