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Having Passion About the Passion of Jesus

As Holy Week approaches (more quickly this year than we may have expected), we are reminded of several things. First and foremost, we remember the life, death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To God be the glory, Jesus is risen! It is the pinnacle, the high point, the lynch-pin of our faith.

We also remember Easter's past, and the marvelous times of worship we have experienced together in recent years. I say it every year, but is there a better place to be for Holy Week than at Westkirk Presbyterian Church when we celebrate the passion of Christ? This year will be no exception. Our choir prepares for a cantata on Palm Sunday. And then our traditional Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services prepare our hearts and souls for Resurrection Sunday. What wonders does God wish to bestow upon his people this year? I love Holy Week at Westkirk. It's great to have passion about the passion of Jesus.

But as I prepare, I have been struck by one of the passages from Scripture that we focus on during the worship on Maundy Thursday. John tells that Jesus said, on the night he was betrayed, ^{ESV} **John 13:34** "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." And so lastly, I am reminded once again of the opportunity we have before us to demonstrate to one another, to other brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as to our community, that we truly do, as Christians, love one another. And I'm convinced that as the Reverend Keith Ratliff, of Maple Street Baptist Church, and I invest time in getting to know one another, and eventually as we as church bodies get to know one another, we will grow in our love for one another too. And in that, God will be glorified. It is an exciting thing to consider two culturally diverse congregations growing in mutual love for one another and together, reflecting the nature of God's love for us all!

I'm excited about this adventure because I believe with all my heart that the benefit of ministering together will be more than one-sided. It may seem like Westkirk is the wealthy, suburban church coming to the rescue, but they do not need us to save them! They have a great ministry that God has used to bless their part of town for many years. I'm going to go out on a limb here and suggest that we might be the greater recipient of God's grace. Spending time together as families and congregations, in worship, fellowship, and outreach, we will see our love for one another bloom and grow – just like we expect to see the growth of the flowers and trees that is also right around the corner. We will be stretched and we will be blessed! Maundy Thursday – indeed the entirety of Holy Week, reminds us of many things. Ask God to show you how he intends to change you and give you a renewed passion for the Passion of Jesus this year.

Pastor Michael



^{ESV} *Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,*



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The Session

Moderator - Michael Mudlaff

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- 3 Erica Wickemeyer
- 4 Mary Newman
- 6 Paul MacLafferty
- 6 Deann Sheppard
- 7 Andrew Thompson
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- 9 Helen Main
- 11 Gail De Graaf
- 13 Le Main
- 14 *Carrie Asheland
- 14 Scott Bland
- 14 Wendy Reed
- 15 Mary Lu Younkin
- 20 Alex Phillips
- 21 Lindsay Brown
- 21 Julie Norem
- 21 Kevin Olsen
- 22 Don Korocho
- 22 *Zach Kinney
- 22 Diane Skinner
- 23 Margaret Kennedy
- 23 *Nicholas Miller
- 25 Kelli Miller
- 27 Christine Kinney
- 30 Darlene Reighard
- 31 *Laura Leonard

*Youth member

Condolences . . .

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Frances M. Stark** who died January 24, 2008 in Des Moines. Funeral services were held at Westkirk with Pastor Mudlaff officiating.



- 4 Steven & Linda McMullen
- 7 Charlie & Mary Millis
- 10 Rick & Wendy Reed
- 14 Larry & Karen Breeding
- 21 Jack & Marj Wildrick
- 24 Barry & Sharon Johnson
- 27 Steven & Lynda Brown
- 30 Bruce & Golda Beals

Congratulations!

Van and Denise are new grandparents. **Ethan Fox Harden** was born to Drew and Melissa Harden on January 27, 2008.

Jeff and Amanda Harrison welcomed son William Lee, born February 18, 2008 in Des Moines. Jeff is serving the military in Iraq. Grandparents Russ and Ellen Harrison and great-grandmother Sally Harrison are also members of Westkirk.

Session Meeting Update

A new Assistant Treasurer has been appointed by the Session. **Aaron Pieper** will immediately assume this position created with **Ryan Glanzer** becoming a Ruling Elder. Arron and his wife, Jodi, joined Westkirk in 2006.

We want to thank Ryan for his service as our Assistant Treasurer for the last two years.

In addition, the Session approved that salary and benefit information would be available to all active members by request to the Treasurer or members of the Personnel Committee.



The Bulletin Board

March Activities. See related articles in this issue

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| Sunday | 3/2 | Sunday School; Confirmation class, 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. |
| Monday | 3/3 | Commissions meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 3/4 | Women's Bible study, 9:00 a.m., Hospitality Room
Stephen Ministry meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 3/5 | WOW, supper at 5:45 p.m.; Bible classes 6:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 3/6 | Highlanders, 11:30 a.m., West Des Moines HyVee
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| Sunday | 3/9 | Sunday School; Confirmation class, 9:00 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Night at the Kirk, 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 3/11 | Women's Bible study, 9:00 a.m.
New Light meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 3/12 | WOW, supper at 5:45 p.m.; Bible classes, 6:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 3/13 | Dorcas Circle, 1:00 p.m., Hospitality Room |
| Friday | 3/14 | Elder retreat |
| Saturday | 3/15 | Shepherd articles for April due; Elder retreat
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| Sunday | 3/16 | Sunday School; Confirmation class, 9:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. |
| Monday | 3/17 | Session, Deacons meetings, 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 3/18 | Women's Bible study, 9:00 a.m.
The Clan Housekirk meeting, 1:00 p.m.
Stephen Ministry meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 3/19 | NO WOW activities
Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 3/20 | Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 3/21 | Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.
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| Sunday | 3/23 | Easter Breakfast, 8:30-9:45 a.m.
NO Sunday School or Confirmation class
Easter Worship Service, 10:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 3/25 | Women's Bible study, 9:00 a.m.
Bagpiper luncheon, 1:00 p.m., Urban Grill, Urbandale
New Light meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 3/26 | WOW activities start at 5:45 p.m.; Bible classes, 6:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
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| Sunday | 3/30 | Sunday School; Confirmation class, 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. |



The Highlanders

On the first Thursday each month, a group of Westkirk members and friends gather for lunch, a time which affords us an opportunity for Christian fellowship and to get to know one another better in an environment away from the church setting. Here are the details for the next meeting.

Highlanders will meet **Thursday, March 6** at the HyVee Deli, Grand and Railroad, West Des Moines. The private dining room will be open at 11:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 12:15 p.m. Our guest speaker **Elaine Hurst**, Westkirk Administrative Assistant, will tell about her life and her spiritual journey. You will not want to miss this program. Plan to come and bring a friend.

... Jack & Bette Jones, Coordinators

Christian Education Commission

Monday, March 3 the Christian Education Commission will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room to discuss Vacation Bible School. Anyone interested in helping plan Vacation Bible School is encouraged to attend.

Dorcas Circle

Thursday, March 13 all ladies of the church and their guests are invited to come to Dorcas Circle at 1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. **Mary Lu Younkin** will be leading us in a faith lesson titled *Learning to Walk Like Jesus: Paul's Journey to Rome*. **Lillian Nash and Dorothy Olsen** will be hostesses.

Annual Report

If you were unable to attend the January Congregational meeting, copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office.

Easter Lilies

Once again the Altar Guild of Westkirk Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring the trumpet Easter lily project. There will be order forms in the weekly bulletin the last Sunday of February and the first Sunday of March. Please help the Altar Guild decorate our beautiful sanctuary with lilies on Easter Sunday. **Deadline for ordering the plant(s) will be March 2.**

The cost of a lily this year will be \$12.00. This will be a 6-inch pot with one plant that will have 4 to 7 blooms. In addition, we are also able to offer a 10-inch pot which will contain 3 plants with 4 to 7 blooms each at a cost \$25.00.



As in the past, following the Easter morning worship service the donated plant(s) may be taken home. The plant(s) can be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or as a friend of Westkirk.

If you have any questions regarding the Easter lily project, please contact **Audrene Hansen, 234 1679**.

Bagpipers? Just Who Are They?!

You are not familiar with these folks? Well, they are a group of singles 55+ years of age who enjoy Christian fellowship and a chance to go out for a nice lunch at various restaurants. This is a social gathering of Westkirk members and friends.

All singles (men and women) who meet the age requirement (or almost!) are invited to the monthly outings which are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month year around, except November and December when the lunch is on the third Tuesday. Just call **Sally Harrison (276-0775)** for reservations, no later than noon the Monday before. Please consider this your special invitation.

The next luncheon date is **Tuesday, March 25, 1:00 p.m. at the Urban Grill, 86th Street, Urbandale**. Hope to see you there, Westkirk Singles!

Stephen's Ministries

To Love Is To Listen

What is Stephen Ministry? One-to-One Ministry by Trained, Caring Lay Ministers who have responded to Christ's call to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Gal.6:2

What is a Stephen Minister?

A Stephen Minister is. . .

a child of God who walks beside a hurting person,
a caring Christian friend who really listens,
a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care.

A Stephen Minister is NOT. . .

a counselor or therapist,
a problem solver,
a casual visitor.

How can you be involved? Do you have the gift of mercy, encouragement, or intercession? Pray for our Stephen Ministers:

Help us stay sensitive to those who need caring support.

Help make others aware of the support system that is available.

Consider God's direction as to whether you should become a Stephen Minister.

Contact Pastor Michael, Karen Breeding, Carolyn Eyerly, Rick Eyerly or Elly Smith if you have questions. Westkirk needs you!

Just a Reminder . . .

The snow kept coming in February, even to the point of our having to cancel Sunday worship and other activities. And, the bills kept coming, too. Be sure to keep your pledges up to date, even when you can't attend a Sunday service. Help our church keep current on financial obligations!

Thank You from the Deacons

Your loyal support for the quarterly food pantry collections sponsored by the Westkirk Board of Deacons is sincerely appreciated. There are many families in our local community who truly need our help.

Holy Week Events

Special things will happen at Westkirk leading up to Easter Sunday, March 23. Here is the schedule. Be sure to reserve time to participate in all events.

March 16 Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Once Upon a Tree cantata

March 19 No WOW activities
Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

March 20 Maundy Thursday Service,
with Holy Communion, 7:00 p.m.

March 21 Good Friday Service,
with Holy Communion, 7:00 p.m.

March 23 Easter Breakfast, 8:30-9:45 a.m.
No Sunday School or Confirmation
Easter Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Choir Prepares for Holy Week

Our Westkirk choir is excited about the special music being rehearsed for Holy Week. Director of Music Larry Kussatz has chosen a beautiful cantata, *Once Upon a Tree* with words and music by Pepper Choplin, to be presented on Palm Sunday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Mudlaff will be the narrator for the cantata, speaking the words of Luke the Physician. Soloists will include **Ryan Glanzer, Sharon Johnson, and Kevin Riggins**. Piano accompaniment will be provided by **Dianne Glanzer**.

The choir also will participate in the Good Friday service, with **Deann Sheppard**, soloist. A duet by **Chuck Heitbrink and Larry Kussatz** will be accompanied by **Debbie Hoepker** on organ.

Then on Easter Sunday, there will be the triumphal music of the Resurrection! Guest soloist will be **Jason Jones**, trumpet.



Elders Host New Members

On Sunday, February 24, two new member classes were welcomed by the Elders with a luncheon following worship. The classes that were received into membership on November 18 and February 24 had a get-acquainted time with Elders, Deacons, Staff Members, First Ladies and others. If there are some of them you have not yet met, please introduce yourself the next time you see them. It is a pleasure to welcome these two classes to the Westkirk family.



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(Not pictured - Linda Wilde)



Thank You Notes . . .

We are on this earth but a short time and our dear Mom left us too soon.

Mom's illness started with a visit to the ER, admission to CCU and then to Hospice and then death—all happening within a nine-day time period. The visits to Hospice from Pastor Michael and his prayers were so appreciated by Mom and the family. Sometimes it is the little things that help us get through sorrow. The family appreciated the calls, emails, cards, flowers and memorials received for our Mom and Grandmother. The thoughtfulness of the Pastor, the Deacons, the Choir, the Tuinstra Housekirk and the members of Westkirk will always be remembered.

Thank you so much,

*Opal Obrecht Family
Audrene, Colleen, Sonja, Allen
Angie, Ryan and Natalie*

Dear Westkirk family,

On behalf of the Frances Stark family, I want to thank you so much for the lovely plant you sent in memory of our mother. We enjoyed its beauty at the visitation, the funeral and now at our mother's home.

Mom so loved Westkirk and was so disappointed when her health made it incapable for her to attend services. It is a beautiful church and we're so glad the services were there.

Thank you again for the lovely gift in her memory.

The Frances Stark family



MISSION COMMISSION APPRECIATION

The Mission Commission would like to thank all of you who joined us at the luncheon for **Brett and Micki Strait and their children** in February. We had a good turnout and a great time of fellowship. The Mission Commission met with **Greg Huffer** also last month at Ryan's Steak House. That was a little more hectic than our luncheon here, but we still had a good visit with Greg...

MISSION SUNDAY IN MAY

This month, the Mission Commission will be discussing ideas for the upcoming Mission Sunday weekend in May. Sounds like it is far away just like the word "Spring" sounds far away. One of the thoughts that we have is to center on the ministries that we support in Europe. Europe has changed quite drastically over the past 200 years. From being countries that were considered to

be the home of the "founding fathers" of religious movements, they have dwindled into non-committed organizations that do not have any specific direction as far as their spiritual life. It is a free-for-all in some countries, and in others there is virtually no knowledge of Jesus Christ among the people. Yet they still have the huge cathedrals in many of the large cities with fantastic stained glass windows for all of the tourists to see, but many of those do not hold worship services at all anymore.

Thank God for agencies like REMM, who have opened a Coffee house to reach out with the gospel to the common townsfolk as well as to young college students who are "curious" enough to visit and discuss their concepts. **Jonathan and Becky Schuster** in Ireland open their home to reach out to the Dublin suburbs with the gospel to neighborhood families. Jonathan also has made an impact at the Irish Bible Institute where young students come to find out what God says in His Word, the Bible. **Gary De Graaf** works with local French pastors who want to bring that country back to the religious fervor that it once had. It is on a very ground floor level at this point, but they see the progress in the young couples that are asking questions, and want their children to have a religious foundation. Pray for Europe as well as the ministries that are working so hard to reach out with the gospel that sometimes we take for granted. Europe was a religious stronghold once... just like we claim to be.

ORPHANAGES WITH A MESSAGE

Pastor Michael saw an opportunity to hear about a ministry that reaches out to the orphans in Haiti. He had **Pastor Pierre Alexis** visit our church on February 10. It was the "For His Glory" adoption outreach ministry located in Port Au Prince, Haiti. Pastor Alexis has been traveling through the states presenting their ministry in churches.

We support **Greg and Cathy Huffer** who work with Back2Back ministries in Monterey, Mexico, especially Cathy who is involved with the orphanage ministries there. **Dr. Peter and Ana Lucaciu** from Romania have been working with the orphans in Romania for many years and still see it as a ministry reaching souls for Christ even though Romania will not allow the children to be adopted by outsiders. Pray for these ministries, the workers and the children that are receiving the Good News of Salvation.

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, Dan Marvin, Rus & Julie Norem, Wendy Reed, Jerry & Diane Skinner, Alvin & Lois Lundgren Stecker, Larry & Sherie Whitehead.

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

Construction Report

The balcony and Narthex have now been encased in sheetrock. Hopefully, the Narthex will be finished in time for the upcoming weddings. The balcony will take some time as the seats will be ordered in the middle of February and will take 8-12 weeks to deliver and then install. The balcony will be stadium type seating with individual seats—not pews. We should be able to seat an additional 60+ in the balcony.

The Building Committee and Interior Design subcommittee have picked out colors, carpeting, wall coverings, tile and hardware for the new wing, offices and the balcony. We are also having new carpeting for the Narthex, Lounge and Hospitality areas. Additional lighting will be provided in the balcony. We are also having some repairs made as we find parts of the church in need of work.

The classrooms and offices in the new wing have been framed. Door frames have been added and stairs roughed in. Most of the utilities have been roughed in also. It won't be long and the new wing will have drywall in place and finish work will begin. We are still hoping to have most or all of the new wing done by Easter. The weather has created some difficulties.

The Interior Design subcommittee has also picked out furniture, cabinets and other items for the new nursery, offices and classrooms. Both the Building Committee and Interior Design subcommittee have been working with an interior designer that Alvin Stecker, our architect, brought on board to help with the interior design. She has done a wonderful job finding what we need in order to make the selections.

It won't be long and the members will be able to visit the new wing and the balcony and view the progress firsthand. Until then we will try to keep you informed. If you have questions please feel free to talk to Russ Harrison, Le Main, Ken Bratney (Chair) or me. The Building Committee meets every other week with Alvin and the contractor's representative.

. . . Bill Raisch, Building Committee member



Annual Meeting Review

On Sunday, January 27, 2008 members gathered for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Westkirk. The meeting was preceded by fellowship and a delicious potluck supper, including lots and lots of desserts!

Pastor Mudlaff, moderator, opened the meeting with prayer. Upon declaring a quorum present, he appointed Robin Riggins as Clerk of the meeting. The minutes of the 2007 meeting and the Clerk's report were presented, corrected and approved. Reports from the various ministries at Westkirk were included in the printed data distributed at the meeting.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by the Chairman, Elder Jerry Tuinstra. The following individuals were presented for the positions indicated and all were unanimously elected.

Ruling Elders

Class of 2010 (Three-year term)

Rick Eyerly Ryan Glanzer
Melinda Turnbull Jerry Tuinstra

Deacons

Class of 2008 (One year unexpired term)

Barb Asman

Class of 2009 (Two-year term)

Sherie Whitehead

Class of 2010 (Three-year term)

Linda Aldrich Jeff Brady
Cynthia Fisher Eric Wickemeyer

Members-at-Large were then elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2008:

Darrell Aldrich - Hugh Sheppard - Mona Yentes

The Financial Report for 2007 was reviewed by Gary Robinson. Chris Brown then presented the Budget for 2008. After discussion, the Budget was approved as presented.

A time of remembrance followed for members who departed this earthly life during 2007:

Theodore S. (Ted) Ward.
Howard (Hap) Reedquist
Peggy Ann Shearer
Vivian Spencer

There being no further business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned.



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

Sweetheart Dinner ... a lovely time!

The first annual Sweetheart Dinner was a great success. The middle school and senior high youth worked together to make a memorable evening for all who attended and raised over \$700 to help pay for summer camp and other ministry activities.

The youth would like to thank everyone who helped make this event a success, especially Chuck Heitbrink, Larry Kussatz, and Terry & Kris Thompson. If you enjoyed the Sweetheart Dinner this year, please spread the word about how much fun you had ... and help us thank the youth for all of their work.

See dinner pictures on next page.

If You Build It, They Will Come!!

Actually, youth ministry is a little more difficult than that, but nonetheless we are in the process of finalizing our plans for making the new youth room a place where our young people will feel comfortable and welcomed. In order to make this possible, we are looking a few used items ... including a retro couch and refrigerator. Pastor Steve has a list of things that the youth are looking for, so if you think you might have something you'd like to donate, or even if you just want to help us keep an eye out for stuff during the approaching garage sale season, please stop by the office. Thanks for your help!!

Youth Events in March

3/2	New Life, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Crown Point
3/9	Sunday Night at the Kirk; Dinner 5 p.m. at Westkirk
3/16	New Life, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Crown Point
3/23	No New Life; Easter Sunday
3/30	New Life, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Crown Point

Children's Ministry

"The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God, the Rock, my Savior! 2 Samuel 22:47

As Easter approaches, we look forward to celebrating the day that Jesus rose from the dead and claimed victory over sin and death and all things that separate us from God. But the good news is that we don't have to wait until Easter to claim that victory. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to us today, everyday, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. What an awesome God we serve!

On Wednesday nights at **WOW**, the children are learning about how God planned for our salvation from the very beginning, and they are memorizing scripture from the Old and New Testament that supports this. Last month the children studied the following verses. I challenge you to memorize them with your children, too.

...he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." -Genesis 3:15b

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

"...the punishment that brought us peace was upon him," Isaiah 53:5

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" John 1:29

On Sunday, March 2, **Confirmation** begins for those students in 6th grade or above. Students will meet with Pastor Michael in the lounge from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

On **Easter** Sunday the children in Kid's Own Worship and Kids of the Kingdom will be singing in the worship service. Please have your children here by 10:00 a.m. to practice in the sanctuary. Thank you to **Elaine Erickson and Gail De Graaf** for accompanying the children on piano, and to **Sasha Mudlaff and Gloria Huyser** for leading the children in worship.

Saturday, April 5 is **Parents' Night Out**. Start thinking now about what you'd like to do with the love of your life that evening. Bring the kids to church anytime between 5:00-8:00 p.m. and we'll feed them dinner as well as plan an evening of fun with them while you enjoy time with your spouse. There is no fee for this event; however, donations are accepted to help send our youth to camp this summer. Please sign up at the welcome center so we can plan accordingly. . . . *Karen Admussen, Director of Children's Ministries*



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