

July 5, 2020

GATHERING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE BUILDING OF WESTKIRK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ARE NOW PERMITTED, FOLLOWING THE CURRENT STATE GUIDELINES. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REVIEW THE GUIDELINES AND CHURCH CALENDAR.



Our Weekly Concerns. New additions will be listed in bold print, and names will be removed upon request. Names left on for more than 3 weeks will be removed at the discretion of the office. Please keep these friends in your prayers: **Mark Jacinsky, Crossroads Fellowship of West Des Moines** Angie (Crowder's friend), **the Carlson's neighbors, a young family diagnosed with Covid;** Dr. Chris Davlantes, Richard Duke, Judy Gaumer, Laura Gaumer, Celia Jordan, Wanda Louis, Logan Lowrey, Paul Meinen, Grace Schoonhoven, Vicki Shaver, Bob Vanderzyl, Barb Wilson and Val Wilson. **Congratulations to Tyler York and Erin Harms on their engagement.** Condolences to: **Emily and Clinton Crowder and family on the death of her grandmother Myra Fisher;** Tyler Engel on the death of his coworker, Mike Lex, who passed away suddenly last week. Please pray for Mike's wife, Kim and their family. Condolences to Tom and Marlene McDonald and Elaine and Mark Hagenberg on the death of Lloyd McDonald; Mary Lea Wright. Condolences to the Donaldson Family on the death of Regi.

WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH

Question of the Week (answer on last page)

Q. What is adoption?

Bill Koebernick Memorial. You are invited to join Bernie and Becky Koebernick this coming Saturday, July 11, as we gather to give thanks to God and remember the life of their son, Bill; who died back in April. With the loosening of restrictions related to the COVID pandemic, we are now able to gather for a Memorial Service.

Visitation - 10 a.m.

Memorial Service - 11 a.m.

Lunch Reception - Following the service

Westkirk Office Coordinator. Please welcome Debbie O'Leary as she joins Westkirk staff as Office Coordinator. She starts her new position on Tuesday, July 7. Debbie, a member of Westkirk, has a variety of experience which will benefit Westkirk. She is excited to start her new duties. She may be reached at 253-0330 or westkirk@westkirk.org.

ALL CHURCH FISHING PICNIC July 19 at Terra Park, 6300 Pioneer Pkwy, Johnston.

Westkirk has reserved the Large Shelter House at TERRA PARK for SUNDAY, July 19th. There is a lake for fishing, so bring your equipment if you want to fish.

EVERYONE bring YOUR OWN MEAL, table setting and beverages for your family. We can enjoy each other in the great outdoors and still follow social distance guidelines.

Come anytime after 2:00. We will plan to eat around 5:00.

HIATT WEDDING RECEPTION. You are invited to attend our Iowa wedding reception on **Saturday, July 11th from 12-3 PM at 2818 122nd St, Urbandale, IA 50323.**

July 11 is our 6 month anniversary! It would be great to see you. We will be setting aside the first hour 12-1 PM for those at a higher risk of COVID-19. We will be serving BBQ sandwiches, sides, and cupcakes. If you are able to attend, please RSVP at: jessicaroseshapiro.wixsite.com/hiattwedding. If you have any questions, please email Nathan at nathan.m.hiatt@gmail.com.

We hope to see you!

Love,
Nathan and Jessica Hiatt

Lord, Deliver Me From the Enemy

By Elaine Erickson
2020

It is a mighty sea
raging over jagged rocks,
shattering mirrors within me.
It lures me into water
that talks, water now
over my head, mocking me.

A virus, my unseen foe.

I must wash my hands
for twenty seconds, only
to wash them again;
the enemy lurks.

"Lord, deliver me."

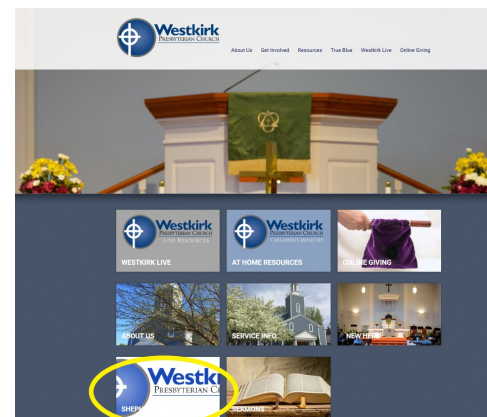
When I cough or sneeze,
I must not touch my face;
the enemy prowls.

"God, be my refuge and
strength."

Does a murky death at sea
wait for me?

But through the window,
a robin wings orange-bellied
over green fields.

Soon, dusk's pink umbrella
will open over the house,
dusk that lingers like a lonely
mother,
the sun splintering into
stars.



The Shepherd

The July Shepherd is now available on our website. You can find it directly on our homepage as indicated in the picture. It is still password protected and the password has not changed. If you are having difficulty accessing the Shepherd or need the password,

please contact us in the church office.

Reservations Needed. Public worship has resumed at Westkirk. In order to keep everyone safe, seating is limited so you will need to make a reservation in order to attend a service. Reservations can be made through an email that will be sent out at 6:00 pm each Wednesday prior to the service. If you do not have email, please call the office at 515-253-0330.

Need prayer? We'd love to pray with you and for you! Please let us know how we can be praying. Prayer requests can be submitted to westkirk@westkirk.org. Please specify whether you would like your name/info shared publicly on the Concerns List or more privately on the Westkirk Prayer Email (which goes out only to Westkirk folks committed to praying for one another). And as always, if you have an item that is more sensitive still, let us know and your pastors and staff would love to pray for you during our weekly prayer time!

Vacation Bible School. It is with great regret that due to the uncertainty of our ability to gather responsibly, the staff and Session have made the decision to cancel Vacation Bible School for this summer. We are instead, hoping to hold some smaller family events during the summer as opportunity allows. Watch the Weekly, the Shepherd, and your email inbox for more information!

A: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

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