



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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Worship: 9:30 am | Coffee: 9:00 & 10:30 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

116 N. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051
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Worship: 8:00 am | Coffee: 9:00 am

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February 13, 2021 – Epiphany 6

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Holy Spirit, you have awakened us to this new day. We praise you!
Open our hearts to whatever new thing you are doing.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Song: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384, vs.1 & 2

Leader: Our call comes from Psalm 36: 5-10.
Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the ocean depths. You care for animals and people alike, O Lord.

Leader: How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.

People: You feed them from the abundance of your own house, letting them drink from your rivers of delight.

Leader: For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see.

People: Pour out your unfailing love on those who love you; give justice to those with honest hearts.

Song: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #2173, vs.1

Mission message Paul & Joanie van Gorkom, GoServ Global

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 21:8-14 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* "I Will Call upon the Lord" #2002

* *Gospel Lesson* * Luke 12:4-7 (NRSV)

One: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Daniel in Exile" Pastor Chris Leistra
The Story, Chapter 18

Message Response "My Tribute" (K) #99
"You Are Mine" (W) #2218

– Stewards of Faith –

Giving with a Thankful Heart

Offering may be placed in the green chest (W)/offering plate (K) at the back of the sanctuary at this time, or on your way in or as you leave. *Thank you!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #133

Today, we welcome our guest speakers Paul and Joanie van Gorkom from GoServ Global, in Eagle Grove, Iowa, to speak to us about the ministry of GoServ Global and the Safe T Home.

Keep in your prayers this week: Carol Tibodeau’s cousin, Brad, in his fight against Covid-19; Wanda Kothlow as she continues to gain strength and endurance at home; Alan Yokiell; Rita Bebler, Joan Christian, Michelle Viesselman, and Bebo Getchell in their fight against cancer; all others who are dealing with health issues; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; the victims of natural disasters all around the world; all those serving in the military and their families.

The nursery will welcome children from birth to age 4 during worship on this morning. Children may be signed in before church or if they become fussy during worship, they may be dropped off anytime during the hour. The nursery is on the south side of the entryway. The attendants today are Clare Kruse and October Roberts.

Announcements

Country Store today, February 13 at Subway – Join us at 11:30 today for lunch and to brainstorm and share ideas about how to make the Country Store a big success. The Country Store is beginning to take shape as we go forward with organizing and planning. Everyone is invited who would like to help.

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Today is Souper Bowl of Caring! Wouldn't it be awesome if everyone who watched a football game this weekend would donate \$1 to help feed the hungry? As you leave the sanctuary today, place a dollar or more in the soup pots that the youth will be holding. All money donated in Wells will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf and in Kiester to the Kiester Food Pantry.

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Communities Fighting Student Hunger backpack program will be selling Valentine cookies tomorrow 10am-Noon (or until gone) at the Wells City Hall.

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YOUTH: Sandy will have **Breakfast** for you at her house on Valentine’s Day, 7:30am. **Youth Group** on Feb. 16 at 6:00pm, and **UNITE::YTH** on Sunday, February 27, 6:00-8:00pm at Prairie River Camp. Drivers needed!

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Prayer Concerns – If you have any joys or concerns you would like our community to pray for, there are four ways:

- 1) **Bulletin:** We will keep the list in the bulletin updated – just contact the office by Thursday, or early Friday morning at the latest, to get it included in the next printing.
- 2) **“Open Doors Community” Private Facebook Group:** If you are a member of this private Facebook group, you can post on there and be assured only Open Doors church people who are members in that group will see it, the general public cannot. If you have a Facebook account but are not a member of the group, contact Sarah Hankerson to arrange to join. Besides prayer requests, you can post announcements, questions or other requests of your church family, thoughts, conversation starters, whatever you would like to pass onto your church family, and be confident only Open Doors church members and regular attenders will see.
- 3) **Prayer Chain:** This is a group of people who pray for every prayer that comes to them. Each prayer request is considered very important and confidential. To have a prayer on the Prayer Chain, contact Sarah in the office or Pastor Chris. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain, let Sarah know.
- 4) **Prayer Wall:** You may post your prayer on the board for others to see, or keep it confidential by folding it. God always knows the details and we don’t need to. We are in the process of relocating the Prayer Wall and creating a Prayer Center, so watch for that.

Prayer is powerful! Use any or all of these means to have the most people praying.

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Visitation/Communion If anyone would like Pastor Chris to visit and/or bring communion, please call him (920-765-3665) or the office (507-553-5453) to schedule a time.

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Summer camp – Registration is now open for all 2022 camps! With events for all ages offered all summer long, there is something for everyone! Information is available in the colorful flyers and on the CampMinnesota.org website. The Wells United Methodist Women will give scholarships of \$75 for UM camps to those who apply.

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IF: 2022 is a two-day event where women all over the world gather together, get equipped, and discover the next step in their calling *to go and make disciples*. Locally, the Wells Assembly of God is hosting a live simulcast event of **IF: 2022** on **March 3 & 4** at their church at 109 S Broadway. It is open to all women in the area.

At IF: 2022, we're going to talk about how to live in this world right now and how to navigate a life that goes against culture. How do we build community in the middle of that? How do we tell people about Jesus? There's a reason we're still here. Our lives matter in this time. And we're not going to waste it.

The times are Friday from 6-9:30pm and Saturday from 9am-4pm. It costs \$10, which you pay when you register online: <https://www.ifgathering.com/find-an-iflocal/>

If you would like lunch included, please contact Wells Assembly of God at 507-553-3511 in order to reserve your \$10 lunch ticket.



*Everyone Come!
You all are invited out for Supper!
Enjoy good food and good company!*

5:00-6:00 pm each Wednesday in the Wells Campus basement

February 16 Menu: Beef Stroganoff.
Prepared and served by Jada Lau & Melissa Kruse.

***Volunteers are needed to cook the Wednesday meal on February 23** and future dates. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or call Sarah in the office to sign up or if you have any questions. The church will cover the cost of the groceries from free-will donations for the meal and budgeted funds.

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Ash Wednesday: Open Doors will be recognizing Ash Wednesday on March 2 with a soup supper from 5:00-6:00, followed by a short prayer and ash service at 6:00 on the stage end of the basement.

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
Organist Jan Johanson
Scripture Reader Sandy Youngblom
Cross Bearer
Acolytes Miles Kruse, Makinlee Gossen
Nursery Clare Kruse, October Roberts
A/V Kaylynn Healey, Sarah Hankerson
Projection Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

Feb. 14 Eileen Hankerson, Scott Johnson
Feb. 16 Nancy Vincent
Feb. 17 Lindsay Johnson, Julia Roberts, Bonnie Urbain, Garrett Lau
Feb. 20 Don Stenzel, Kaydra Haugh

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

Tuesday: 11:00 am & 8:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990)
Friday: 6:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 13

- K** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship w/GoServ Global speakers
10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
10:30am Discipleship Pathways
11:30am Country Store meeting at Subway

Monday, February 14

- 7:30am Breakfast at Sandy's for 7-12th grade

Tuesday, February 15

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean

Wednesday, February 16

- W** 7:00-3:00 Preschool Screening
9:30am Staff meeting
4:30pm Confirmation
5-6pm Wednesday Supper
5:45pm Praise Team practice
6:00pm Youth Group

Thursday, February 17

Newsletter Deadline

- W** 7:00-3:00 Preschool Screening

Sunday, February 20

- K** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
10:30am Coffee / Sunday School

Grain Bin Homes – Aren't they a great idea?!?

And they come from Iowa!

We have \$1,685 towards our goal of \$7,500.

**For every \$750 donated,
we will add one-half "ring" to the grain bin wall display in
the sanctuary until we have the bin completed.**

MISSION-OF-THE-QUARTER

Safe T Home® is a hurricane-proof grain bin home designed and built by Sukup Manufacturing Co. in partnership with GoServ Global that is saving and transforming lives for people in developing countries around the world.



The Safe T Home can withstand the devastating hurricanes and earthquakes that have plagued Haiti over the last decade. In fact, in 2016 when Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti with 145 mph winds, all 200 of the grain bin homes that were built there remained strong with only minimal damage, while only 10% of the traditional homes remained.

A suitable dwelling for all phases of a recovery effort – emergency, transitional, or permanent – the Safe T Home is:

- Made of 20-gauge galvanized steel for 75 year life expectancy
- Withstands hurricane winds (145 mph) and is highly earthquake resistant
- 100% termite, fire, and water proof
- Assembles on site with simple hand tools
- Comes with a solar panel and has water collection potential
- Houses up to 10 people in bunk beds in a standard 18' unit that contains a loft
- Can shelter up to 60 people during a natural disaster

The complete cost of one Safe T Home is \$7500 – \$5700 for materials, \$1500 shipping, and \$300 for a cement foundation. This is our goal. Won't you help us complete an entire home for a needy family? If we can do that, Sukup will engrave the home with our church's name and let us know where it is providing a safe shelter for a family in need.

For more information, check out the January OneWay and the websites: www.goservglobal.org and www.sukup.com/safe-t-home

To donate, make check out to Open Doors UMC and write Safe T Home in the memo line.