



## 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Kiester, MN 56051  
507-294-3300  
Worship: 8:00 am | Coffee: 9:00 am

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February 27, 2022 – Transfiguration Sunday

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*On the Mount of Transfiguration, God said, "This is my Son ... listen to him" (Luke 9:35).*

*We gather to listen to Jesus. Welcome to all.*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Missionary Presentation*

Lorraine Charinda

Sarah Hankerson

*Call to Worship*

**Song** "Come! Come! Everybody Worship" #2271, vs. 2-5

Leader: Praise the Lord, I tell myself; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

**People:** Praise the Lord, I tell myself, and never forget the good things he does for me.

**Song** "Praise You" #2003

Leader: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

**People:** He ransoms me from death and surrounds me with love and tender mercies.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious; he is slow to get angry and full of unfailing love.

**People:** For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

**ALL:** Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everywhere in his kingdom. As for me—I, too, will praise the Lord.

**Song:** "Glorify Thy Name" #2016

Leader: Let us pray:

**ALL:** We are here, Lord, to sing and speak our praises of you. We are here, Lord, to listen for your voice, and to hear your word. We pray that this time of worship will be pleasing to you, O God, and that we might grow ever closer to you, in our worship and in our lives as we strive to fulfill your plans for us. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Lesson* Esther 4:1-8, 9:26-28 (NRSV)

\* *Hymn* "Only Trust Him" #337, vs. 1-3

\* *Gospel Lesson* \* John 16:21-33 (NRSV)

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

*Sermon* "The Queen of Beauty and Courage" Pastor Chris Leistra  
*The Story, Chapter 20*

*Message Response* "He Leadeth Me" #128, vs. 1-3

### – 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!*

- Sending Forth -

\* Benediction

\* Hymn of Going Forth "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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\* Postlude - The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .

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**Keep in your prayers this week:** For peace in Ukraine; Alan Stensrud, Rita Bebler, Joan Christian, Michelle Viesselman, and Bebo Getchell in their fight against cancer; Wanda Kothlow as she continues to gain strength and endurance at home; Carol Tibodeau's cousin, Brad, and Brenda Johnson's sister, Cherie, in their fight against Covid-19; Alan Yokiel; 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.

**Announcements**



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 6:15 on the stage end of the basement.

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**Lenten Practices:** The March/April Upper Room devotionals are available to pick up. \$1.25 for regular print and \$1.50 for large print. Other Lenten devotionals are available, too. Lent is a time for prayer and reflection, studying the Bible, participation in worship services, special commitments, fasting, and doing good deeds. Start a devotional practice or Bible study.

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**Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross** is a book by Magrey deVega that Pastors Chris and David Leistra will be discussing in a recorded conversation for the season of Lent. You can find it linked to Open Door's Facebook page and website. There will be six videos over six weeks, going online each Tuesday during Lent. Feel free to post comments and questions and be a discussion starter!

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*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**

**March 2 Menu:**  
(Ash Wednesday worship  
follows at 6:15)

Chicken Wild Rice Soup – Corn Chowder –  
Vegetable Beef Soup – Chili

Prepared by Alice Oleson, Barbara Roberts, Sherry  
Asmus, Shari Petersen

**\*Volunteers are needed to cook the Wednesday meal on March 16** 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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**Today and the next three Sundays,** we will be introducing you to the missionaries/missions that the Ministry Council thought the congregation would be most interested in supporting with our prayers and dollars. There will be one featured each week for four weeks and then we will have a **vote on March 27** for the missionary or mission that we will make a Covenant Relationship with.

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**Charge Conference and One Board meeting** – On Monday, March 14, there will be the bi-monthly One Board meeting, at which a portion will be a Charge Conference presided over by District Superintendent Fred Vanderwerf. The main purpose of the Charge Conference is to vote on new changes to the Trust Fund By-Laws. Because the Trust Fund governance is now under

the umbrella of the One Board, there are revisions that need to be made in the by-laws to reflect the new structure and a Charge Conference must approve those changes. Only the members of the One Board are voting members in a Charge Conference. The meeting will be at 6:30pm at the Wells Campus and will be in-person and on Zoom. All One Board members are encouraged to be there and to attend the regular Board meeting held the same time.

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**Thanks for your support** of Souper Bowl of Caring! A total of \$150 was collected for the Kiester Food Pantry and Wells Area Food Shelf.

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**Put on your calendar** . . . April 9—"Hearing God" Woman's Day. Megan Edwards will be the special speaker helping us learn when God is talking to us and how to hear Him more clearly. The Woman's Day will be held Saturday morning, April 9, at The Bean. The cost will be \$15 and will include coffee, rolls and fruit, worship and the message, and supplies for making a prayer journal. Watch for more info coming in the newsletter or ask Katie Hueper or Sandy Youngblom.

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**The Little Red Food Pantry** is getting regular use! **Next Sunday, March 6**, is our monthly offering for the Little Red Food Pantry. Food items may be placed in the tub in the entryway and financial gifts in the jar. Food that will withstand freezing is the best. Thanks!

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**The community youth group, UNITE::YTH** is tonight at Prairie River Camp from 6:00-8:00 pm. Josh Edwards is the host and worship leader and Phillip Brown of Lighthouse Church will be the guest speaker. All youth in grades 6-12 (and parents/drivers) are invited! PRC is located at 52792 80<sup>th</sup> St., Briceilyn, MN 56014.

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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.

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, February 27**

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways
- 6:00-8pm UNITE::YTH at Prairie River Camp

**Tuesday, March 1**

- 9:00am Wells Ministerium at The Bean
- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean

**Wednesday, March 2**

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 4:30pm Confirmation
- 5-6pm Wednesday Supper
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:15pm JOINT Ash Wednesday worship

**Thursday, March 3**

- W** 12:00pm Clergy Group Zoom

**Sunday, March 6**

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

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells**

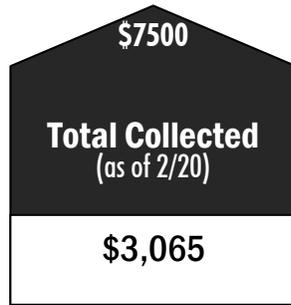
- Pastor ..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist ..... Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader ..... Kim Meyer
- Cross Bearer ..... Madison Meyer
- Acolytes.....Chloe Bullerman, Olivia Bird
- A/V ..... Sabrina Hankerson, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection ..... Brett Hankerson

**Birthdays This Week:**

- Feb. 27 ..... Betty Culbertson, Amber Cords, Karlene Gormley
- March 2 ..... Joyce Thisius
- March 3 ..... Diane Bathke, Jan Johanson
- March 4 ..... Toby Anderson
- March 5 ..... October Roberts, Brooklyn Miller

**Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:**

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



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

► If you missed the presentation on February 13 from Paul and Joanie van Gokom, you're not out of luck, because you can see the whole presentation by watching the February 13, 2022 worship recording on our website [www.opendoorsumc.org](http://www.opendoorsumc.org) or on our Facebook page.

► We have \$3,065 towards our goal of \$7,500. For every \$750 donated, we will add one-half "ring" to the grain bin wall display 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](http://www.goservglobal.org) and [www.sukup.com/safe-t-home](http://www.sukup.com/safe-t-home)

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