



# OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WELLS CAMPUS

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

## KIESTER CAMPUS

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March 6, 2022 – Lent 1

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Welcome to worship this first Sunday in Lent  
as we journey toward the cross and the empty tomb.*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Missionary Presentation*

Red Bird Mission

Pastor Chris Leistra

*Call to Worship*

**Song**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (K)

#117, vs.1-2

“On Eagle’s Wings” (W)

#143, Praise Team will sing the

verses, congregation join in on chorus

Leader: From Psalm 91: Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

**People: This I declare of the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I am trusting him.**

Leader: If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your dwelling.

**People: For he orders his angels to protect you wherever you go.**

Leader: They will hold you with their hands to keep you from striking your foot on a stone.

**People: The Lord says, “I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.**

Leader: When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them.

**People: I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation.**

**Song**

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (K)

#141, vs.1-2

“Everlasting God” (W)

on screen (#3021)

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Lesson*

Nehemiah 1:1-9 (NRSV)

\* *Hymn*

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

#340, vs. 1, 3, 4

\* *Gospel Lesson*

\* Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

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

*Sermon*

“Rebuilding the Walls—Making Ready for the Future”

Pastor Chris Leistra

*The Story*, Chapter 21

*Message Response*

“Cry of My Heart”

#2165, vs. 1

### – 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

Communion Song

"Let Us Be Bread"

#2260, vs. 1

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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Receiving the Gifts of Bread and Cup

You are invited to commune in your seats from the pre-packaged communion set as directed by the pastor. The pre-packaged sets are there for you to pick up as you enter the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to the Lord's table in the United Methodist Church, as Christ's act of love is offered to all. After you have communed, please discard the empty cup in the trash receptacle. Thank you.

Prayer after Receiving

**- Sending Forth -**

\* *Benediction*

\* *Hymn of Going Forth*

"The Servant Song"

#2222, vs. 1-4

\* *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; and Brenda Johnson's sister, Cherie, in her fight against Covid-19; Carol Tibodeau for the loss of her cousin, Brad, to Covid, and for healing of her back; 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**

**Today,** March 6, in our journey through *The Story*, we'll finish the Old Testament and make ready for the future. On March 13, we'll be covering the birth of the King - Christmas in March!

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**Choir practice** will start up again next Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Anyone who was part of the choir and anyone who would like to become part of this group is invited to come to begin the rebuild. Hopes and plans are to be able to provide choral music for the Palm Sunday and Easter services.

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**March 9 Menu:**

*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**

Egg Bake, Cinnamon Rolls, Pizza

Prepared by Alice Oleson and Mary Loveless

**\*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 two 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 four total and you will have a chance to vote for your favorite **on March 27.** We will then form a Covenant Relationship with the missionary or mission with the most votes. Ballots will be mailed out to each household and we will accept any form of vote, on the ballot, email, or phone vote.

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**The Lenten Offering this year** will go towards our Covenant Relationship commitment to the missionary/mission that we will be voting for on March 27. The possibilities are Lorraine Charinda–D.R. of Congo, Red Bird Mission–Kentucky, Sara Flores–Ecuador, and Rev. D. Yang–Laos. Please use the special Lenten envelope in the pew pockets.

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**Today we take 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. Thanks!

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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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**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.

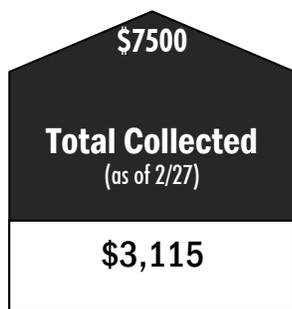
A suitable dwelling for all phases of a recovery effort – emergency, transitional, or permanent – the Safe T Home is:

- 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.



**Grain Bin Homes – Aren’t they a great idea?!?**  
**And they come from Iowa!**  
 We have \$3,115 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.

**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.



**The March/April Upper Room** devotionals are available to pick up. \$1.25 for regular print and \$1.50 for large print. Help yourself to the other Lenten devotionals, too.



**Woman’s Day** – Mark April 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for “Hearing God,” a day for women to gather, grow closer to the Lord, and to learn to hear Him more clearly. Megan Edwards will be the special speaker. 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. Specialty drinks will be available at an extra cost of \$4. Register by April 1 by contacting Katie Hueper 763-300-4955, Sandy Youngblom 507-525-2401, or the church office. The registration fee is due at time of registration.



**Change of date:** The funeral for Ruth Lamphier has been changed to Sunday, April 3. Visitation is at 1:00 and the service will be at 2:00 at the new Nasinec Funeral Home and Crematory in the Wells Business Park.



**March is MN Food Share month!** During the month of March, dollars received can expand the amount of food that can be purchased, \$1 can be stretched into food for 2 or more meals. The need in our area is great! Your help is crucial for the Wells Area Food Shelf to continue to serve our friends and neighbors! Please consider donating. Donations may be sent to: WAFS PO Box 12, Wells MN 56097 or you may donate through Open Doors UMC, just write Food Shelf in the memo line.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**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

**Tuesday, March 8**

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean

**Wednesday, March 9**

- W** 9:00am Staff meeting
- 10:00am Worship at Parkview
- W** 4:30pm Confirmation
- 5:15pm Easter Breakfast meeting
- 5-6pm Wednesday Supper
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:00pm Youth Group
- 7:00pm Choir practice

**Friday, March 11**

- 12:30pm Students leave for Ignite Youth Leadership Conference in Des Moines

**Sunday, March 13 – DST begins**

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

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells**

- Pastor ..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist ..... Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader ..... Clare Kruse
- Cross Bearer ..... Miles Kruse
- Acolytes ..... Kylin & Kenlie Cords
- A/V ..... Sarah Hankerson, Don Stenzel
- Projection ..... Karen Stenzel

**Birthdays This Week:**

- March 8 ..... Brad Kaiser, Parker Lau
- March 9 ..... Amanda Hagen, Andy Cords, Hayden Chandler
- March 10 ..... Leah Meyer
- March 11 ..... Pat Mithun
- March 12 ..... Jaunice Gerber, Joy Krosschell

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

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



Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!