



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
507-294-3300
Worship: 8:00 am | Coffee: 9:00 am

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March 13, 2022 – Lent 2

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Wherever we have been, whatever we have done,
our all-loving heavenly Father welcomes us into his arms. Let us worship.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Missionary Presentation

Sara Flores

Sherry Asmus

* *Call to Worship*

Leader: We gather in preparation

People: **for good news is about to be proclaimed.**

Leader: We gather in expectation

People: **for joy is about to break forth in our midst.**

Leader: We gather in celebration

People: **for we are those people who have said**

yes to the manger,

yes to the one incarnate for others,

yes to the wholeness of God.

Leader: In preparation and expectation, let us celebrate!

* *Opening Carol*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#234, vs.1, 3, 4

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)

* *Hymn*

"Jesus, the Light of the World" on screen or insert (#3056)

Gospel Lesson 1

Luke 1:26-55

Gospel Response

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (K) #196

"Come, Emmanuel" (W) on screen (#3130)

Gospel Lesson 2

Luke 2:1-20

Sermon

"The Birth of a King—The Never Ending Kingdom" Pastor Chris Leistra

The Story, Chapter 22

Message Response

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (K) #240

"Be Born in Me" (W) Praise Team

– 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*

"What Child Is This" (K)

#219

* *Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

Keep in your prayers this week: For the people of 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; Brenda Johnson’s sister, Cherie, in her fight against Covid-19; Alan Yokiell; 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

The Choir has returned to practicing and we look forward to them providing choral music for the Palm Sunday and Easter services. Anyone who was part of the choir and anyone who would like to become part of the choir is invited to come to practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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Country Store meeting next Sunday at 11:30 – Anyone who would like to help with the Country store is encouraged to attend the planning meeting next Sunday, March 20, at 11:30 am in the Hospitality Room at the Wells Campus.

Do you know what you will be donating to the sale? The departments will be Bakery, Baby Place, Collectibles, Plants, Canned Goods, Crafts, Rugs, and Jewelry. We need everyone to help make this a big success! The dates are Saturday, April 30, 8am-noon & Sunday, May 1, 10:30-11:30.

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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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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 16 Menu:

Pizza
Served by Katie Hueper

*** Volunteers are needed to cook! The next open date is April 6** and all 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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Missionary Covenant Relationship – Since the retirement of missionaries Gordon & Ardel Graner, who we have had a Covenant Relationship with for 28 years, the Ministry Council chose four new missionaries/missions that they thought the congregation would be most interested in supporting with our prayers and dollars. You have already heard about Lorraine Charinda and Red Bird Mission. Today you will learn about Sara Flores and next Sunday Rev, D. Yang. 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 at the end of this week. We will accept any form of vote, on the paper ballot, email, or phone vote. They just have to be in by

March 27. The winner will then be announced. Our 2022 Lenten offering will go to support our new missionary/mission.



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Charge Conference and One Board meeting tomorrow – 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.



Woman’s Day – Mark April 9th 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 \$15 fee is due at time of registration.



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.



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.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 13

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

Monday, March 14

- W** 6:30pm Charge Conference/One Board

Tuesday, March 15

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean

Wednesday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 20

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways
- 11:30am Country Store meeting

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

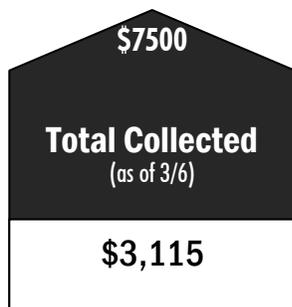
- Pastor..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist Jan Johanson
- Scripture Readers Pat Coy, Britney Haugh, Kent Viesselman
- Cross Bearer Wyatt Haugh
- Acolytes..... Kaydra Haugh, Makinlee Gossen
- A/V Sarah Hankerson, Sabrina Hankerson
- Projection Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- March 15..... Kara Christianson, Sarah Hankerson, Deb Lackey
- March 17..... Pat Hamson
- March 18..... Kenlie Cords, Fin Druckenmiller, David Mutschler
- March 20..... Mark Lacher, Holden Petersen, Sabrina Hankerson

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?!?

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.

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.