



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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Worship: 9:00 am | Coffee: 8:30 & 10:00 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

116 N. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051
507-294-3300
Worship: 10:30 am | Coffee: 9:45 am

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March 15, 2020 – Lent 3

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

(* indicates when to stand. You may remain seated if standing creates a problem for you.)

“Behold Your Son . . .
Behold Your Mother”
John 19:25-27

– Gathering in Faith –

Prelude

Gathering Music “I Love You, Lord” / “We Will Glorify” / “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”
Sounds of Praise

Welcome & Announcements (Please remember to pass the Friendship Folder)

* *Praise & Worship*

Wells: “Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord” on screen (#3005, vs1)

One: Lord by the power of your son’s sacrifice on the cross, you have brought us into a new family.

All: **We are mother, son, daughter, sister, brother, and father in a new family, not of human making but into the body of Christ, who calls us together and breaks down the barriers of this world, so we may be one in Him.**

Wells: “Bind Us Together” #2226

“One Bread, One Body” #620, vs 1

Kiester: “The Church’s One Foundation” #545

* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

We will be suspending the practice of handshaking and hugging during this time. Please continue to greet people, but with a wave only.

Children’s Message

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer # 895

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 2:14-22 (NRSV) Pew Bible N.T. 192**W**, 178**K**

* *Hymn* “And Are We Yet Alive” #553

* *Scripture Lesson* * John 19:25-27 (NRSV) N.T. 114**W**, 106**K**

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

Sermon “Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother” Pastor Chris Leistra

– Stewards of Faith –

Invitation to the Offering

Offering our Gifts of Faith

Instead of passing offering plates, we ask you to place your own offering in the plates at the front of the aisle.

Offertory Music “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” Sounds of Praise

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (unison)

All: **Lord, in your son you call us into unity, into new family, and we give thanks. We give of ourselves and our offerings, and so, if anyone of those that Jesus called neighbor is in need, we are called to help in his name. Amen.**

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction:*

All: We go as new creations, into a new family in Christ, one that breaks all barriers and is in union with Christ our Lord.

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "In Christ There Is No East or West" #548

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

God made the Sabbath holy and gave it to all as a gift. He invites us to lay aside our work and worries, to trust that because he is in control, we're free to rest and worship. Welcome! Everyone is invited for coffee, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at Wells and before the 10:30 am service at Kiester.

Keep in your prayers this week: The growing Coronavirus concern; many people we know fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Karen Gimberline, Joan Christian, Bebo Getchell, JR Nestegard, Ella Olson, Joel Thisius; our missionaries in Dominican Republic, Gordon & Ardell Graner; those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

The nursery (W) will welcome children from birth to age 4 during worship on Sunday mornings. 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 Amber Cords and Grace Mithun—*thank you!*

Announcements

Lenten activities this week:

Men's Lenten Breakfasts Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 am. The men of Open Doors in Kiester are hosting.

Lenten Lunch at Open Doors–Kiester, Wednesday, March 18, at 12:00 pm

Lenten Study – The Kiester class will meet this Wednesday at 12:30 for session four. The third meeting of the Wells class will be Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

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Thank you for your response to the Potato Bake Fundraiser! We anticipate it will still take another \$1500-\$2000 to complete the wireless microphone system we need, So, we are still accepting donations if you weren't able to attend the Baked Potato Dinner.

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Lenten Offering – This year's Lenten offering will go to our support of Gordon & Ardell Graner, our missionaries in the Dominican Republic. We have a Covenant Relationship with them, meaning that we pledge an amount equal to \$5 per member to support them in their ministry. Our commitment is \$1,280. Please use the purple-bordered envelopes in the pew pocket for your Lenten offering. Thank you!

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Summer Mission Trip meeting today. An informational meeting will be held in the Hospitality Room at 11:00 a.m. for parents and youth interested in the mission trip with Urban Plunge in Des Moines this summer. Students must be at least 6th grade, going into 7th grade to go on the mission trip. The dates will be June 21-26. If you are interested but not able to be there, contact Sandy Youngblom at 507-525-2401.

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Keep filling the Kindness Tree! – For every act of kindness you do for someone, or someone does for you, right it down on a paper heart (no names, please), and put it on the tree on the bulletin board. We'll keep going until we fill the trees!

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Looking for new people to train to be projection operators. We use the program Easy Worship. The slides are all created prior to Sunday by someone else. The projection operator cues the slides at the proper time. If you're comfortable with computers, it's not all that difficult. Please contact Kevin Stenzel or Karen Stenzel if you would like to serve this way and to arrange for training.

We're always looking to add more people to our tech team. Other jobs are **Projection Design:** Creating the worship slides and placing them into Easy Worship. Can be done at your home at the end of each week. **AV Operators:** One person to run the audio controls and one to operate the 2-camera video system that records for Bevcomm cable TV. We like to have the audio & video operators cross-train. If you like to make videos, you'd enjoy this job. Contact Kevin Stenzel or

Sarah Hankerson for questions or to volunteer.

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The new Camp Minnesota brochures are here and registrations are open for the 2020 season! Check out all the summer camps available for children, youth, families, and adults at three beautiful MN locations. Register before April 30 to take advantage of early bird incentives. The United Methodist Women of Wells will give \$75 scholarships upon request for children & youth attending a UMC camp.

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We've receive \$208 this year – Don't let your Thrivent Choice Dollars expire! Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2020**, to direct any remaining Choice Dollars. Help support Open Doors UMC by directing your Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

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A reminder, March is Minnesota Food Share Month. Your gift to our local food shelves during March will be stretched and can purchase more food. Make your checks out to Wells Area Food Shelf or Kiester Food Pantry and place in the offering plate.

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Kiester UMW will meet Wednesday, March 18, at 1:00 pm after the Lenten Study.

Kiester American Legion Auxiliary Breakfast, TODAY, March 15, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, \$7.00. Serving biscuits & gravy, fruit cup, homemade muffins, juice & coffee.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Wells on Monday, March 16 from 10:30am-6:30pm.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 15

- W** 8:40am Prayer Group in Meeting Room
- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Summer Mission Trip meeting
- K** 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship

Monday, March 16

- Newsletter Deadline
- 10:30-6:30 Bloodmobile at Wells Legion
- W** 4:00 pm Community Chimes practice

Tuesday, March 17

- K** 7:00 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at Open Doors-Kiester
- 9:30 am Coffee with Pastor Chris at The Bean
- W** 3:30 pm Bible Journey
- 6:30 pm Sounds of Praise practice

Wednesday, March 18

- W** 9:00 am Staff meeting
- K** 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon
- 12:30 pm "Final Words" Lenten Study
- 1:00 pm UMW-K
- W** 3:15 pm Pioneer Clubs, grades 3-6
- 4:30 pm Confirmation class
- 5:00-6:15 Supper
- 5:15 pm Praise Team practice
- 6:00 pm "Final Words" Lenten study
- 6:15 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice

Thursday, March 19

- W** 2:00 pm Worship Planning
- 6:30 pm Finance, Trustee, SPRC meetings
- 7:15 pm Ad Council

Sunday, March 22 - SERVE DAY

- W** 9:00 am Worship, then Serve Day projects
- 9:30 am Serve Day projects
- K** 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:00 am Serve Day projects

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Greeters Bev Niebuhr, Joyce Frederick, Sarah Hankerson, Betty Culbertson
- Ushers..... Bob & Virginia Clark
- Cross BearerOlivia Bird
- AcolytesSadie Nappin, October Roberts
- Liturgist..... Jeff Ramsley
- A/VDon Stenzel, RJ Fordham
- Projection..... Karen Stenzel
- Nursery.....Amber Cords, Grace Mithun
- Coffee Server..... Sabrina Hankerson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Kiester

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Liturgist..... Don Nickel
- Greeter/Usher.....Don Nickel
- Coffee ServerSylvia Halverson

Birthdays This Week:

- March 15Kara Christianson, Deb Lackey, Sarah Hankerson, Bronson Musser
- March 17Pat Hamson
- March 18Kenlie Cords, David Mutschler
- March 20Mark Lacher, Holden Petersen
- March 22Wayne Minse, Rose Wigern

Wednesday meal:

March 18 supper will feature hot turkey sandwiches and cheesy hash browns, as well as the standard pizza, prepared & served by Deb Lackey & Dave Roberts. Serving is from 5:00-6:00 at the Wells Campus.

*** Supper cooks are desperately needed!** Open dates are March 25, April 29, and May 6. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office. THANK YOU!
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March 13, 2020

Dear Members and Friends,

Open Doors United Methodist Church is monitoring the situation around the coronavirus outbreak and making some proactive adjustments to our Sunday worship. We will continue to hold worship services, we all need that for our mental and spiritual health, but will go about it with safety in mind.

Beginning with this Sunday, March 15, during “Passing the Peace,” we will temporarily stop shaking hands and hugging, but encourage parishioners to wave or give a verbal greeting.

We also will not be passing the offering plate. Instead of moving the offering plate to the people, we’ll move the people to the offering plate.

Friendship folders will still be passed down the pew, but will be sanitized before each use. Use of hand sanitizer after handling the folders and hymnals is encouraged.

All frequently touched areas will be sanitized before and after worship services.

We support all members of vulnerable groups (those over 60 years old and those with underlying medical conditions) if they decide it would be better to stay home than to participate in group activities and chance the risk of contracting COVID-19.

This is a good time to consider eGiving, if you haven’t before, through automatic bank transfers (ACH) or online giving from the link on the opendoorsumc.org website. Contact the church office if you need assistance.

It bears repeating, that everyone should follow the recommended practices for control and prevention:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands that are visibly soiled.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

One more thing we all can do is pray. Pray for those infected and their families; for containment and eventual extermination of the virus; and for a swift scientific response for treatment and immunization. Put your trust in God that He will bring us through this.

Blessings,

Pastor Chris Leistra and Staff
Open Doors United Methodist Church



MARCH 22, 2020

More and more churches are offering “serve” opportunities on Sundays to those who come out for worship, so they can experience serving as worshipping – worshipping as serving.

Open Doors UMC, Wells & Kiester, will be having our third Serve Day on Sunday, March 22. We will all come to church at the regular time for a short time of worship. Then, our entire church family will be included in serving others for the remainder of the morning.

There will be a variety of projects that will fit everyone’s gifts – *for all age groups, abilities, and interests* – enough variety for you to be able to pick a favorite.

We’d like *everyone* to sign-up! Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board and there will be clipboards passed around.

This would be a great day to extend a special invitation to some neighbors and friends to come and have a “hands on” worship experience by helping others!

THANK YOU to the Thrivent members who have used their opportunity to unleash some of Thrivent’s community outreach dollars for use in our communities on Serve Day 2020. We have gratefully received five grants totaling \$1,250 to use in community service. If you would like to learn more about Thrivent’s attitude of giving, go to www.thrivent.com/wise-with-money-journey/give-of-yourself

Choose from the list below for your service project on SERVE DAY. We’d like *everyone* to sign up! Early sign-ups can be done on the bulletin board.

All materials will be pre-purchased and on-hand for March 22. (This is what the Thrivent grant dollars are used for.) Exceptions are items for the Blessing Bags and Military boxes. We are asking for donations of those items. Suggestions of what to include are on the back page.

1. **Making Fleece Tie Blankets.**
Blankets will go to The REACH Drop-In Center, a support service for at risk teens in Mankato. This team will cut and tie the blankets at church, to be delivered at a later date.
2. **Assembling Blessing Bags** for cancer patients, adults and children, going through chemo. This team will put together the blessing bags of items at church, to be delivered to the hospitals at a later date. Requesting donations of items. See list on back.
3. **Making a Tiny Food Pantry/Prayer box.**
Wooden pieces will be cut, ready to assemble and paint. The Tiny Pantry will be placed outside the Wells church at the northwest corner. Anyone can place food in there for those who need it and those that need food can take what they need at any time. Resembles the tiny libraries that are popular. This will be an ongoing ministry.
4. **Making Cards** to give to families at the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. All the materials, plus instructions, will be provided for making the cards.
5. **Making and Delivering Freezer Meals** to individuals or families in our community who are in need of some extra love. The team will assemble the meals at church and deliver to families in town.
6. **Helping Out With Small Household Jobs.** This team will have a list of small jobs to do for people in their homes. You may need to bring your own tools, but we will know ahead of time what the jobs are and will communicate that to you, so you will know what to bring.
7. **Making Care Packages for Local Military Personnel.**
Box up items for individual care packages to be shipped to military personnel with connections to Wells/Kiester. Requesting donations of items. See list on back.

If you have any **small household jobs**
you would like help with on Serve Day, contact Sandy
Youngblom at 507-525-2401.

Suggestions for items to donate for:

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES:

Granola Bars	Deodorant	Nail Clipper
Breakfast Bars	Bar Soap	Lotion
Word or Math Puzzle Books	Nuts	Sun Screen
Old Spice Swagger Deodorant	Pop Tarts	Baby Wipes
Chrystal Light or Propel Packets	Gum	Wash Cloths
Small Bags of Chex Mix	Mints	Toothpaste
Rice Krispie Treats	Jerky	Toothbrushes
Sunflower Seeds	Cookies	Foot Powder
Adult Coloring Books	Crackers	Antacids
with colored pencils & sharpener	Books	Playing Cards
	Pencils/Pens	Dice
	Frisbee	Socks
		T-shirts

BLESSING BAGS for CHEMO PATIENTS:

Soft, Fuzzy Socks	Small Crackers
Small Adult Coloring Book	Soft Granola Bars
Colored Pencils	Hard Candy
Word Find Puzzles	Lemon Drops
Crossword Puzzles	Hand Sanitizer
Travel-sized games/puzzles	Lotion (with no perfume)
Playing Cards	Inspirational Books (like Chicken Soup for the Soul)
Pens	Small Stuffed Animals (Beanie Babies)
Small Tablets	