

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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April 3, 2022 – Lent 5

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*God, open my heart to your gospel message this day.
Thank you for the privilege of hearing your word with my faith family. Amen.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

Leader: We have gathered here this Sunday morning to worship our Lord Jesus Christ, to honor and praise him, come before him with gratitude for the great gift of life he has given to us. Let us stand and sing together.

Songs

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” on screen (#3008)
“Holy, Holy, Holy” #64, vs. 1, 3, 4

Leader: God of power and wonder, we are awestruck by the glory of your presence.

People: **We rejoice at what we can see; we marvel at what we cannot see.**

Leader: You dazzle us with your brightness; you overshadow us as with a great cloud.

People: **Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing, you strengthen and transform us.**

All: **May we love and serve you in all that we are and do. Glory be to you. Amen.**

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson 2 Peter 1:16-21 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* “To Know You More” #2161, vs 1-3

* *Gospel Lesson* * John 8:51-59 (NRSV)

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

Sermon *The Story*, Chapter 25: “Jesus, Son of God” Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” #349

– 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 “Eat this Bread” #628

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer pg. 9

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. Every-one 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*

"To God Be the Glory"

#98

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

Congratulations to Dave & Shari Petersen! They are hosting coffee and rolls this morning to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary.

Keep in your prayers this week: For the people of Ukraine; the people and work of Red Bird Mission; Priscilla & Dean Holst; Alan Stensrud, Rita Bebler, Michelle Viesselman, and Bebo Getchell in their fight against cancer; Brenda Johnson’s sister, Cherie, for recovery after 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

The Covenant Relationship Vote Winner is . . . Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission received 59% of all votes. What this means is each year we will pledge an amount equal to \$5 per member to Red Bird Mission. This year that amounts to \$1,205 and our Lenten offering will go to Red Bird Mission. Please give to the Lenten offering and support the many mission facets of Red Bird Mission. Use the special Lenten envelopes in the pew pockets.

Easter Flowers: Anyone wishing to give an Easter lily or other flowering spring plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, or just for the joy of Easter, should bring it to church, either in Wells or Kiester, or have it delivered by Friday, April 15. Please notify the church office by Tuesday, April 12, to have it included in the bulletin - 553-5453 or e-mail opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net.

Attention Quilters! The Kiester quilters have at least two unfinished twin-sized quilts that they would like to pass along to someone willing to finish them up. They’re in the basement of the Open Doors–Kiester Campus church. Contact Marge Mutschler at 294-3434 if you have questions or would like to take on this project. The ladies used to meet to work on them and then gave the completed quilts to Semcac, Inc. in Albert Lea.



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

April 6 Menu: Burgers & Chips
Served by John & Melissa Kruse

*** Volunteers are needed to cook! The next open dates are April 20** and May 4. 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.

Last Chance to Register 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 this Saturday, April 9, from 9:00 am-noon, at Prairie River Camp in the Cups of Faith Cafe. The cost will be \$15 and will include coffee, rolls and fruit, worship and the message, and supplies for making a prayer journal. Proceeds will go to the building of a Safe T Home® in Haiti. Register by April 4 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.

Open Doors Treasures & More – To make this a successful fundraiser for our kitchen project, we need everyone’s help in submitting items for the sale. The categories will be Bakery, Baby

Place, Collectibles, Plants, Canned Goods, Crafts, Rugs, Clothing/Apparel, Cards & Such, Holidays, and Jewelry. We are looking for **very good** quality items. Please sign up on the easel what you are thinking of offering for the sale. The dates are Saturday, April 30, 8am-noon & Sunday, May 1, 10:30-11:30.



UMCOR Sunday Offering. It's not too late to give. This is a once a year plea to pay for the overhead of UMCOR. Because of UMCOR Sunday, when you hear about a disaster or humanitarian crisis and you give to UMCOR, you can be assured that 100% of the money you designate goes toward people in need. Checks should be made out to Open Doors UMC and write "UMCOR Sunday" in the memo line. Please use the special UMCOR Special Sunday envelopes. You can also give using the mobile app, Vanco Mobile, or online at www.opendoorsumc.org/giving. We have received \$595 to date for UMCOR Sunday!



To give direct assistance to Ukrainians fleeing from their country and those left behind, make check out to Open Doors UMC and write "Ukraine" in the check memo line. Donations will be forwarded to UMCOR. (This is a separate donation from UMCOR Sunday.) For more info, pick up an F&Q sheet on the back table. So far, we've received \$200 for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.



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!



Need volunteers to read for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please contact Jan Johanson if you would like to be a reader.



Could you help with VBS? We're having a planning meeting this Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 pm at the Wells Campus for anyone who would like to help with planning and designing this year's Vacation Bible School. The dates will be June 6-9, Monday-Thursday mornings. If you know you would like to help in some way that week but won't be at the meeting, please let Sarah in the office know, preferably before Thursday.



Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross is a book by Magrey deVega that Pastors Chris and David Leistra are discussing in a recorded conversation during 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!



Visitation for Ruth Lamphier is today at 1:00pm and her funeral is at 2:00 at the new Nasinec Funeral Home in the Business Park.



Wells VFW Omelet Breakfast: Sunday, April 3, 7:30am til gone, \$9. Proceeds go to the USC Post Prom and Trap Team.

St. Casimir's Fish Supper & Bingo: Friday, April 8 at St. Casimir Church Hall. Serving a fish sandwich supper from 5-7pm. Cost: 12 & under \$5, 13 & up \$10. Bingo will be played from 6-8 pm, must be 18 to play. This is a fundraiser for St. Casimir's school and school activities.

Genesis Classical Academy Spring Fling: Saturday, April 9, at the Veteran Resource Center, 132 1st Ave SE, Winnebago. A seasoned chicken breast dinner will be served from 5-7 pm. Events also include a silent auction, live auction, raffle and live entertainment. Genesis Classical Academy is a preschool-10th grade nondenominational Christian classical academy.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 3

- K** 8:00am Worship w/Communion
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship w/Communion
- 10:30am Coffee
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways
- 1:00 pm Visitation for Ruth Lamphier at Nasinec Funeral Home
- 2:00pm Funeral for Ruth Lamphier at Nasinec Funeral Home

Monday, April 4

- 6:30pm Ministry Council

Tuesday, April 5

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at church

Wednesday, April 6

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

Thursday, April 7

- W** 1:30pm Wells Ministerial at Open Doors
- 6:30pm VBS meeting

Saturday, April 9

- 9am-12pm Woman's Day at Prairie River

Sunday, April 10 Palm/Passion Sunday

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

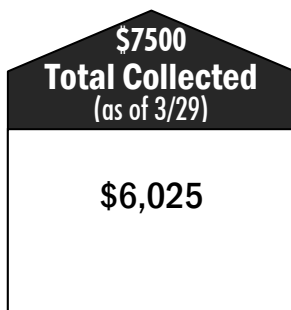
- Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader Sherry Asmus
- Cross Bearer Wyatt Haugh
- Acolytes..... Kaydra Haugh
- A/V Kaylynn Healey
- Projection Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- April 3..... Mary Smalley, Virginia Clark
- April 4..... Marge Mutchler
- April 6..... John Miller
- April 8..... Landon Bathke
- April 9..... McKayla Mithun
- April 10..... Andrew Hagen, Bruce Parks

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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



Safe T Home®

We're almost to our goal!

▶ We are 80% to our goal of \$7,500 - just \$1,475 to go! We have some really fantastic and generous people in Open Doors! We are so close to our goal – only one ring on the bin to go! (Each half ring represents \$750 donated.)

▶ Donate today and help us finish the bin!

▶ Place donation in the offering plate or chest and designate Safe T Home in the check memo line or on your envelope.

▶ To view the presentation about the Safe T Home by Paul and Joanie van Gokom from GoServ Global, watch the February 13, 2022, worship recording on our website www.opendoorsumc.org or on our Facebook page.