



communed, please return to your seats by the side aisles. If coming forward is difficult for you, signal the communion servers who come to the back of the sanctuary and overflow room – they will be happy to bring communion to you. Thank you.

Communion Music  
Prayer after Receiving

“How Beautiful”

Sounds of Praise

**– Sending Forth –**

\* *Benediction*

One: May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The one who called you is completely dependable in all things.

All: **We will trust in the Lord all the days of our lives and beyond.**

\* *Hymn of Going Forth*

“How Firm a Foundation”

# 529, vs 1-2

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

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**Just as many people in the Bible welcomed Jesus into their homes,** so he welcomes us here. And so we, too, welcome you to worship. 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:** Richard Roberts; Karen Gimberline; all those who are dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis; our missionaries, Gordy & Ardell Graner; those in the military and their families.

**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 Ashley Petersen—*thank you!*

**Hearing Assist Devices (W)** are located at the rear usher’s table and are available for anyone who would like to use them during the worship service. Ask an usher to assist you if you need. When you are finished with them, leave them sit on your chair or pew and we will sanitize them to be ready for the next user.

**Announcements**

**A celebration of Ellie Frederick’s life** was held yesterday, April 6, at Open Doors UMC–Wells Campus with burial in Rice Lake Cemetery. Ellie passed away December 4, 2018, in Mesa, AZ. Please keep Don and family in your prayers.

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**Opportunities to observe Lent:**

Tuesdays, 7:00 am..... Men’s Lenten Prayer Breakfast, varying locations. April 9 is at Mansfield Lutheran, 14711 630<sup>th</sup> Ave., Alden.

Wednesdays, 12:00 pm... Lenten Lunch at the Kiester Campus

12:30pm.....Lenten study following lunch: *The Prodigal God – Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*. Explore the parable of the prodigal son and how it reflects on our relationship with the triune God who calls us to align our lives to Christ. This book will challenge both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way.

5:45 pm..... Pastor Chris continues the study of *The Story* at the Wells Campus Hospitality Room. We on chapter 19 this week. Come join in!

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**Lenten Offering:** Our Lenten Offering total is at \$233.00. Thank you for each and every gift! It all goes to support our missionaries Gordon and Ardell Graner, serving in the Dominican Republic. Our covenant of support for them is \$1,365.00, so that means we need \$1,132.00 more to meet our commitment. Without our support of United Methodist missionaries, we wouldn’t reach as many people and do as much good in the world as we do. Please use the special Lenten Offering envelopes or mark your check “Lenten Offering.” Please give today! Thank you!

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**“Be Sheep” Women’s Day is this Saturday,** April 13 from 9:00-2:00 at The Bean in downtown

Wells. The deadline to register past, but you can still get your name on the waiting list for the cookie workshop in case there are cancellations. You're still welcome to come hear Rachel's talk about learning to trust. Contact Sandy Youngbom 507-525-2401 or Katie Hueper 763-300-4955 with questions.

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**The Malt Shoppe Celebration is TONIGHT** from 4:30-7:00 pm at the Wells Campus. We're excited to have Clay Miller and Paul Voges here to play popular tunes from the 60s & 70s! Plus: DJ Will filling in with more music and karaoke, and limbo, bubble blowing, hula hoops and dancing! Come dressed for the 50s, 60s or 70s! You won't want to miss this FUN youth fundraiser! (Still looking for adults to lend a hand with grilling, malt making, basket assembly, or cashier/order-takers. Let Sandy know if you can help.)

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**Still accepting gifts for UMCOR Sunday.** UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) brings hope and comfort to communities in the US and around the world who have experienced natural disasters, war, conflict, and other situations of crisis. UMCOR receives no World Service or Apportionment funds. Your gift to UMCOR Sunday underwrites the costs of "doing business." This allows UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, and not toward administrative expenses. Please make checks payable to Open Doors UMC.

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**Wednesday Snack needed for this week!** We're looking for snack servers for this week and the next three weeks, April 10-May 8. Would anyone be able to provide snacks for about 40 kids from 3:10-3:30? Also, we have one week available for supper servers on May 1. Please sign up on the chart on the bulletin board or call Sarah in the church office.

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**Auction** – On May 19, there will be an all-church fundraiser auction, live and silent, with lunch. There will be a joint worship service at Wells, followed by the last Sunday School session for the season, all adult classes for *The Story* will combine as one at 10:00 with Pastor Chris leading, coffee time, and lunch on the back drive. The silent auction will be held in the basement during coffee and lunch time and end shortly before the live auction begins. We are asking for donations of items and services to put on the auction bill. They can be things you have at home that are good quality and gently used; services, like 3 hours of house cleaning or a loaf of bread a month; or gift certificates/tickets to entertainment events; or brand new items – household, décor, sporting goods, tools, etc. **Clip boards will be passed today** to let us know what you are thinking of donating for the auction.

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**Do you have a child, grandchild, or other relative graduating** from high school, college or other educational institution this spring? To be included in the May graduation issue of the OneWay, please e-mail or call Sarah in the church office by Wed., April 17, and give the student's name, relationship to you, school name & city, degree or major if appropriate.

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**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 19. Please notify the church office by Tuesday, April 16, to have it included in the bulletin - 553-5453 or e-mail [opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net](mailto:opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net).

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**Vacation Bible School** – Save the dates, June 4-7, for this year's VBS! Vacation Bible School at Open Doors is open to ALL children from age 3 (potty trained) through grade 5. VBS is from 9:00-11:30 am Tuesday-Friday. This year we are also planning on having an evening version in the park at Kiester. More info to come!

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**Don't miss the April 30 early bird** registration date for summer UMC camps in order to get your \$25 credit to use in the camp store or canteen. Register today! Camperships available. [www.campminnesota.org](http://www.campminnesota.org)

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**Help those in need!** A Good Shepherd Lutheran confirmation student and mentor are reaching out to help those affected by the floods in Iowa and Nebraska. Good Shepherd Lutheran of Wells is collecting items to be used with clean-up efforts. Items may be dropped off at GSL church, either at the office or in the designated collection boxes. The following items are in great demand: Paper towels, disposable rags, glass cleaners, cleansing powders, bleach, liquid cleaners (PineSol, etc.), scrub brushes, rubber gloves, sponges. They will be collecting until April 28 and then delivering to SW Iowa.

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**Awesome Adults and Caring Connections** will not be meeting this month.

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Today, Sunday, April 7** (The Story #19)

- W** 9:00 am Worship w/ Communion
- 10:00 am Adult Study / Sunday School
- 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship
- 4:30-7:00 pm Malt Shoppe Celebration**
- K** 9:15 am *The Story* Adult Study
- 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion

**Monday, April 8**

- W** 4:00 pm Community Chimes practice

**Tuesday, April 9**

- 7:00 am Lenten Men's Breakfast at Mansfield Lutheran, rural Alden
- 10:00-11:30 Coffee with Pastor Chris at The Bean
- 2:00-5:00 Diaper Mission at Clothes Closet
- W** 6:30 pm Sounds of Praise practice

**Wednesday, April 10**

- W** 9:00 am Staff meeting
- K** 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon
- 12:30 pm Lenten Study, "*The Prodigal God*"
- W** 3:15 pm Pioneer Clubs
- 5:00-6:15 Supper
- 5:15 pm Praise Team practice
- 5:45 pm *The Story* adult study, #19
- 6:15 pm Son-Rise practice / Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice

**Thursday, April 11**

- W** 3:15 pm Mission Kids
- 6:30 pm Ministry Council

**Saturday, April 13**

- 9:00am Women's Day "Be Sheep" at The Bean

**Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday**

- W** 9:00 am Worship
- 10:00 am Adult Study / Sunday School
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- K** 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship (no study)
- 10:30 am Worship

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Wells**

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist ..... Jan Johanson
- Cross Bearer .....Jaiden Gossen
- Acolytes ..... Sadie Nappin, October Roberts
- Scripture Reader..... Makavla Knutson
- Communion Servers..... Margaret Courrier, Sandy Youngblom, Katie Hueper, Deb Lackey
- A/V ..... Kaylynn & William Healey
- Projection..... Kevin Stenzel
- Ushers.....Bruce & Joyce Frederick
- Greeters ..... Bob & Virginia Clark, Deb Lackey, Mickey Ellsworth
- Nursery.....Amber Cords, Ashley Petersen
- Coffee Servers .....

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Kiester**

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist .....Staci Thompson
- Scripture Reader..... Wendv Nickel
- Communion Server ..... Don Nickel
- Greeter/Usher..... Don Nickel
- Coffee Servers ..... Roger & Rose Wigern

**Birthdays This Week:**

- April 8 ..... Richard Roberts, Landon Bathke
- April 9 ..... McKayla Mithun
- April 10.....Kevin Stenzel, Andrew Hagen
- April 12.....Christy Musser, Kim Anderson
- April 13.....Ryen Gossen, Katie Hueper
- April 14..... Marlene Wedin

**Wednesday Meal:**

April 10 supper will feature tacos, prepared & served by Casey Comstock and Blake Boyd. Serving is from 5:00-6:15 at the Wells Campus.

**Please note** that there are **children's bulletins and puzzles for adults** that correspond to and reinforce the theme of the week of *The Story*. Take one today.

**\* Coffee makers & servers needed for the next few weeks! Please sign up!**