



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 10, 2022 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Jesus, may I follow you throughout Holy Week with its complicated emotions,
for you promise to meet me at the empty tomb.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, a very important time in the Christian year. Our worship will lead us through the experiences of this week, beginning with the excitement and cheers of people as Jesus rode into Jerusalem, hailed as a hero. From there, we travel with Jesus and experience all of the emotions that these days will hold. Let us focus our thoughts, prayers and voices on these events that changed lives forever. We begin with joy as Jesus entered Jerusalem.

– Hosanna to the King! (Palms) –

Song "Blessed Is He Who Comes" (W) Choir/Praise Team

* Leader: Hosanna!

People: Hosanna!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

People: Blessed are we, for we have been created by that same God.

Leader: Blessed is the sound of our voices, lifted up in praise.

People: Blessed are the hands that clap and strum and pluck, joining together in one glorious Hosanna.

Leader: Blessed are the bodies that move and wave and march and dance in a tapestry of motion, embodying your love.

People: Blessed is the breath that enlivens us, animates us, and sustains us in singing our ceaseless praise to you, O God.

Leader: Hosanna!

People: Hosanna!

Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #278

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

– The Last Supper (Communion) –

* *Gospel Lesson* * Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

* *Musical Interlude* "Eat This Bread"

* *Gospel Lesson* * Luke 22:14-20 (NRSV)

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

Communion Song "Let Us Break Bread Together" #618

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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. 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

- The Passion (Tenebrae) -

Tenebrae Readings / Extinguishing Candles

Song "When You Prayed Beneath the Trees" (W) Praise Team

Stripping the Sanctuary

Song – sung while sanctuary is being stripped "Ah, Holy Jesus" #289

Sermon *The Story*, Chapter 26: "Hour of Darkness" Pastor Chris Leistra

Reading by Max Lucado, from his book *In the Eye of the Storm*

He looked around the hill and foresaw a scene. Three figures hung on three crosses. Arms spread. Heads fallen forward. They moaned with the wind.

Men clad in soldier's garb sat on the ground near the trio...

Women clad in sorrow huddled at the foot of the hill,...faces tear streaked.

All heaven stood to fight. All nature rose to rescue. All eternity poised to protect. But the Creator gave no command.

"It must be done..." he said, and withdrew.

The angel spoke again, "It would be less painful..."

The Creator interrupted softly, "But it wouldn't be love."

* *Benediction*

* *Postlude – as people leave in silence*

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 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

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.

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Good Friday, 7pm – Continue the Passion Story on Good Friday at 7:00 pm at the Wells Campus. This is a joint service for both Kiester and Wells locations.

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Easter Breakfast, 8am – Everyone is invited for breakfast on Easter morning at the Wells Campus from 8:00-9:00. The confirmation families will be serving egg & sausage burritos, fruit, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee.

Easter Worship, 8am & 9:30am – celebrate with us at whichever time suits you best. 8:00am in Kiester and 9:30am in Wells.

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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.

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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.



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.



Could you help with VBS? The dates will be June 6-9, Monday-Thursday mornings. If you know you would like to help in some way that week, please let Sarah in the office know.



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!



*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 20 Menu: TBD

*** 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.



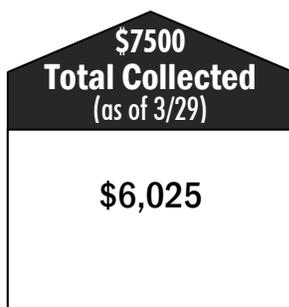
Springtime Sandwich Luncheon: Wednesday, April 20, 11:00-1:00 at Faith UMC, 801 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN. Egg salad sandwiches, sloppy joes, macaroni salad, chips, cake.

20th Annual Polka Service: Sunday, April 24, at Shiloh Lutheran Church, Elmore, MN, with Chuck Thiel and The Jolly Ramblers. Pre-service music starts at 2:45. Free-will offering. A meal will follow the service. Masks optional.



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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 10 Palm/Passion Sunday

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

Monday, April 11

- 7:30am Youth breakfast at Sandy's

Tuesday, April 12

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at church

Wednesday, April 13

- W** 9:00am Staff meeting
- 10:00pm Worship at Parkview
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:30pm Choir practice

Friday, April 15

- W** 7:00pm JOINT Good Friday Worship

Easter Sunday, April 17

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist Jan Johanson
- Tenebrae Readers - Wells.....Shari Petersen, Karen Stenzel, Deb Lackey, Pat Coy, Doug Hankerson, Teagan Lutteke, Kent Viesselman, Katie Hueper
- Tenebrae Readers - Kiester Audrey Henkel, Terry & Sylvia Halverson, Dan & Linda Willaby, Don Nickel, Pastor Chris Leistra
- Cross Bearer Jaiden Gossen
- Acolytes.....Dylan Parks, Ryder Anderson
- A/VSarah Hankerson, Don Stenzel
- ProjectionKaren Stenzel & Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

- April 10 Andrew Hagen, Bruce Parks
- April 12 Christy Musser, Kim Anderson
- April 13 Ryen Gossen, Katie Hueper
- April 15 Floyd Lackey
- April 16 Sadie Nappin
- April 17 Donald Tibodeau

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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