
Peace to you. As the risen Jesus greeted his beloved disciples, please welcome your brothers and sisters with peace. 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: Don Nickel and his family – Don’s father passed away April 24; 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 Amy & Hailey Chandler—*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

Vacation Bible School in Wells – Save the dates, June 4-7, for this year’s Vacation Bible School: “Athens – Paul’s Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth!” In just a few weeks, we’re taking a journey back to ancient Athens, where the Apostle Paul stayed! You’ll get to talk to Paul to find out what happened on his dangerous journey to share the truth about God. VBS at Open Doors in Wells is open to ALL children from age 3 (potty trained) through grade 5. VBS is from 9:00-11:30 am Tuesday-Friday. Watch for the registration forms soon.

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Will you help with “Athens” VBS? We’re looking for *station and small group leaders and lots of helpers, student or adult.* If you know you would like to be part of the excitement of VBS (Tuesday-Friday, June 4-7), let Sandy Youngblom or Sarah in the office know.

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Kiester 2-evening VBS “Let’s Go Camping!” – We’ve had a dream to offer a community VBS to the children in Kiester for two years now and this year we’re making it a reality! It will be 5:30-7:30 pm on June 4 & 5 and include Bible story, games, simple craft, light supper or snack, to be held outdoors in the City Park shelter. We can use LOTS of smiling faces to assist with various jobs, all the way from leading an activity, to handing out beverages, or helping a little one with his craft project, or giving out name badges, or a number of other tasks. It’s only 2 evenings, so if you’re a daytime working person but could help put this on, let Sandy Youngblom or Sarah in the office know.

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Open Doors Kiester & Wells’ campuses worshipping together May 5 and May 19!

May 5 – Worship in the Park & Block Party in Kiester: Our annual Spring Block Party in Kiester this year includes worship in the park! Open Doors–Kiester AND Wells together, will have an outdoor worship service, open to the community, on Sunday, May 5 at 11:00 am in the City Park in Kiester. It’ll start with some gathering music by Mark & Sue Dundas (come early), then an uplifting worship beginning at 11:00, followed by a free picnic lunch and games for all. Invite your friends and neighbors! Spread the word!

May 19 – Joint Worship / Church Fundraiser Auction & Lunch in Wells: Not only is this the date for Open Doors’ Fundraiser Auction & Lunch, but it is also Graduate Recognition Sunday, and the last chapter of *The Story* until September – “The Birth of a King.” Yes, we will be celebrating Christmas in May with Christmas music and a special skit including the Sounds of Praise bell choir, a sheep, and a donkey! Worship will be at 9:00 am at the Wells Campus. Pastor Chris will be leading a wrap-up discussion group on *The Story* at 10:00, and all Sunday School classes will meet during their regular time. LUNCH will begin at 11:00. A SILENT AUCTION will be open before worship from 8:30-8:55 and after worship until just before the live auction, approximately 10:00-11:45 am. The LIVE AUCTION begins at 12:00. Lee Schumann will be the auctioneer. There will be children’s carnival games and a bouncy house. A fun day for all! There will be an excellent array of auction items, check our website often for the current list. Invite everyone you know to come!

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Seeking Auction Donations – We are asking for donations of items and services to put on the auction bill. You can donate 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. **Please let us know what you plan to donate so we can start advertising and generating interest. Write down your intention at the SIGN UP TABLE this morning!**

Seeking Donations for May 5th Spring Block Party – Food items needed for the lunch at the Kiester Park on May 5 are: Hotdogs with buns (if you bring hotdogs, bring the buns to match), fresh fruit (cut up), and bars. Please sign up on the sheets on the sign-up table.

Wednesday Supper volunteers needed for this week! We're looking for supper cooks for May 1. Would anyone be able to help out? We need supper for roughly 60 people from 5:00-6:15. Please sign up on the chart on the bulletin board or call Sarah in the church office.

May/June Upper Room devotionals are available for you to pick up on the table in the narthex or north hall way. \$1.25 for regular print, \$1.50 for large print.

Jacobsen Family Benefit May 4 – There will be a benefit for Tyler Jacobsen, nephew of Marsha Haakensen, on Saturday, May 4, beginning at 12noon, at Johnny M's, 100 S. Main St., Delavan, MN. There will be a silent auction from 1-7pm, bean bag tournament, pork meal, and entertainment. Tyler suffered a series of brain bleeds, two major strokes, and other complications. He is in a hospital in the Twin Cities. If you can't make the benefit, you can still contribute to the TJacobsen Donations account at Pioneer Bank.

*** Stop at the Sign-Up Table with the balloons today to write down your Block Party & Auction donations!**



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today, Sunday, April 28

- W** 9:00 am Worship. *The Story* #20
- 10:00 am Adult Study / Sunday School
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- K** 9:15 am *The Story* Adult Study
- 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship *The Story* #20

Monday, April 29

- W** 4:00 pm Community Chimes practice

Tuesday, April 30

- 9:30-11:30 Coffee with Pastor Chris at The Bean
- W** 6:30 pm Sounds of Praise practice

Wednesday, May 1

- W** 9:00 am Staff meeting
- 1:30 pm UMW-Wells
- 3:15 pm Pioneer Clubs
- 5:00-6:15 Supper
- 5:15 pm Praise Team practice
- 5:45 pm *The Story* adult study, #20
- 6:15 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice

Thursday, May 2

- W** 6:00 pm Finance meeting
- 6:30 pm Trustee meeting
- 7:15 pm Ad Council

Sunday, May 5

- W** (No worship in Wells)
- K** 11:00 am **JOINT Worship at Kiester Park**
(Music with Dundas's begins at 10:40)
- 12:00-1:30 pm **Community Block Party** lunch and games at Kiester Park

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Wells

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist..... Jan Johanson
- Cross BearerAlly Mersman
- Acolytes Rebecca & Miles Kruse
- Scripture Reader.....Bob Ostrowski
- A/V.....RJ Fordham, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection..... Kevin Stenzel
- Ushers..... Vern & Carol Draheim
- Greeters Deb Lackey, Anne Feist, Sarah Hankerson, Cari Stenzel
- Nursery.....Amy & Hailey Chandler
- Coffee Servers.....

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Kiester

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- OrganistStaci Thompson
- Scripture Reader..... Rich Goggin
- Greeters/Ushers..... Rich Goggin
- Coffee Servers Larry & Nancy Hummer

Birthdays This Week:

- April 28.....Matt Bird
- April 29.....Mickey Ellsworth, LaVonne Swearingen
- April 30.....Charlie Johnson, Diane Viesselman
- May 1.....Trevor Kibler
- May 2.....David Garver, Dakota Nappin
- May 3.....Linda Willaby
- May 4.....Clayton Kruger
- May 5.....Renee Burns, Ryan Johnson

Wednesday Meal:

May 1 supper will feature "cook's choice." Serving is from 5:00-6:15 at the Wells Campus. Still looking for someone to serve.

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.