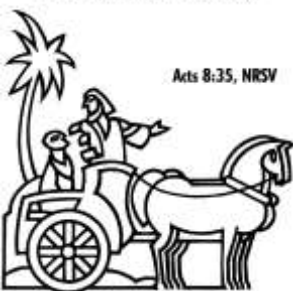


Philip ... proclaimed
to him the good
news about Jesus.

Acts 8:35, NRSV



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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May 2 2021 – Easter 5

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

– Gathering in Faith –

Holy Spirit, guide my listening and response to the Word of God today, as you did with Philip and the Ethiopian so long ago (Acts 8:26-40).

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship* **“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”** (#2031)

Leader: We have come this morning to worship and honor our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the focus of our worship and we strive to make him the focus of our lives. The name of Jesus is filled with power and love. Let us sing together.

“Bless His Holy Name” (#2015)

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord” (#2034)

Leader: Lord Jesus, we filled with awe and wonder at the power of your great love for us, and at the glory of your presence among us, here at worship, and as we walk through our daily lives. Help us to always remember how you have been important in our lives, so that we might share that great message of love and power with those we meet each day. Amen.

“Honor and Praise” (#2018)

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Acts 8:26-40 (NRSV)

* *Song* **“Down to the River to Pray”** (#3164)

Scripture Lesson 1 John 4:7-21 (NRSV)

* *Song* **“Make Us One”** (#2224)

* *Gospel Lesson* * John 15:1-8 (NRSV)

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

Sermon “The Wisdom of the Ethiopian” Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response **“Go Ye, Go Ye into the World”** (#2239)

– We Respond to God’s Word –

Opportunities to Give

Invitation to the Offering

Please place your offering in the green chest (W) or offering plate (K) as you enter or leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Song **“Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine”** (#2266)

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. Everyone 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 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (#2241)

* Postlude - The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .

Keep in your prayers this week: Glenn Johanson recuperating from surgery; many people we know fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Karen Gimberline, Charlie Johnson, Diana Zimmerli-Pat Coy's daughter, Bebo Getchell; Marion Redman at Parkview for rehab; our missionaries 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) If parents would like to use the nursery during the service, please feel free; however, we are not staffing it during the present phase of re-gathering.

Announcements

Women's Retreat: Hope and Helpfulness - This year's event will take place Saturday, May 22nd from 9am to noon at Ruby Ranch Barn near Pemberton, MN. We will meet and spend the morning discussing our hopefulness for the future and how we can put that hopefulness into action as women of Christ! Our day will also include listening to speaker and Ruby Ranch owner, Ashely Rehder, creating custom wood signs, journaling, and time exploring the ranch. Breakfast treats and refreshments will be served. The cost is free except for the wood sign you choose. Registration information is on our website www.opendoorsumc.org or on the Facebook event page. You can also contact Sandy Youngblom or Katie Hueper to register or for questions. Please register with your sign choice by **May 14**. You can also attend without making a sign. Just let us know. All women are welcome, invite your family and friends. Let's have fun crafting, creating hope, and planning ways to be helpful!

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Vacation Bible School - VBS will be held Monday-Friday, June 7-11, 2021 from 9:00-11:30 am at Thompson Park. All children age 3 (potty trained) through grade 5 are invited. Mark your calendars! More info will be coming out soon! **ALSO**, we're looking for adult & youth helpers for the week. Contact Sandy Youngblom, 507-525-2401, or Sarah Hankerson, 553-5453.

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Kiester Spring Fling, May 15 - A lot will be going on in Kiester on May 15 with a plant sale, garage sales, book sale, kids games, food, and more! Open Doors will be having a table near the plant sale from 9:00am-3:00pm to give out seed packets and our welcoming hospitality. If anyone would like to sit at the table and represent Open Doors, please sign up for your preferred time slots on the sign-up sheet or call Audrey Healey or Sarah Hankerson.

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Habitat For Humanity Project - Open Doors' May mission project is to work with Habitat For Humanity on a house in Wells that we will be putting on insulation and new siding. The work days will be **Friday & Saturday, May 21 & 22, beginning at 9:00am**. No experience or skills are necessary. If you can use a tape measure, you're qualified! Volunteers are asked to bring their own hammers, snips (if you have them), and a willing spirit! Workers are encouraged to volunteer for the whole day, however if a half day is what you can give, that's fine. There's a sign-up sheet on the back table, or call Sarah in the office at 553-5453 to volunteer. Open Door mission is **Loving God, Serving People**. Let's put this into action!

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Looking for summer tech team help! Projection Operators: We use the program Easy Worship. The slides are all created prior to Sunday by the Projection Designer. The Projection Operator cues the slides at the proper time. If you're comfortable with computers, it's pretty easy to learn. **Sound**

Operators: Controls the audio levels of each mic. **Video Operators:** Operates the 2-camera video system with vMix software, which is the production platform for mixing, switching, recording and LIVE streaming. **Projection Design:** Creating the worship slides and placing them into Easy Worship. Can be done at your home at the end of each week. **Please contact Sarah Hankerson if you would like to serve in any of these ways and to arrange for training.**



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 2

- W** 9:00 am Worship w/ Communion
- K** 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion

Wednesday, May 5

- W** 9:30 am Staff meeting
- 6:30 pm Youth Group, in person

Thursday, May 6

Clergy Leadership Academy

Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day

- W** 9:00 am Worship
- K** 10:30 am Worship

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Wells

Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
 Organist..... Jan Johanson
 Praise Team.....Deb Lackey, Katie Hueper
 Kylie Fordham, Sherry Asmus
 Cross Bearer
 Acolytes Kylin & Kenlie Cords
 Scripture Reader.....Kent Viesselman
 Projection.....Brett Hankerson
 AV..... Sabrina Hankerson, Sarah Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

May 2..... David Garver
 May 3..... Linda Willaby
 May 5.....Renee Burns, Ryan Johnson
 May 6..... Teagan Lutteke
 May 8.....Linda Bakken