



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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Worship: 9:30 am | Coffee: 9:00 & 10:30 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

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May 8, 2022 – Easter 4 / Mother's Day

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*God, like a mother you are both tender with your children and fierce on our behalf.
Thank you for modeling motherly love for us all.
Happy Mother's Day to all mother-figures!*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Opening Hymn* "Now Thank We All Our God" #102 vs. 1

* *Call to Worship*

Leader: From Psalm 138: I give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing your praises before the gods.

People: I bow before your holy temple as I worship. I will give thanks to your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness.

Leader: When I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me the strength I need.

Song "Now Thank We All Our God" #102 vs. 2

Leader: Every king in all the earth will give you thanks, O Lord, for all of them will hear your words.

People: Yes, they will sing about the Lord's ways, for the glory of the Lord is very great.

Song "Now Thank We All Our God" #102 vs. 3

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Acts 21:20-31 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #2129

* *Gospel Lesson* Mark 8:34-38 (NRSV)

Sermon "Paul's Final days—Paul Gives Everything for the Gospel"
The Story, Chapter 30 Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response "Living for Jesus" #2149 vs. 1-3

– 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

Dedication of Safe T Home®

One: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we have gathered together to seek God's blessing upon our gifts that will make a home for a family in Haiti, which by the favor of God and human labor will be made ready. This home will not only be a dwelling, but a symbol to them of God's loving care and of our life together as the family of Christ. Let us

therefore bring praise and thanksgiving for goodness and mercy and for our communion, offering ourselves as God's servants and as loving sisters and brothers to one another. Let us pray:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, grant to the home that will be, the grace of your presence, that you may be known to inhabit this dwelling and defend this household; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth*

"The Summons"

#2130

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

Keep in your prayers this week: For the people of Ukraine and leaders of the world; the people and work of Red Bird Mission; Priscilla & Dean Holst; Alan Stensrud, Rita Bebler, and Michelle Viesselman in their fight against cancer; Alan Yokieli; 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

Safe T Home® Dedication – Today, with great joy and thanksgiving, we dedicate the Safe T Home that the Open Doors congregation will be donating to a happy family in Haiti. We hope you feel the joy as you think about all our Great God will do through your gifts. One family will be fortunate to be able to sleep in safety as they receive the home that you helped provide. Another blessing is that GoServ Global hires a local Haitian crew to put it up, giving them additional aid.

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Card shower for LaVon Wegner – LaVon will be turning 90 years old on Saturday, May 14. To celebrate with her, cards may be sent to: LaVon Wegner, 55 10th St SE, Wells, MN 56097.

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Vacation Bible School – All children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to Open Door's Lava Lava Luau VBS that will be held Monday-Thursday mornings, June 6-9. During our fun 4-day week at the Lava Lava Luau, kids will learn Biblical ways to express and deal with their emotions. We'll see what God's Word says about anger, sadness, jealousy, and frustration and learn how we can respond to others who may be feeling these emotions as well. Watch for registration forms to come out soon.

Looking for volunteers for VBS! If you know you would like to help in some way that week, please let Sarah in the office know. We need youth and adult helpers and station leaders. Also, please save your empty paper towel tubes.

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Conference Love Offering Every year we collect an offering for missions that the Minnesota Conference designates and we turn it in at the Annual Conference, which will be May 24-25, 2022. The Love Offering will fight food insecurity within Minnesota and in Appalachia. Recipients are: Red Bird Missionary Conference; Holy Grounds at Centenary UMC, Mankato; Simpson Food Pantry, Minneapolis; West African Food Shelf, Brooklyn Center; and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships. Please use the Love Offering envelopes in the pew pockets. The last day to collect will be Sunday, May 22.

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Jamaica Mission Trip – The trip originally planned for this Dec./Jan. will be delayed until a year later, in anticipation of a safer trip. This Wednesday, May 11, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a Jamaica Mission Team meeting to discuss fundraising. Everyone interested in going should attend, or contact Sandy Youngblom, 507-525-2401.

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Treasures & More Thank you to everyone who worked, donated, and purchased last weekend at Open Doors' Treasures & More! The unofficial total was \$2,230.85. There will be a wrap-up meeting

for all those involved and anyone else who has some thoughts on how it went or ideas of improvements for the future. Please come **Sunday, May 15 at 10:30** after worship.

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Support for Red Bird Mission –As of last Sunday, we have received \$1,080 for Red Bird Mission through the Lenten offering. We only have \$125 to go to reach our annual commitment! It was rewarding to know that so many of the congregation felt a connection to Red Bird and chose to vote for them as our Covenant Relationship mission. Please remember to support them in prayer as well as financially.

To give to Red Bird Mission through the Lenten offering, please use the special Lenten envelopes in the pew pockets or mark LENT on your check memo line.

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Graduates – We will be celebrating five graduates during worship on May 22: Amelia & RJ Fordham, Katherine Huper, Lexi Johnson, and Grace Mithun.

Do you have a child, grandchild, or other relative graduating from high school, college or other educational institution this year? We would like to recognize them by publishing a list in next month's OneWay. please e-mail or call Sarah in the church office by May 19, and give the student's name, relationship to you, school name & city, degree or major if appropriate.

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Joe Beckman to speak at USC – USC School has invited Joe Beckman to speak to all students K-12 next Wednesday, May 11, and also will host a community event that same evening from 6:00-7:30pm in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to this free event.

"Joe Beckman is a highly sought-after international speaker. Over the last 18 years, he's spoken in over 2,000 schools and his messages have impacted over one million people. He co-founded Till360 and recently published, *Just Look Up - Five Life-Saving Phrases Every Kid Human Needs to Hear*. Come hear his message about connecting and reconnecting with your children, your community, and each other!"

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Everyone Come!

Enjoy good food and good company!

5:00-6:00 pm each Wednesday in the Wells Campus basement

May 11 Menu: Chicken Alfredo
Served by Melissa & John Kruse

Wednesday Suppers will continue to be served throughout May. May 25 will be the last supper until the fall. Come as you are and take advantage of a night out with no cooking!

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Pastor Chris will be on vacation Wed. afternoon, May 11 through Monday, May 16. **There will be one joint worship service next Sunday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m. at the Wells Campus.** While he is away, if you have any pastoral care needs, please call the office. We have a pastor on-call. Pastor Chris will be back, ready for Coffee With the Pastor on Tuesday, May 17 at 9am.

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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.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 8 – Mother’s Day

- K** 8:00am Worship
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:30am Adult Study
- 11:30am Confirmation Make-up

Monday, May 9

- 6:30pm Church Board meeting

Tuesday, May 10

- W** 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at church

Wednesday, May 11

- W** 9:00am Staff meeting
- 10:00am Worship at Parkview
- 10:30am Worship at The Shepherd’s Inn
- W** 5-6pm Wednesday Supper
- 5:00pm Jamaica Mission Trip meeting
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:30pm Choir practice

May 12-16 Pastor Chris on vacation

Sunday, May 15

- W** 9:30am JOINT Worship with TJ Lewis
- 10:30am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:30am Treasures & More Wrap-up mtg

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist Staci Thompson
- Song Leaders Doug & Pat Druckenmiller
- Scripture Reader Britney Haugh
- Cross Bearer Wyatt Haugh
- Acolytes..... Kaydra Haugh, Makinlee Gossen
- A/V Sarah Hankerson
- Projection Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- May 8 Linda Bakken
- May 10 Alexis Musser
- May 12 Pastor Chris Leistra
- May 13 Ella Olson
- May 14 Glenn Johanson, Priscilla Holst,
LaVon Wegner (90)
- May 15 Mary Loveless, Allan Stensrud

Cable Schedule of Wells’ Sunday Service:

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