



<i>Communion Song</i>	"Be Present at Our Table, Lord"	#621
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*Receiving the Gifts of Bread and Cup*

*You are invited to come forward to receive this gift of God's love in Christ as instructed by the pastor. 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 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.*

*Prayer after Receiving*

**– Sending Forth –**

\* *Benediction*

**All: As God's own, clothe us with compassion, kindness, and patience, so we forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven us, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**

\* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Forward Through the Ages" # 555

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

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**Grace and peace to all** in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Welcome to this time of worship, Christian education and fellowship. 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:** 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 Sally Yokiel and Grace Mithun—*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**

**Thank you** to my church family for the hospital and home visits, for all your cards and calls, especially for all the prayers. Your acts of kindness was appreciated so much. God bless all you prayer warriors!! I sure do love my church family!! ~ Lois Roberts

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**Open Doors Kiester & Wells' campuses worshipping together May 19!**

**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 and photos. Invite everyone you know to come!

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**Please bring your auction donations in.** – Please let us know what you plan to donate so we can include it in our advertising and generate lots of interest. There is a complete list of items on our website, along with photos. Write down your intention on the SIGN UP SHEET this morning!

**Asking for volunteers to help set-up for the auction this Saturday at 10:00 am.**

**Also, looking for volunteers to help serve the meal or make a pan of bars.** Please SIGN UP this morning!



**Financial statements** and a letter from Pastor Chris are being handed out this morning to those without email. Those with email should have received their statement on Friday, May 10.



**Today** we will be having the once-a-month collection for the Open Doors UMC Congregational Love Fund. Jars are set out in the back of the sanctuary and narthex for donations to the "Congregational Love Fund" (discretionary). Give from your heart.



**Pastor Chris and family** will be on vacation May 13-15. If you have any pastoral concerns while he is away, please call the church office.



**\* Please invite all you know to come to our Auction Fundraiser next Sunday!**



**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. Invite friends and spread the word! VBS is from 9:00-11:30 am Tuesday-Friday. Extra registration forms are on the bulletin board and are due Monday, May 20.



**Will you help with "Athens" VBS?** We're looking for *station and small group leaders, snack leader, 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.

**An "Athens" VBS planning meeting will be held tomorrow evening, May 13, at 6:00 pm** for all those interested. We hope you'll be a part of it!



**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. **A VBS meeting will be held Thursday, May 16 at 10:00 am** at the Kiester Campus. All interested are encouraged to attend.



**Road Ditch Clean-up** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to come to church after school to help with road ditch pick-up this Wednesday, May 15. We can use some adult help as well. Please do not wear flip flops or sandals – wear tennis shoes and bring work gloves. There will be snack provided.



**Hey all you yard & garden enthusiasts!** We're looking for a group of people, 3 or 4, who would commit to working as a group to keep the landscaping around the church building in Wells in nice looking condition. It might only be an hour a week or every two weeks to keep the weeds down and the plantings in shape. The planter is an item that needs attention now, so we're looking for interested persons as soon as possible. You may contact Sally Yokiell at 507-391-1708. Thank you!



**Annual Conference** – If anyone is interested in attending the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, now is the time to look into it before registration fees go up on May 15. Sherry Asmus is our elected voting lay delegate, but there is also a need for lay equalization delegates. These persons are selected to be voting delegates to offset the number of retired clergy and clergy assigned to positions other than local churches. The dates are June 18-20 in St. Cloud. Visit [www.minnesotaumc.org](http://www.minnesotaumc.org) for more Conference information. If you have an interest in being an Equalization Member, contact Pastor Chris or the church office.



**Support Kevin Stenzel as he Rides for a Cure.** On May 19, Kevin Stenzel will be participating in Bike MS: Twin Cities Ride 2019. He does this because his daughter, Megan, has MS. Could you

support him in the effort to find a cure for MS by donating to this cause? You can make your donations online at <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/KevinJStenzel>. Or you can donate to Kevin directly, making your check out to MS Society.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Today, Sunday, May 12** *The Story #21*  
**W** 9:00 am Worship w/Communion  
 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 w/Communion

**Monday, May 13**  
**W** 6:00 pm "Athens" VBS meeting  
 7:00 pm Auction meeting

**Tuesday, May 14**  
**W** 10:00 am Trustees  
 2-5:30 pm Diaper Mission work day  
**W** 6:30 pm Sounds of Praise practice

**Wednesday, May 15**  
**W** 3:15 pm Road Ditch Clean-Up  
 5:15 pm Praise Team practice  
 5:45 pm *The Story* adult study, #21  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice  
**K** 6:00 pm Trustees meet at rental unit

**Thursday, May 16**  
**W** 12:00pm Lunch & Learn – Living Well with Diabetes CANCELLED  
**K** 10:00 am "Let's Go Camping" VBS meeting  
 1:30 pm UMW–Kiester

**Friday, May 17**  
 Newsletter Deadline

**Friday & Saturday, May 17-18**  
 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boot Camp at Prairie River Camp

**Saturday, May 18**  
**W** 10:00am Set up for Auction

**Sunday, May 19**  
**W** 8:30 am Silent Auction opens up  
 9:00 am Worship. *The Story* #22  
 10:00 am All adult study groups combined  
 (meet in the Hospitality Room)  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
 10:00-11:45 Silent Auction  
 11:00 am Lunch  
 12:00 am Live Auction  
**K** (No worship in Kiester)

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Wells**

Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra  
 Organist..... Jan Johanson  
 Cross Bearer .....Madison Meyer  
 Acolytes .....Chloe & Kolt Bullerman  
 Scripture Reader.....Lois Roberts  
 Communion Servers ..... Dave & Shari Petersen,  
 Carol Draheim, Jeff Ramsley  
 A/V ..... Don Stenzel, Sarah Hankerson  
 Projection.....Karen Stenzel  
 Ushers..... Sherry Asmus, Mickey Ellsworth  
 Greeters ..... Bev Niebuhr, Sarah Hankerson,  
 Joyce Frederick, Cari Stenzel  
 Nursery..... Grace Mithun, tbd  
 Coffee Servers .....tbd

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Kiester**

Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra  
 Organist ..... Jan Johanson  
 Scripture Reader.....  
 Communion Servers .....  
 Greeters/Ushers.....  
 Coffee Servers .....

**Birthdays This Week:**

May 12 ..... Pastor Chris  
 May 14 ..... Glenn Johanson, LaVon  
 Wegner, Priscilla Holst  
 May 15 ..... Mary Loveless, Allan Stensrud  
 May 17 ..... Max Miller  
 May 18 ..... Ashlyn Petersen

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