



## 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 22, 2022 – Easter 6

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Hallelujah! I worship you, God! Thank you for showing  
goodness to me and for working through me to bless others.*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

\* *Opening Hymn* "As the Deer" #2025

\* *Call to Worship*

Leader: We come this morning full of ourselves:

People: **Our concerns, our plans, our opinions, our schedules.**

Leader: In this moment, help us empty our minds of the relentless 'I' and make space for you.

People: **Enable us to put down our priorities; to set aside our assumptions and schemes.**

Leader: Open our hearts to recognize your love in action in our lives.

People: **Reassure us of your divine vision, and let us rest in your unending care.**

*Song* "Sanctuary" #2164

ALL: **We gather today because we know the power of assembling to worship you. May our prayers be heard and may our desires for your will to be done be fulfilled.**

*Song* "Honor and Praise" #2018

ALL: **May our hearts be open to your grace. May the hearts of our families, friends, strangers and all assembled here be receptive to your presence. Stay with us to make us different than we were before encountering you today.**

*Song* "Holy, Holy, Holy" #64, vs. 1

ALL: **Let us worship, God!**

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Choir Anthem* "With All My Heart: A Medley"

*Recognition and Introduction of our High School Graduates (W)*

*Prayer of Blessing for our Graduates*

**God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless our graduates as they now finish their course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life. Take away any anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Lesson* Isaiah 41:9-10; Philippians 4:6-7 (NRSV)

\* *Hymn* "You Are Mine" #2218



**Support for Red Bird Mission** –We only have \$105 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, please mark “Red Bird Mission” clearly on your envelope or on your check memo line.



**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.



We are celebrating our high school graduates today during worship and with a special coffee hour in the basement Fellowship Hall following the service. Being recognized today are: **Amelia & RJ Fordham, Katherine Huper, Lexi Johnson, and Grace Mithun.** May God go with you and bless you on your journey.

The congregation is invited to their open house graduation receptions:

**Katherine Huper:** Saturday, June 4, 2-5pm at 132 Clover Lane, Mankato, MN 56001

**Lexi Johnson:** Saturday, June 4, 4-7pm at her home: 14412 550<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wells, MN 56097.

**Amelia & RJ Fordham:** Sunday, June 5, 9am-12noon at the Wells American Legion.

**Grace Mithun:** Friday, June 10, 4-7pm at her home: 55301 100<sup>th</sup> St., Brice Lynn, MN 56014.



***Congratulations to our extended church family and college graduates:***

**Leah Meyer**, daughter of John & Kim Meyer, graduated from University of Wisconsin-Stout on May 7 with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies.

**Amber Schuster**, daughter of David & Sue Schuster, graduated Summa Cum Laude from St. Cloud State University on May 6 with a degree in Hospitality and Tourism. Amber will be participating in a 12-week Leadership internship with Hersheypark in Pennsylvania.

**Ralph Roesler**, son of Greg & Barb Roesler and grandson of Gene & Sally Roesler, will graduate from NRHEG High School on June 5. He will be attending Ridgewater College in Willmar studying ag production.

**Molly Yokiell Opsal**, daughter of Chuck & Sally Yokiell, graduated May 7 from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls with a Masters in Education in School Counseling.

**Tanya Bird** graduated May 13 from Riverland Community College with an Associates of Nursing degree (RN). She has accepted a job offer as a Hospice Coordinator at Mayo in Albert Lea.

**Kylie Bullerman**, daughter of Brian & Tammy Bullerman, graduated May 6 from Minnesota State University-Mankato with a BS degree in Business and Marketing. She is working in management with KwikTrip in Mankato.

**Chloe Lynn Huper Holmes**, daughter of Diane Huper, graduated from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences on May 7 as a doctor of osteopathy specializing in OBGYN. Chloe and her fiancé will be moving to Pennsylvania to work with Geisinger Healthcare.

**Jeffrey Alan Thisius**, son of Todd & Laurie Thisius and grandson of Joyce Thisius, graduated May 13 with a Masters of Business Administration from Kansas State University. Jeffrey is working for Koch Ag & Energy Solutions–Koch Industries, in Wichita, KS.

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*Do you have a child, grandchild, or other relative graduating from high school, college or other educational institution this year? To be included in the June OneWay, please contact Sarah Hankerson today, and give the student’s name, relationship to you, school name & city, degree or major if appropriate.*

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER**



*Everyone Come!*

*Enjoy good food and good company!*

**5:00-6:00 pm Wednesday, May 25 in the back parking lot of Wells Campus**

**May 25 Menu:** Grilled Hot Dogs & Brats

Served by Katie & Darrin Hueper

This is the last Wednesday Supper for this spring. For a fun finish, we'll grill and eat outdoors. If too chilly or windy, we can eat inside. Come and enjoy an outdoor picnic with your church family!



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, May 22** – Graduate Recognition Day

- K** 8:00am Worship
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Coffee in the basement
- 6-8pm Unite::YTH at The Refuge, Blue Earth

**Tuesday, May 24** – MN Annual Conference

**Wed., May 25** – MN Annual Conference

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- W** 5-6pm Wednesday Supper
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice

**Sunday, May 29**

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

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

- Pastor ..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist ..... Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader..... Lexi Johnson, Grace Mithun
- Cross Bearer ..... Kylin Cords
- Acolytes.....Makinlee Gossen, Kenlie Cords
- A/V .....Sarah Hankerson, Don Stenzel
- Projection .....Karen Stenzel

**Birthdays This Week:**

- May 22 .....Alessandra Mersman
- May 23 .....Marlene Culbertson
- May 26 ..... Asher Hagen
- May 27 ..... Tom Cain

**Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:**

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