



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097
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Worship: 9:00 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

116 N. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051
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Worship: 10:30 am

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June 6, 2021 – Pentecost 2

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 –

Dear friends in Christ, God loves you and delights to be with you — here and everywhere, today and always. Welcome.

Gathering Music

Welcome

* Call to Worship and Praise

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” (W) (#3176)

Leader: From Psalm 138 we hear: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks
to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (W) (#140, v1)

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
For they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

“I Exalt Thee” “He Is Exalted” (W) (#2070)

“Majesty” (K) #176

Opportunities to Serve

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

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (NRSV)

Hymn **“Faith While Trees Are Still in Blossom”** (W&K) #508, vs 1 & 5

* *Gospel Lesson* * Mark 3:20-35 (NRSV)

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

Sermon **“Seen and Unseen”** Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response **“Open the Eyes of My Heart”** (W) (#3008)

“Open My Eyes, That I Might See” (K) #454, v1-2

VBS is this week! – We're looking forward to a great five days of fun and learning at Thompson Park on Monday-Friday from 9:00 until 11:30 am. Check-in will be curbside tomorrow. Please remember to send a beach towel for sitting on and a water bottle with their name on. Please pray for good weather, but if we have to make last minute site adjustments because of weather, we will make that decision by 7:00 am and make an announcement on Facebook and the church website.

The VBS mission offering this year will go to providing alpacas to families in need in Ecuador, South America. We will be learning about the importance of the alpaca animal and how our children can help families in Ecuador have a better life through our love offerings. If you would also like to donate, just put "VBS Offering" on your envelope or check memo line.

VBS Field Trip – We're excited to announce that we've arranged for a field trip to Ruby Ranch Barn, near Pemberton, on Wednesday, June 9, to see their alpacas and other animals, have lunch and explore the ranch. We'll leave from church at 9:30 (kids should come to church at 9:00 to hear our story before we leave) and arrive back around 12:00-12:15. The cost for the field trip will be \$5. Parents, please turn in your permission slips and money at check-in tomorrow.



Jesus Food packing event – There will be a Jesus Food packing event at the USC school on Monday, June 28. We want to get 100 people to pack! Just think of how many starving children we can save! If you are interested, please sign up with Sandy, or call the office and let Sarah know, and we will keep you informed of what time it will start!! Thank you so much!!

Donations for the cost of the Jesus Food ingredients (\$84 will feed a child for a whole year), will be accepted until June 28. Checks can be made out to Open Doors UMC.



We are running low on food for the Tiny Red Food Pantry! It's getting used! If you are able to donate some food to help keep it stocked, you can put it inside the red pantry, drop it off in the collection tub marked Food Shelf, or give to Sandy Youngblom. Thanks!



Conference Love Offering – We will be collecting an offering for feeding the hungry and ministering to migrants until June 20, when it will be given to the Annual Conference. See the bulletin insert for more information on the organizations benefiting. You can give a couple ways: Online from www.opendoorsumc.org/giving and select the fund "Conference Love Offering," or by cash or check (checks written out to Open Doors UMC). Please use the special "Love Offering" envelope you received with your OneWay, which can be mailed in, dropped in the mail slot of the NW door, or placed in the offering on Sunday morning. Thank you!



The summer mission team of 7th-12th graders & chaperones is looking for work projects in and around Wells for Tuesday & Wednesday, June 29-30, from 9am-4pm. If you would like some help, or know of someone who could use some help with outdoor yard projects, window washing, painting, etc., contact Sandy Youngblom at 507-525-2401.



Genesis Classical Academy Spring Fling: Sat., June 12, at Genesis Classical Academy, 620 1st Ave SW, Winnebago. Serving a pork chop dinner from 5-6:30 pm. Other events: silent auction, live auction, raffle, live entertainment. GCA is a nondenominational Christian classical academy that currently serves students in preschool through grade 10.



Blood Drives: Monday, June 7, 10:30am-6:30pm at the Wells American Legion.
Tuesday, June 8, 12:30-6:30pm at the Kiester Community Building



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 6

W 9:00am Worship w/Communion,
10:00am Graduate's Reception
K 10:30am Worship w/Communion

Mon.-Fri., June 7-11 (except Wednesday)

9:00-11:30 am VBS at Thompson Park

Wednesday, June 9

9:00-12:15 VBS field trip to Ruby Ranch
W 6:30pm SPPRC meeting

Sunday, June 13

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Wells

Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
Organist..... Jan Johanson
Cross Bearer..... Sadie Nappin
Scripture Reader.....Lydia Niebuhr
Projection.....Brett Hankerson
AV.....Sabrina & Sarah Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

June 6..... Steve Johnson
June 7..... Michelle Lacher, Jan Ostrowski
June 8..... Sandy Youngblom, Jeff Ramsley, Dylan Parks
June 10..... RJ & Amie Fordham
June 12..... Donna Marie Winter