



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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

KIESTER CAMPUS

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Worship: 10:30 am

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June 13, 2021 – Pentecost 3

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 & Announcements

* Call to Worship and Praise

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.

People: **Let all who fear the Lord repeat: "His faithful love endures forever."**

Leader: Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,
And I will go in and thank the Lord.

People: **This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

"He Has Made Me Glad" (W) #2270

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (K) #160, vs 1-2

Leader: The Lord is God, shining upon us.
Bring forward the sacrifice and put it on the altar

People: **You are my God, and I will praise you!**
You are my God, and I will exalt you!

ALL: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!**
His faithful love endures forever.

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (W) #160, vs 1, 2, 5

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (K) #160, vs 5

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 (NRSV)

Hymn "Jesus, Draw Me Close" (W) #2159

"Make Me a Captive, Lord" (K) #421

* Gospel Lesson * Mark 4:26-34 (NRSV)

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

Sermon "From Small Beginnings" Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response "Hymn of Promise" (W&K) #707

– Stewards of Faith –

Offering our Gifts of Faith

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

- Sending Forth -

* *Benediction:* Sisters and brothers, whom will you see this week?
What will they need?
Will you dare to see their need and love them with the love of Christ?
In Christ's name go and be good news!

People: We are sent in Christ's name! Thanks be to God!

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "You Are the Seed" (W) #583
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (K) #694

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

Keep in your prayers this week: The families of Betty Somage, Joel Thisius, and Charlie Johnson; Karen Gimberline on hospice; Grace Niebuhr, Pat Druckenmiller, Sue McKeehan, & Glenn Johanson recuperating from surgeries; those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Sue Schuster, Alan Yokiel, Bebo Getchell; our missionaries Gordon & Ardell Graner; those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

Announcements

The VBS mission offering this year is going to provide alpacas to families in need in Ecuador, South America. We learned about the importance of the alpaca animal as a critical source of income for many Ecuadorian families. Our children can help families in Ecuador have a better life through our love offerings. This week, our VBS offerings totaled \$124.77! If you would also like to donate, just place your offering in the jar on the offering chest (W) or place in the offering plate (K) with "VBS Offering" on your envelope or check memo line. This mission is a partnership with Group Publishing and World Vision.

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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. 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!

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Our sympathies go out to several of our church families who have recently lost loved ones. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Betty Somage, 97, passed away at Good Samaritan Center on Thursday, June 3. Plans are still pending.

Joel Thisius, 87, passed away on Sunday, June 6, while on their annual family vacation at Sunset Bay. His funeral will be Thursday, June 24, at 11:00 am at the church with a luncheon afterwards. Visitation is an hour before the service.

Charlie Johnson, 66, passed away on Friday, June 11. His memorial service will be this Wednesday, June 16 at 11:00 am at the church, with a luncheon afterwards. Visitation is Tuesday, June 15, from 4-7 at Bruss-Heitner Funeral Home and 1 hour before the service.

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Jesus Food packing event - There will be a Jesus Food packing event at the USC school on Monday, June 28, at 5:00 p.m. and going until approximately 8:00. 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.

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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.

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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!

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Kylie Fordham would like to invite her church family to her graduation reception on Sunday, June 13, from 4-7 pm at the Wells American Legion.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 13

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

Monday, June 14

6:30pm Ministry Council at DQ

Tuesday, June 15

4:00-7:00pm Charlie Johnson visitation at
Bruss-Heitner Funeral Home

Wednesday, June 16

W 10:00am Visitation
11:00am Charlie Johnson Memorial Svc

Thursday, June 17

Newsletter Deadline
W 6:30pm Admin Team meetings
7:15pm Ad Council

Sunday, June 20 – Father's Day

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS – Wells

Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
Organist.....Jan Johanson
Cross Bearer.....
Scripture Reader.....Bob Clark
Projection.....Martin Healey
AV.....Kaylynn Healey & Sarah Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

June 15.....Kent Viesselman
June 16.....Allen Kaiser
June 18.....Dean Holst
June 19.....Pat Coy, Duane Johnson, Chuck Fuller
June 20.....Jason Petersen, Lea Lamphier

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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