



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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507-294-3300

Worship: 10:30 am

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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 –

Jesus urged his disciples, "Come away ... and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). He calls us also to leave our busyness for a time of Sabbath. Welcome to worship and rest.

Gathering Music

Greeting

* *Call to Worship and Praise*

Leader: Shout with joy to the Lord, O earth!

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.**

"Shout to the Lord" (W&K) #2074, chorus only

Leader: Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his.

People: **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise.

People: **Give thanks to him and bless his name.**

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (W&K) #2195

Leader: For the Lord is good.

**ALL: His unfailing love continues forever,
And his faithfulness continues to each generation.**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (W&K) #94

Leader: O God, you have provided us with all that we need, and we thank you for these blessings. You have brought us together to praise you and to remember the faith that has sustained us through tough times as well as good. We pray that we will find ways to share what we have with others, that they may know your great love for your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:5-15 (NRSV)

Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" #2153

* *Gospel Lesson*

* Mark 4:1-20 (NRSV)

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

Sermon

"Planting Seeds for the Future" Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response

"You Are the Seed" #583

– Stewards of Faith –

Giving with a Thankful Heart

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!*

- Sending Forth -

* Benediction

* Hymn of Going Forth "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

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* Postlude - The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .

Keep in your prayers this week: Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Michelle Viesselman (Kent & Diane's daughter-in-law), Sue Schuster, Alan Yokiell, 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

Hands-on mission opportunity: Help us keep the Tiny Red Food Pantry full and stocked for those in our community who need it! 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!

Pastor Chris will be on vacation this week. 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 in the office July 27.

Coffee Servers Needed! Please sign up for a couple Sundays or more this summer. Thanks! Coffee treats are welcomed as well.

Reminder - Pray the Breakthrough Prayer:

Mighty and Holy God, through you all things are possible. I pray that you work in the lives of our church and community to bring about your will. Make us disciples of you. Guide us to love and care for the people you will bring into our lives this next year and beyond. In the name of our savior, Amen.

Pray about who God would like you to invite to church and go ahead and "plant the seed."

Save the date! Ice Cream sundaes on front lawn of Open Doors UMC Sunday, August 15 from 5:30-7:00! Invite friends and neighbors!

Looking forward, we'll be asking for volunteers to teach Sunday School and Pioneer Club. Please be praying for people to step up, and listen if God is nudging YOU!

Youth, Children & Family Ministries Coordinator - Open Doors UMC is seeking an energetic, innovative, devoted Christian who is passionate about young people and guiding them into a loving relationship with God. The person in this position will develop and oversee all aspects of youth and children's programs, as well as ministry to their parents/families. The hours are negotiable and flexible and training is available. Responsibilities would include weekly programs (i.e. youth group) and monthly to quarterly ministry events and mission projects. If you have a love for Jesus, kids, and a passion to grow young people in their faith, please send resume to: Open Doors UMC, 595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 18

- W 9:00am Worship
WK 10:00am Coffee
K 10:30am Worship

Wednesday, July 21

- W 9:30am Staff meeting

Sunday, July 25

- W 9:00am Worship
WK 10:00am Coffee
K 10:30am Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- PastorRev. Chris Leistra
Organist.....Jan Johanson
Scripture Reader (W).....Bob Clark
AV (W).....Sarah Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- July 18Kolt Bullerman
July 23Mark Miller
July 24Sally Musser, Janet Garvick
July 25Joan Christian

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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