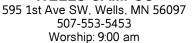


WELLS CAMPUS

KIESTER CAMPUS



116 N. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051 507-294-3300 Worship: 10:30 am

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September 5, 2021 - Pentecost 15

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 -

God, this Labor Day weekend, I thank you for the work to which you have called me — at home and beyond. May I glorify you in all I do.

Greeting & Announcements

EVERE.

Mission of the Month Presentation: Five Sisters Project Tracy Muhlenbeck

* Call to Worship and Praise

Leader: We can trust God.

People: God is like the mountain: rock solid.

Leader: God loves all the people:

People: the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

Leader: We can depend on God.

People: God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.

Leader: Praise our Loving God.

EVERYONE: Hallelujah. Hallelujah! HALLELUJAH!!

Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #139

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer

Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading James 2:1-10, 14-17 (NRSV)

* Gospel Reading Mark 7:24-37 (NRSV)

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

Sermon "Worthy Perseverance" Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response "He Touched Me" #367

- Stewards of Faith -

Givina with a Thankful Heart

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 Thanksqiving

Communion Song "Let Us Break Bread Together" #618

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Receiving the Gifts of Bread and Cup

You are invited to commune in your seats from the pre-packaged communion set as directed by the pastor. The pre-packaged sets are there for you to pick up as you enter the sanctuary. 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 discard the empty cup in the trash receptacle. Thank you.

Prayer after Receiving

Sending Forth –

* Benediction (unison)

As we have been fed, go to feed the hungry.

As we have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.

As we have been received—give.

As we have heard—Proclaim.

And the blessing which we have received from the creator, Christ, And Holy Spirit be always with us.

* Hymn of Going Forth "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#664

* Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .

Keep in your prayers this week: All those effected by Hurricanes Henri and Ida; the people of Afghanistan and Haiti. The family of Sue Rucker. Those fighting Covid, cancer and other serious illnesses: Joan Christian, Todd Anerson (Carol Tibodeau's son), Michelle Viesselman (Kent & Diane's daughter-in-law), Sue Schuster, Alan Yokiel, Bebo Getchell. Our missionaries Gordon & Ardell Graner as they finish out their final month as missionaries. Those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

Announcements

Sunday School and Pioneer Club teachers needed! Will you teach Sunday School or Pioneer Club this year? We're looking for teachers for all ages of Sunday School and Pioneer Clubs and helpers for Pioneer Clubs. Please be praying for people to step up, and listen if God is nudging YOU! Contact Sarah in the church office if you'd like to volunteer or have questions. We are looking at beginning Sunday School classes on October 3. The start-up of Pioneer Clubs will depend on whether we have leaders or not.

Sunday, Sept. 12, there will not be a worship service at Open Doors–Kiester. Kiester folks may attend the 7:00 am worship at Farming of Yesteryear, and/or the 9:00 service in Wells.

A meeting for the new class of Confirmation students and their parents will be after worship on Sunday, September 12 at 10:15am in the basement. This is for students in grades 7 & 8 or older. We will go over curriculum, schedules, and expectations. It is important for the student and at least one parent or adult family member to attend. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Chris at 920-765-3665 or pastorumc@bevcomm.net.

Backpack & Device Blessing September 12 – All students, bring your backpacks, laptops and tablets to church on Sunday, September 12 as we pray a blessing over you, your backpack/devices, and for the year ahead. Teachers and other school employees, you too! And college students, adults going back to school—bring your bags or briefcase and/or device! We want to send you off with a blessing for a safe and successful year of learning and with the assurance that God will be with you wherever you go.

Notice! A parent/student meeting for everyone in grades 7-12 will be Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30pm in the basement. We will be discussing and planning what the future of Youth Group will look like. It is important for the continuation of our youth program for at least one parent/guardian to attend. We will be discussing and planning what the future of our Youth Group could look like. It is important for the continuation of our youth program that at least one parent/guardian attend this meeting. Anyone else who is interested in getting involved with our youth and assuring that we have a great program for them is invited as well. If the situation changes, we'll let you know.

NEEDED: Youth, Children & Family Ministries Coordinator – Open Doors UMC is seeking to add to its staff, 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.

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Jason Gray Fundraising Concert for Five Sisters Project – The Five Sisters Project is hosting a benefit concert with local artist Josh Edwards opening for International Christian Recording Artist Jason Gray to benefit their outreach to women and families in crisis. It will be held at Crossroads Church, 3402 Hoeger Lane, Albert Lea at 7pm on Sunday, October 24. Tickets can be purchased on the Five Sisters' website www.fivesistersproject.com. If the concert is a sell-out, the concert can be livestreamed internationally and that could be a huge help in their fund raising efforts! So, won't you consider purchasing a ticket and enjoy an exciting night with Jason Gray! HURRY, as tickets are going fast!

This benefit event has two ticket options:

Option 1: Savory meal with the best seats for the concert – \$60. Dinner seating will begin at 5:30 and the meal served at 6.

Option 2: Concert only tickets are \$25. Concert starts at 7. Doors open at 6.

New Worship Schedule Beginning September 26!

<u>Kiester</u> Worship 8:00 a.m. <u>Wells</u> Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School/Classes 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Tiny Red Food Pantry Monthly Offering – On the first Sunday of each month (that's today!), we will be taking a special offering for the Tiny Red Food Pantry to help keep it full and stocked for those in our community who need it! The offering can be food items suitable for the little outdoor pantry or money that can be used to buy needed items. Of course, you don't have to wait until the first of the month to bring in food! You can put it inside the red pantry, drop it off in the collection tub in the entryway marked Food Shelf, or bring to the office. This is an ongoing mission.

UMCOR provides relief – There is so much pain and sorrow and danger in the world right now. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is coming alongside those who are suffering from natural or human-caused disasters, most recently, hurricane Henri & Ida victims in the US, earthquake victims in Haiti, and the people in Afghanistan. If you would like to do something to help out financially, you may give online at umcmission.org or give to Open Doors and designate on your envelope or check if you would prefer hurricane relief (US Disaster Response), Haiti (International Disaster Response), or Afghanistan for help in resettlement of displaced families (Advance #3022144), or simply UMCOR and we will divide it equally. 100% of your donation will go to the project you choose.

Rally Day is September 19! We hope EVERYONE will be returning to church after the busy, "almost back to normal" summer. It'll be great to be TOGETHER again – Kiester *and* Wells members alike! A joint outdoor service is being planned to be held on the front lawn of the Wells Campus at **10:30 a.m.** Bring your lawn chair! After worship, we'll pack up and move to Thompson Park for some grilled hotdogs & chips and ice cream cones. If you'd like to bring a side dish, you may. There will be games like 9-Square, bean bags, and maybe a game of kickball. "Rally" together with the Open Doors Family and have some fun as we move into Fall!

Garden Produce Table Bring your garden abundance for sharing & place on the table in the narthex. People may help themselves to whatever is brought in. Optional donations, and left-over produce, will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf.

Coffee Servers Needed! Please sign up for next Sunday or more this fall. *Thanks!* Coffee treats are welcomed as well.

On 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.

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.

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Choir info - At this time, there is not a determined "start date" for our choir and bell choir. Watch bulletins, OneWay, and email for updates. Please contact Jan Johanson with any questions or concerns.

S.A.I.L. Stay Active & Independent for Life exercise classes are held Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. at the Kiester Community Center. Exercises can be done sitting or standing and are very adaptive. Classes are free. See the September OneWay for more information. To register, contact Mary at 507-458-9687 or mcassem@ccsomn.org.

SEPTEMBER MISSION

Five Sisters Project

The Five Sisters Project in downtown Wells serves women in crisis. This past January, they accomplished their goal of building emergency housing and have served over 15 women and their children since opening. They have helped clients with long term housing solutions, furnishings, small appliances, Christian Counseling services, Bible studies, vehicles, and many, many other things that have helped their clients move forward at a very challenging time in their lives.

The Five Sisters Project is our Mission of the Month for September. Below is a list of items they use on a continuous basis for their clients. Please participate in this hands-on mission by purchasing any of these items and placing in the designated collection tub in the entryway. Thank you!

ON-GOING NEEDS LIST

| Paper towels | Acrylic paints | Trash bags - kitchen and large |
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| Toilet paper | Canvasses to paint | Gallon storage bags Light bulbs |
| Facial tissue | Craft scissors | Small laundry baskets |
| Office supplies | Gel pens & markers | Laundry detergent |
| Copy paper | Hand soap | Grocery or gas gift cards |
| Postage | Dishwasher soap | Portable file box with office supplies |
| Bottled water | Dish soap | Plastic totes, gallon totes |
| K-cups, tea | AA & 9V batteries | Bed bug mattress protector/twin & queen |
| Lint roller | Cleaning supplies | Bed bug pillow protectors |
| First Aid kits | Toilet bowl cleaner | Flameless battery operated candles |
| Lint roller | Cleaning supplies | Bed bug pillow protectors |

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 5

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

Monday, September 6 Labor Day – Office closed

Wednesday, September 8

W 9:30am Staff meeting Worship at Parkview 10:30am

Thursday & Friday, September 9 & 10

W 7:00-3:00 USC Pre-School Screening

Sunday, September 12

7:00am Worship at Farming of Yesteryear

W 9:00am JOINT Worship

W 10:00am Coffee

10:15am Confirmation meeting for new group

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

| Pastor | Rev. Chris Leistra |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Organist | Jan Johanson |
| Scripture Read | erKent Viesselman |
| Projection | Brett Hankerson |
| AV | Sabrina and Sarah Hankerson |

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Kiester

| Pastor | Rev. Chris Leistra |
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| Organist | Staci Thompson |

Birthdays This Week:

| Sept. 5 | Barbara Roberts, Terry Thisius |
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| Sept. 6 | Shari Petersen |
| | Richard Bebler, Eli Torrez |
| | Mary Jacobsen, David Schuster |
| | Melissa Nappin, Adam Frederick |

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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