



# 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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September 25, 2022 – Pentecost 16

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust":*

*I thank you for the assurance that whenever I call on you, you will answer (Psalm 91:2).*

### – Gathering in Faith –

#### Gathering Music

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship

"On Eagle's Wings"

#143

Leader: From Psalm 91: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

#### Song

"On Eagle's Wings"

#143

Leader: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

**People: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge.**

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day.

#### Song

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

#2002

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

**People: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.**

Leader: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

#### Song

"Everlasting God"

on screen (#3021)

#### Opportunities to Serve

#### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### – Confirmation of Faith –

#### Baptismal Covenant 1 (Ritual for Confirmation)

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### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

#### Scripture Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (NRSV)

#### \* Hymn

"More Like You"

#2167

#### \* Gospel Lesson

Luke 16:19-31 (NRSV)

#### Sermon

"Listen and Repent, TODAY!"

Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response

"I Need You"

Praise Team

**- Stewards of Faith -**

*Giving with a Thankful Heart*

Offering may be placed in the green chest at the back of the sanctuary at this time, or on your way in or as you leave. *Thank you!*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Response

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

**- Sending Forth -**

\* *Benediction*

\* *Hymn of Going Forth*

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

#514, vs. 1-3

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

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**Welcome, members and visitors, on this Confirmation Sunday,** an important faith milestone in young people's lives, as they purposefully embrace a life of discipleship.

**The nursery** is available for parents to use during worship on Sunday mornings. The nursery is on the south side of the entryway next to the restroom. The TV may be turned on to watch the service.

**Keep in your prayers this week:** Alan Stensrud and Joan Christian in their fight with cancer; Alan Yokiell; John Meyer following knee surgery; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

**Announcements**

**Special recognition and prayers** for our confirmands as they proclaim their belief and faith in Christ . . . the Confirmation Class of 2022:

Mariah Anderson  
Kolt Bullerman  
Jaiden Gossen  
Rebecca Kruse

Wyatt Haugh  
Garrett Lau  
Teagan Lutteke  
Madison Meyer

Brayden Mithun  
October Roberts  
Abby Wedin

Please join us for a special reception for our newly confirmed members in the Fellowship Hall in the basement following worship.

*A big thank you to Sharon Parriott for making the lovely Confirmation stoles!*

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**Kitchen Update:** The flooring is in the process of being laid! Next comes the cabinet trim & hardware, countertops, and appliances, followed by sinks and backsplash. Come take a peek when you are having coffee this morning!

**Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen** – Thank you to all who have returned their Kitchen Campaign Pledge card! We are over two-thirds of our goal of \$25,000. As of September 18, the total is \$17,445! The new kitchen will be a blessing to this generation *and* the next. We ask you to prayerfully consider what you can give that will help bring us closer to a fully financed new kitchen. Pledge cards and gifts can be dropped in the green offering chest (make sure they are clearly marked for Kitchen) and you can find extra pledge cards there, too.

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**Sunday School** for grades Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade will begin next Sunday, October 2. Grades 1-6, please go directly to the Music Room. Treats will be waiting for you there.

**Looking for Sunday School Teachers** Sunday We're looking for teachers for all age levels, up through 7<sup>th</sup> grade at least. Teach half-time and trade off with a co-teacher, work as a husband/wife team, or offer to sub. Please consider teaching this year.

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**Kiester Worship Services** –There will be a meeting of those who normally attend worship at the Kiester Campus on Monday, September 26 at 6:00 pm in Kiester to make a decision about the fall and winter schedule.

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**The WAY Youth Group meeting this Wednesday, Sept. 28!** This year, Youth Group is something new and exciting, a community-wide ecumenical group called "The WAY" (Wells Area Youth) for grades 6-12. It will meet weekly from 6:30-8:30pm at the USC high school and will

include music, worship, lessons, food, and small group time. Youth – try it out! Meet your friends there. It'll be awesome!

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**UNITE::YTH** will be held at Vibrant Life Church, 702 3<sup>rd</sup> St. S, Ellendale, MN tonight, September 25, from 6:00-8:00 pm. All youth in grades 6-12 across Southern Minnesota are invited for an evening of pizza, worship & Word. For more info, contact Josh Edwards at [joshedwards.connect@gmail.com](mailto:joshedwards.connect@gmail.com).

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**Youth Breakfast** Youth are invited to breakfast at Sandy Youngblom's house on Monday, October 17 at 7:30 am. She's going to make waffles!

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**World Communion Sunday is next Sunday, October 2** Your gifts to World Communion Sunday support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds in-service training programs for racial and ethnic persons. Use the Special Sundays offering envelope on the offering table.

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**Harvest Meal meeting, October 2** – There will be a meeting after church next Sunday, October 2, for everyone interested in having a Harvest Meal at the Wells Campus to give thanks for the harvest and show off the new kitchen. We are needing a good group of people to plan the meal and everything to go with that, such as decorations, cooking, serving, clean-up. And we're counting on everyone helping – women, men, and youth. So, please come next Sunday, 10:30, meet in the back of the sanctuary.

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**Little Red Food Pantry: Mission-of-the-Month** – The Little Red Food Pantry is our Mission-of-the-Month for September to restock our dwindling supplies. Each week we've asked for donations of a different food category. This week, please bring an item from the list below if you are able.  
September 25 – Fruit, Vegetables & Soup

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**The inurnment for David Mutschler** will be Saturday, October 1, 2022, at Fairview Cemetery, Kiester. David passed away on May 25, 2022.

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**Zayvion Lavar Johnson** will be baptized in a private family service this afternoon, September 25, with Pastor Chris Leistra officiating. Zayvion was born November 14, 2021, and is the son of Kiley Bullerman and Cory Johnson of Mankato, and grandson of Brian & Tammy Bullerman.

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**The Chosen, Season One** will be shown at the Flame Theatre downtown Wells, MN starting in October. Admission is FREE and concessions will be available for purchase. Free-will donations are welcome. 100% of the donations will be given to the Five Sisters Project in Wells. Showing Wednesdays at 7:00pm on October 5 (Episodes 1 & 2), October 12 (Episodes 3 & 4), October 26 (Episodes 5 & 6), and November 2 (Episodes 7 & 8).

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**Trunk or Treat** will be on Sunday, October 30 from 3:00-4:00 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW (west of the church). We're looking for lots of trunks, the more the better! Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Barbara Roberts (553-3341) or the church office if you would like to reserve a spot to host a trunk . . . car trunk, SUV, pick-up. Have fun with it – you can decorate, have a theme, come in costume, bring candy or trinkets for handing out to all the kids. This is a safe and fun alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating.

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**Pie Auction** Mark your calendars for the annual pie auction on November 20!

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**Church Bell Choir is Reforming** – "Sounds of Praise" is open to people who would like to challenge themselves in a new way – men, women, boys, and girls (grades 7-12). Being able to read music is helpful, but learning when the right time to play your bell can be learned fairly easily. Beginners are welcome! We need 6-11 people to play this music and currently we have only a few. Please consider joining the bell choir. Practice times will be decided by the group. Talk to Jan Johanson about any questions you might have. Her email is [wellsumcmusic@gmail.com](mailto:wellsumcmusic@gmail.com), phone 553-5077.

**Community Chimes group practices on Tuesday afternoons** if this would be a more convenient time for you. This is a group of people from within the community that meets to play bells and they are also looking for members. Contact Jan if interested.



**The Clothes Closet** – Remember, if you are making a trip to Mankato, check with the Clothes Closet if they have some boxes of surplus items that they would like dropped off at Goodwill. The Clothes Closet is open Tues., Wed., & Thurs., 9:30am-5:30pm and Goodwill is open Mon.-Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, and Sundays 11am-6pm. The phone number of the Clothes Closet is 553-2040.



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



**VFW Breakfast** – Sunday, October 2, 7:30am-Noon. Omelets made to order, \$10, take-outs available. Proceeds go to St. Casimir’s School for student technology growth.



**UMC Disaffiliation Myths** – There is a handout on the back table written by our District Superintendent, Rev. Fred Vanderwerf, about the denominational schism and some “myths” that he believes have caused a false sense of urgency for churches. Feel free to take one if you are interested.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, September 25, Confirmation**

- W** 9:30am Joint Worship
- 10:30am Coffee/Reception for  
Confirmands in basement
- 2:00pm Baptism
- 6:00pm UNITE @ Vibrant Life Church,  
Ellendale

**Monday, September 26**

- 6:00pm Church meeting at Kiester

**Tuesday, September 27**

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean
- 4:30pm Community Chimes

**Wednesday, September 28**

- W** 9:00am Staff meeting
- 10:30am Worship at Shepherd’s Inn
- W** 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:30pm Adult choir practice
- 6:30pm The WAY Youth Group at USC

**Saturday, October 1**

- 11:30am David Mutschler burial at  
Fairview Cemetery, Kiester

**Sunday, October 2**

- W** 9:30am Joint\* Worship w/ Communion
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Coffee
- 10:30am Harvest Meal meeting
- \*tbd after 9/26 meeting

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Acolyte.....Kaydra Haugh, Makinlee Gossen
- Cross Bearer.....Miles Kruse
- Scripture Reader.....Sandy Youngblom
- Ushers/Greeters.....Dave & Shari Petersen
- A/V.....Sarah Hankerson, Sabrina Hankerson
- Projection.....Brett Hankerson

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**Birthdays This Week:**

- September 26 .....Jay Miller
- September 27 .....Bruce Frederick
- September 29 .....Jan Elmer
- October 1 .....JoAnn Stensrud
- October 2 .....Martin Healey, Teal Leistra

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

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

**Live Stream:** Sundays at 9:30am on Facebook, YouTube and [www.opendoorsumc.org](http://www.opendoorsumc.org)