

You are invited to come forward to receive this gift of God's love in Christ as instructed by the pastor. 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 return to your seats by the side aisles. If coming forward is difficult for you, signal the communion servers who come to the back of the sanctuary and overflow room – they will be happy to bring communion to you. Thank you.

Prayer after Receiving

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

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

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

Welcome to worship this autumn morning. Please greet those near you as brothers and sisters in Christ. All are invited for coffee following worship in the Hospitality Room behind the sanctuary.

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: Farmers for a safe harvest; LaVon Wegner and her family for the tragic loss of her son, Mike; those affected by the hurricane in Florida; 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

Believe – Today we begin a new sermon series based on the book *Believe* by Randy Frazee, the same author of *The Story*. Pastor Chris will preach on chapters 1 through 5 this month about your beliefs: God, Personal God, Salvation, Bible, and Identity in Christ. Then take a break and cover five more chapters next spring. There will also be a discussion group meeting on Tuesdays at 9:00 at The Bean to go a little deeper into the material.

It's one thing to know the story of the Bible. It's another thing to live it. Grounded in Scripture, Believe is a unique spiritual growth experience that takes you on a journey to think, act, and be more like Jesus. THINK: What do I believe? ACT: What should I do? BE: Who am I becoming?

Sign up on the back table if you would like a book ordered for you. They are only \$5.00.

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NEW Worship Times!!! – Beginning October 16, there will be new worship times for BOTH campuses! Please mark your calendar, set your alarm, remind each other!
Worship in Wells – 9:00 a.m., Coffee and Sunday School at 10:00.
Worship in Kiester – 11:00 a.m., Coffee will be before church at 10:00.

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TODAY is World Communion Sunday. We will join many Christian churches across the globe for this celebration of unity among churches across denominations. The Bible is clear. Galatians 6:2, NRSV says, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Jesus says it this way, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 19:19b). United Methodist Churches around the globe take a special offering on World Communion Sunday that will provide scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Use the enclosed envelope. (Special Sunday offering envelopes have been redesigned so we can use the same envelope for all the special offerings.) To give online, find the World Communion card in the pew pocket and scan the QR code.

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Sunday School begins today for grades Preschool – 6th grade!

Class locations this morning:

Preschool-Kindergarten..... Noah’s Ark Room. (upstairs and to the right.)

1st through 6th Music Room (upstairs and down the hall behind the balcony).

Snacks: Children will get a snack in their classrooms following music. Children are discouraged from going through the adult line.

Still Looking for Sunday School Teachers Sunday We’re looking for teachers for all age levels, even up through 7th grade. 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.



Harvest Meal meeting TODAY – There will be a meeting after church today, 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 meet in the back of the sanctuary after worship today.



Kitchen Update: Bit by bit, progress is being made, although harvest is taking priority at the moment. This week flooring should be finished and hopefully the cabinetry.

Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen – Thank you to all who have returned their Kitchen Campaign Pledge card! We are about three-fourths of our goal of \$25,000. As of September 25, the total is \$18,575! 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.



Little Red Food Pantry: On the first Sunday of each month, we take a food offering for the Little Red Food Pantry. Bring non-perishable healthy food to help keep the Little Red Food Pantry stocked. Canned vegetables, fruits, meats, soups, and all-in-one meals, peanut butter, cracker or granola snacks, rice or potato mixes are all great. Cash can also be given to go towards the purchase of needed food. *Thank you* to everyone who donated during September! It helped bring the supply back up. But this is an ongoing need, so your regular help is much appreciated.



The WAY Youth Group meeting this Wednesday, October 5! All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a new and exciting, a community-wide ecumenical group called “The WAY” (Wells Area Youth). It meets weekly from 6:30-8:30pm at the USC high school and includes music, worship, lessons, food, and small group time. Youth – try it out! Meet your friends there. It’s awesome!



The Chosen, Season 1, begins this Wednesday at The Flame Theater! Watch it on the big screen! Admission is **FREE!** 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).



Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 30 from 3:00-4:00 pm on 1st 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.



Operation Christmas Child – OCC is our October Mission-of-the-month. Now is the time to be collecting shoebox gifts for that special child. The deadline will be November 20. Information and tips can be found at www.operationchristmaschild.com.



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!



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



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, 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.



Jesus Food Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser – Sunday, October 23! Tim Stromer of Jesus Food will be here to speak on Oct. 23. During coffee hour, there will be a free-will cinnamon roll fundraiser for Jesus Food. The funds raised will go to purchase the ingredients for the huge Jesus Food packing event that will be held at USC on Thursday, November 3 from 6-8pm. We’re asking for donations of pans of cinnamon rolls for the 23rd. Please sign up on the back table if you can donate a dozen or more rolls. It takes \$109.50 to keep a child from starving for a year. When we did this last June, we made over \$500! Let’s make \$1,000 this year!!! The more money that is donated means more meals that can be packed!

Form a team for the Jesus Food packing event on November 3! Each assembly line consists of 10 people, so we’re looking for teams of 10. Sign up on the Team sign-up sheet and we can form an Open Doors team – or two or three!!! Or form your own team and write it down.



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



Wells Firefighters Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, October 16, 7:30am-12:00pm at the Wells Fire Hall. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee \$10.00, children 12 & under \$5.00.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 2

- W 9:30am Joint Worship w/ Communion
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Coffee
- 10:30am Harvest Meal meeting

Tuesday, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 5

- W 9:30am Staff meeting
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:30pm Adult choir practice
- 6:30pm The WAY Youth Group at USC
- 7:00pm “The Chosen” at Flame Theater

Thursday, October 6

- W 7:00am SPRC meeting & staff reviews

Sunday, October 9

- W 9:30am Joint Worship at Wells
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Coffee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- PastorRev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Acolyte..... Kylin & Kenlie Cords
- Cross Bearer.....tbd
- Scripture Reader Alice Olsen
- Communion ServersPat Coy
- A/V.....Sarah Hankerson, Kaylynn Healey
- Projection..... Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

- October 2Martin Healey, Teal Leistra
- October 3Sherry Asmus, Emmett Rasmussen
- October 4Noah Leistra
- October 5Betty Olson, Luke Parks
- October 6Layna Bathke, Frank McKeenan
- October 8Aurora Blank

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 (will change to 9:00 on October 16.)