

BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



PERSONAL GOD
I believe God is involved
in and cares about
my daily life.

Psalm 121:1-2



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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Worship: 9:30 am | Coffee: 9:00 & 10:30 am

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October 9, 2022 – Pentecost 18

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Our help "comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2, NRSV).
Come, dear Lord; touch us with your Holy Spirit.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

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* Call to Worship

Songs	"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"	#79, vs. 1 & 4
	"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"	#2088
	"I Sing Praises to Your Name"	#2024

Leader: Let us pray:

People: We give praise to you, O God, for you are awesome and amazing. We remember your deeds and faithfulness—deeds that have brought us to this day, faithfulness that has helped us weather life's storms. We have gone through fire and water, and stand before you today in gratitude and praise. How awesome are your deeds, O God! Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Confirmation of Faith –

Baptismal Covenant 1 (Ritual for Confirmation)

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Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

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Apostles' Creed

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Thanksgiving Over the Water

Confirmation

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Blessing

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Song

"Build My Life"

Praise Team

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 121 (NRSV)

* Hymn

"God Will Take Care of You"

#130, vs. 1-3

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:25-34 (NRSV)

Sermon

"The Personal God"

Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response

"O How He Loves You and Me"

#2108

– 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 "My Gratitude Now Accept, O Lord" #2044, vs. 1 & 2

- Sending Forth -

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

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

Welcome! May you be refreshed and empowered through our time together in worship, to bless the world as God has blessed you. Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:30 worship service.

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; those affected by the hurricane in Florida; Dave Loveless in the hospital in Austin with pneumonia; Sherry Asmus following foot surgery; Alan Stensrud and Joan Christian in their fight with cancer; Alan Yokiell; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

Announcements

Wyatt Haugh will be confirmed this morning, as he was not feeling well the day the class was confirmed on September 25. But we celebrate with him today as he proclaims his belief and faith in Christ. Wyatt, you've got the day all to yourself! Be blessed!

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Believe - Today we are on chapter 2 of the book and sermon series "Believe."

The discussion group on the book will have its first meeting this Tuesday at 9:00am at The Bean. You are invited to attend and dig a little deeper into the material.

If you'd like a book, they are on the back table. The cost is only \$5.00.

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Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 30 from 3:00-4:00 pm on 1st Ave SW (west of the church). Spread the word! Bring your little ghouls & goblins! Please consider hosting a trunk! 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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NEW Worship Times Next Week!!! - 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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World Communion offerings may still be given today or anytime this month. The special offering is used to provide scholarships for graduate students in the U.S. and around the world and Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergrads studying in the U.S. Use the Special Sundays offering envelopes by the offering chest. To give online, find the World Communion card in the pew pocket and scan the QR code.

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Still Looking for Sunday School Teachers 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.

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Harvest Meal – It was decided at the Harvest Meal meeting last Sunday to hold off until everyone is through with harvest and we know the kitchen is completed and contents all put back. We tentatively will celebrate the completion of the kitchen at an Advent event.

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Kitchen Update: Bit by bit, progress is being made, although harvest is taking priority at the moment.

Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen – Thank you to all who have returned their Kitchen Campaign Pledge card! We are now over three-fourths of our goal of \$25,000. As of October 2, the total is \$19,595! 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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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.

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UMCOR Cleaning Kit Collection – Cleaning Kits (Flood Buckets) are urgently needed for Hurricane Ian recovery efforts in Florida and the southeast. Sheets with supply lists and instructions are at the collection tub in the entryway. Complete kits, or just some supplies, are needed. Midwest Mission Distribution Center will have a truck in Blue Earth on Nov. 15 to pick up whatever local churches have collected. Besides the Cleaning Kits, MMDC is also in need of 12" rulers with metric and 12-pack colored pencils. Full list is in the October OneWay or at www.midwestmission.org. If you'd like to donate, please have your items here by Sunday, November 13.

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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. We have a supply of pre-printed Operation Christmas Child boxes for you to use. Information and tips can be found at www.operationchristmaschild.com.

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The Chosen, Episodes 3 & 4 this Wednesday at The Flame Theater! These are two really great shows! #3 is about Jesus with the children and #4 has the famous fishing miracle. 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 12 (Episodes 3 & 4), October 26 (Episodes 5 & 6), and November 2 (Episodes 7 & 8). If you missed last week, you can watch episodes 1 & 2 by getting The Chosen app or find them on You Tube.

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

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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.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 9

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

Monday, October 10

- 6:30pm Ministry Council

Tuesday, October 11

- 9-11am *Believe* study (9-10) & Coffee (10-11) with Pastor at The Bean

- W 4:30pm Community Chimes
- 6:30pm Budget meeting

Wednesday, October 12

- W 9:00am Staff meeting
- 10:00am Worship at Parkview
- 2:00pm Ministerial meeting at Nasinec Funeral Home

- W 2:30pm UWF meeting
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:30pm Adult choir practice
- 6:30pm The WAY Youth Group at USC

Thursday, October 13

- 10:00am Caregiver Support Group

Sunday, October 16

- W 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
- K 10:00am Coffee
- 11:00am Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Acolyte..... Kaydra Haugh, Makinlee Gossen
- Cross Bearer.....Wyatt Haugh
- Scripture Reader..... Kent Viesselman
- A/V.....Sarah Hankerson, Sabrina Hankerson
- Projection.....Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- October 10.....Ryder Anderson, Luke Miller
- October 13.....Hailey Chandler
- October 14.....Doug Druckenmiller
- October 15.....Caryn Mithun, Jeremy Schuster
- October 16.....Trevor Haugh

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