



# OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WELLS CAMPUS

595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097  
507-553-5453  
Worship: 9:00 am

## KIESTER CAMPUS

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

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October 31, 2021 – Pentecost 23

**Please turn off or silence your cell phone.**

(\* indicates when to stand. You may remain seated if standing creates a problem for you.)

### Gathering Music

### Greeting & Announcements

### \* Call to Worship and Praise

Leader: We have come this morning to worship God together, joining our hearts, hands and voices in praise and thanksgiving to Him for all that he has given us through his love and care. We want to know and feel His presence, through his power and glory and mercy and to glorify Him through our lives.

**Song** "To Know You" (W) #2161  
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (K) #57, vs.1

Leader: While we strive to know You, O Lord, we want to feel close to you, and know your constant presence in our lives.

**Song** "Jesus, Draw Me Close" (W) #2159  
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (K) #57, vs.1

Leader: We rejoice in knowing your love and proclaim our love and devotion to you, O Lord.

**Song** "Cry of My Heart" (W) #2165  
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (K) #57, vs.1

### Opportunities to Serve

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Piano Solo (W) "Colorful Sunset" Chloe Bullerman

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading Numbers 14:1-10 (NRSV)

Song "I Need You" (W) Praise Team  
"I Need Thee Every Hour" (K) #397, vs 1, 2, 5

### \* Gospel Reading \* Mark 1:12-15 (NRSV)

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

Sermon "Moses – Faith Through the Wilderness" Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response "Without Seeing You" #2206, vs 1-3

### – Stewards of Faith –

### Giving 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 Thanksgiving

### – Sending Forth –

### \* Benediction

\* Hymn of Going Forth "I Know Whom I Have Believed" #714, vs 1-3

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

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**Keep in your prayers this week:** Sue Schuster recuperating from surgery. Wanda Kothlow (St. Mary's, room 662) in anticipation of heart transplant surgery. Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Jason Roberts, Sue Schuster, Joan Christian, Michelle Viesselman (Kent & Diane's daughter-in-law), Alan Yokiel, Bebo Getchell. Those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

### **Announcements**

**Trunk or Treat** is TODAY, from 3:00-4:00 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW (west of the church). It's always a lot of fun! We'll have the street lined with lots of trunks! Bring your kids or grandkids! This is a safe and fun alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating.

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**Interested in joining** membership of Open Doors UMC? We'll be having a day to join soon. Contact Pastor Chris or the church office.

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**The Story** – To discuss the sermon's topic from *The Story* and have a time to talk and get better acquainted, grab a cup of coffee and come to the *Pathways to Discipleship* class that will be meeting after worship in The Meeting Room each Sunday. Don't worry if you can't be at every class, come whenever you can.

**Wednesday class** – Wednesday evenings does not appear to be a popular time to hold this, so we will cancel the Wednesday class but leave the time slot as a make-up time if we have to cancel a Sunday class.

**If you have a copy of *The Story* from the last time we went through it, you should dig it out. We have a few new copies available for only \$5.00. There is a reading schedule available if you want to refer to the Bible as we go along. Also a handy bookmark with the schedule to mark your place in your copy of *The Story*.**

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**Spread some Holiday Cheer!** UMW-Wells invite you to help the Holiday Cheer Program by donating a gift or cash donation for patients in St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. Sharing a gift – even something as small as a new pair of socks – reminds people that they are not forgotten. Donations of hygiene products, socks and underwear (male and female, L-5x); shoes (men's 9-14); and gift cards are appreciated. Place in collection tub in the entryway. Last Sunday to collect is November 14.

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**Operation Christmas Child – Shoeboxes are due in two weeks!** Giving a shoebox filled with fun and thoughtful gifts is a tangible expression of God's love to a child who probably won't get any other gift this year. Plus, it is a tool for telling the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. If you'd like to take part in the Operation Christmas Child mission to spread GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY, start putting together a shoebox gift for that special child. The deadline will be November 14. Pick up a brochure on the back table. Information and tips can also be found in your OneWay newsletter and at [www.operationchristmaschild.com](http://www.operationchristmaschild.com).

**Plus, you can fill a shoebox right online** without having to go to a store! Scan this QR code or use this link to go to the Open Doors UMC Goal page to build your box. <https://sampur.se/3vzbAGE> It's super easy! In just a few easy clicks online, select items you want to send. Samaritan's Purse will pack and ship the gift for you for a suggested donation of \$25, which covers the contents, shipping, and other projected costs.



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**Country Store . . .** is it back? There's hope, and we want to get everyone's creative juices flowing. Are you a baker, crafter, gardener . . . do you like to help plan, arrange, shop while you work? All is still in the infant stages, but to move Country Store further we need to know how you all feel about donating your time, talents and products to the Country Store fund raising event. A date has been put on the table for the morning of Saturday, April 30, and Sunday May 1 following church. "Store front" ideas could be (The) Baby Place, Garden Shed, Wood Shop, Christmas 365, This and That, Bakery . . . what more can we come up with? Please text or call Linda Bakken 507-383-5796 if you have the hankering to help, donate your time, talent and/or

products. Minnesnowta weather will soon be upon us so what better time to think of projects, new recipes . . . dare to dream of what you can do and bring. We will keep you up-to-date as we hear from all of you to make Country Store possible!



**Sunday School teachers needed!** We're still looking for a few teachers and subs to trade off with. Will you teach Sunday School for a portion of this year? You can have your choice of age and schedules can be flexible. 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.



**Looking for someone who could be Acolyte Coordinator . . .** Being here on Sunday mornings (Sept-May) to help with candle-lighting sticks, making sure they are working properly and have enough wick, lighting the flame, preparing a schedule. Please contact Sarah in the church office if this is something you can do that takes very little effort or time outside of Sunday mornings.



**Youth Group** will meet this Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 5:30 with Pastor Chris, Rachel Johnson, and Amy Chandler. Thanks everyone for helping out! (Confirmation students will get a pizza supper.)



**All Saints Sunday is next Sunday, November 7.** We'll be lighting candles for loved ones who have passed within the last 12 months. In addition to the named candles, there will be one large candle lit for all family members and friends whom you name in your hearts, and another large candle will be lit for all the lives lost from COVID-19. You won't want to miss this special service.



**Little Red Food Pantry offering next Sunday.** On the first Sunday of the month, we collect food and monetary offerings for re-stocking the Little Red Food Pantry. Pick up an extra package of something this week when you're at the store. Please keep the temperatures in mind now. Food products are needed that will withstand being frozen. Thanks so much for helping those in need right in our own community!



**The annual PIE AUCTION is back!** Reserve Sunday, November 21 after the 9:30 worship at Wells for a fun and competitive live auction. Who will get the highest bid? Bakers, time to start looking for recipes!



**The November/December Upper Room** devotionals are available to pick up. \$1.25 for regular print and \$1.50 for large print.



**DST ends next Sunday.** Be sure to turn your clocks back before going to bed Saturday!



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, October 31**

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways

**3-4pm Trunk or Treat**

**Tuesday, November 2**

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting

**Wednesday, November 3**

- W** 4:30pm Confirmation class
- 5:30pm Youth Group
- 5:45 pm Praise Team practice
- 6:00pm Discipleship Pathways

**Sunday, November 7, All Saints Sunday**

- K** 8:00am Worship w/Communion
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship w/Communion
- 10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells**

- Pastor .....Rev. Chris Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Special Music ..... Chloe Bullerman
- Acolytes..... Kaydra Haugh, Elyse Bird
- Cross Bearer..... Olivia Bird
- Scripture Reader ..... Bob Clark
- Technicians..... Karen & Don Stenzel, Sarah Hankerson

**Birthdays This Week:**

- Nov. 1.....Chad Nappin
- Nov. 2.....Roger Wigern, Haylyn Petersen
- Nov. 5.....Mariah Anderson, Kylie Fordham
- Nov. 6.....Sue Schuster

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

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