



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097

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Worship: 9:00 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

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Worship: 10:30 am

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November 21, 2021 – Christ the King Sunday

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

Jesus, may all who gather here feel welcome.

May we bless one another with your love as we worship in your presence.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship and Praise*

Song "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #694, vs. 1 & 2

Leader: Our call this morning comes from Psalm 146.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them;

People: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Song "In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful" #2195

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Leader: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

Song "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Ruth 1:1-5 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* "Stand By Me" (K) #512, vs. 1 & 2

"I Will Call Upon the Lord" (W) #2002

* *Gospel Lesson* * John 1:29-32 (NRSV)

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

Sermon "Naomi and Ruth—In Need of Redemption" Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response "How Shall I Come" K = tune of "When Love is Found," #643

W = On screen (#3124)

– Stewards of Faith –

Stewardship Moment – Now is the time for each of us to respond to God's extravagant generosity by joyfully and boldly making our 2022 commitment.

Joash Chest – Consecration of our Commitments:

One: These Commitment cards, representing our love of God and trust in the power of the Holy Spirit, as well as thanksgiving for all that God has blessed us with even to this day, we now present to be consecrated to the glory of God for all the outreach mission and supportive ministries of this church for the coming year.

Congregation is invited to extend a hand of blessing, along with their pledge, and say:

All: In the name of God, we consecrate these cards of commitment, and the "extravagant generosity" they represent, to the glory of God. May the ministries and outreach they accomplish, and the lives they touch, be abundant!

One: Let us pray:

All: Most loving God, without you no words or works of ours have meaning. Accept the commitments we make today for the ministries of the church next year, as symbols of our devotion to you, and appreciation for your extravagant generosity cards of commitment to your glory, that the giving they represent may be an enduring witness before all your people, and that our lives may be consecrated in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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* "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

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

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Keep in your prayers this week: The family of Jason Roberts. Wanda Kothlow in St. Mary's, Rochester. Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Sue Schuster, Rita Bebler, 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

Financial Commitment Sunday is today, Nov. 21 – Your pledge is more than a financial commitment but is also a spiritual commitment to our shared mission as we Love God and Serve Others! We thank you for your generous support to Open Doors UMC. Please complete a financial commitment form to make your 2022 pledge and payment plan. If you did not receive a form in the mail or you forgot yours today, there are extras. During the Stewardship portion of today's service, we'll be raising them in the air as we bless them. Then as you leave the sanctuary today, please place them, along with your offering, in the green Joash chest at the back of the sanctuary.

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Our sympathies to Jason Roberts' family, as he passed away on November 14. His memorial service was held yesterday, November 20, at Open Doors UMC–Wells Campus. Please keep his family in your prayers: wife Teresa, children Danielle (Brandon) Nasinec and Nathaniel, mother Lois, and brothers Neil and David (Barbara).

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The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Wells. All children, ages 3 through 6th grade, are busy learning their songs and parts. Please help the children be in class each week (10:30-11:30), so they will know their part and how it fits into the whole story.

The one and only **dress rehearsal** for the children in **grades 1-6** is **Friday, December 10 at 3:15 p.m.** Please put this important date on your calendar.

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Pie Auction Today at the Wells Campus! – Please stay and take part in the fun of the annual Pie Auction. It will begin very shortly after worship lets out, so come on down and reserve your seat.

Coffee will be served in the basement. Darwin Hall, Sandy Youngblom's cousin, will be our auctioneer. The popular Pie Auction is a fundraiser for UMC Youth Group activities and mission trips.

Interested in joining membership of Open Doors UMC? We'll be having a day to join on December 5. Contact Pastor Chris or the church office.

Coffee with Pastor Chris is back! Pastor Chris invites you to join him for coffee and conversation each Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at The Bean, downtown Wells south of the Theater. However, *we will skip this week, November 23*, and meet again on November 30.

Donate to The Salvation Army *Your Donation Helps Change Lives For The Better.* The Salvation Army's 2021 Red Kettle Campaign will run from Friday, November 26 through December 24. In Wells, Bell Ringers will be posted at Marketplace Foods each Friday and Saturday until Christmas and also Thursday & Friday, December 23 & 24. Donations will stay within Faribault County to fund social service programs for local residents in need. **Bell Ringers are needed!** If you'd like to help change lives and know it's helping local folks, sign up for a shift or two to ring the bell at Wells Marketplace. The shifts are 2 hours and run from 12noon to 6pm. Volunteers can sign up for open time slots by going to www.RegisterToRing.com or by contacting Sarah Hankerson at 507-317-4322 or 553-5453. Sign up with a friend or two and spread the giving spirit of Christmas!

Youth Group & Confirmation will NOT meet this week. Confirmation begins its winter break and will resume class again on January 26, but Youth Group will be back, same time, same place, on December 1.

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.

Advent/Christmas Worship It's time to begin organizing for Advent and Christmas worship services, with only 1 week until Advent begins on November 28. We still need **5 COUPLES or FAMILIES who can help with readings and lighting the advent candles** each week. One person can do the readings and another person light the candles, or these responsibilities can be split up between any number of family members or friends. Please contact Jan Johanson if you are able to take one of these worship services, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, or 24, in Kiester or Wells.

The advent candle service will include music at the Wells site. This could include the help of 2 chimers for each of the services. If anyone from the **BELL CHOIR** would like to help in this way, please contact Jan Johanson.

Advent and Christmas is certainly a time for music. We love hearing it, and singing it. If anyone would like to try a solo, duet, or small group singing, we have some wonderful music in our music library for the season. If you have other ideas, and think this is a good time to try them out, please let Jan Johanson know what you have in mind, and we can try to get that going as well.

Jan can be reached through email (wellsucommusic@gmail.com) or by phone (553-5077). She would love to hear from you, with any questions or concerns, or just to check in.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 21

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes due

K 8:00am Worship

9:00am Coffee

W 9:30am Worship

10:30am Coffee / Sunday School

10:45am **PIE AUCTION**

Tuesday, November 23

W 9:30am Staff meeting

Wednesday-Friday, November 24-26

Office Closed

Sunday, November 28

K 8:00am Worship

9:00am Coffee

W 9:30am Worship

10:30am Coffee / Sunday School

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra

Organist..... Jan Johanson

Scripture ReaderAlice Oleson

Cross BearerMakinlee Gossen

Acolytes Kylin & Kenlie Cords

A/V Sabrina Hankerson, Don Stenzel

Projection.....Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

November 22.....Abigail Healey

November 23.....Kaylynn Healey

November 25.....Dave Petersen

November 26.....Oliver Druckenmiller

November 27.....Wanda Kothlow

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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

Friday: 6:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990);