



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELLS CAMPUS

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

KIESTER CAMPUS

116 N. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051
507-294-3300
Worship: 8:00 am | Coffee: 9:00 am

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March 20, 2022 – Lent 3

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Wherever we have been, whatever we have done,
our all-loving heavenly Father welcomes us into his arms. Let us worship.*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Missionary Presentation

Rev. Daniel Yang

Jan Johanson

* *Call to Worship*

Song "You Who Are Thirsty" #2132

Leader: Let us read these words from Psalm 63.
O God, you are my God, I earnestly search for you.

People: My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is not water.

Song "Jesus, Draw Me Close" #2159

Leader: I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory.

People: Your unfailing love is better to me than life itself; how I praise you!

Leader: I will honor you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

Song "As the Deer" #2025

Leader: You satisfy me more than the richest of foods. I will praise you with songs of joy.

People: I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through night.

Leader: I think how much you have helped me; I sing for joy in the shadow of your protecting wings.

People: I follow close behind you; your strong right hand holds me securely.

Song "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (K) #318, vs.1

"Step By Step" (W) #3093

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (NRSV)

* *Hymn* "The Gift of Love" #408

* *Gospel Lesson* * Mark 1:9-22 (NRSV)

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

Sermon "Jesus' Ministry Begins—The Wilderness and Making Ready"

The Story, Chapter 23

Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402, vs. 1 & 4

– 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* "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (K) #396
- "Shout to the North and the South" (W) #3042
- * *Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

Keep in your prayers this week: For the people of Ukraine; Alan Stensrud, Rita Bebler, Joan Christian, Michelle Viesselman, and Bebo Getchell in their fight against cancer; Wanda Kothlow as she continues to gain strength and endurance at home; Brenda Johnson’s sister, Cherie, in her fight against Covid-19; Alan Yokiel; all others who are dealing with health issues; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; the victims of natural disasters all around the world; all those serving in the military and their families.

Announcements

Country Store meeting TODAY at 11:30 – Anyone who would like to help with the Country store is encouraged to attend the planning meeting today, March 20, at 11:30 am in the Hospitality Room at the Wells Campus. There'll be light lunch of sloppy joes.

What will you be donating to the sale? The departments will be Bakery, Baby Place, Collectibles, Plants, Canned Goods, Crafts, Rugs, and Jewelry. We need everyone to help make this a big success! The dates are Saturday, April 30, 8am-noon & Sunday, May 1, 10:30-11:30.

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The vote for which missionary/mission we will enter into a Covenant Relationship will be next Sunday, March 27. The choices are Lorraine Charinda–D.R. of Congo, Red Bird Mission–Kentucky, Sara Flores–Ecuador, and Rev. D. Yang–Laos. If you know you will not be in church next Sunday, there are ballots on the back table that you can fill out and turn in today, or cut out the ballot that was in your March OneWay. All votes must be in by Monday, March 28. We will take email or phone-in votes, as well.

The Lenten Offering this year will go towards our Covenant Relationship commitment to the missionary/mission that we will be voting for on March 27. Please use the special Lenten envelope in the pew pockets.

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Everyone Come!

You all are invited out for Supper!

Enjoy good food and good company!

5:00-6:00 pm each Wednesday in the Wells Campus basement

March 23 Menu:

Sloppy Joes
Served by Britney Haugh

*** Volunteers are needed to cook! The next open date is April 6** and all future dates. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or call Sarah in the office to sign up or if you have any questions. The church will cover the cost of the groceries from free-will donations for the meal and budgeted funds.

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Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross is a book by Magrey deVega that Pastors Chris and David Leistra are discussing in a recorded conversation during the season of Lent. You can find it linked to Open Door’s Facebook page and website. There will be six videos over six weeks, going online each Tuesday during Lent. Feel free to post comments and questions and be a discussion starter!

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The community youth group, UNITE::YTH is tonight at Assembly of God Church in Albert Lea (1540 South Shore Drive, Albert Lea) from 6:00-8:00 pm. Josh Edwards is the host and worship leader. All youth in grades 6-12 (and parents/drivers) are invited!

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Next Sunday, March 27, is UMCOR Sunday. This is when we collect a special offering to help cover the overhead costs for UMCOR. UMCOR does not get any funds from the general church. Our gifts on UMCOR Sunday help to make sure that your donations for specific causes, such as

for the displaced Ukraine refugees, tornado and hurricane recovery, or any other national or global need, will go 100% to the cause and nothing for administration expenses. This is a once a year plea. Please give! Checks should be made out to Open Doors UMC and write "UMCOR Sunday" in the memo line. Please use the special UMCOR Special Sunday envelopes. You can also give using the mobile app, Vanco Mobile, or online at www.opendoorsumc.org/giving.



To give direct assistance to Ukrainians fleeing from their country and those left behind, make check out to Open Doors UMC and write "Ukraine" in the check memo line. Donations will be forwarded to UMCOR. (This is a separate donation from UMCOR Sunday.) For more info, pick up a F&Q sheet on the back table.



Are you a Thrivent Financial member? You may have some Thrivent Choice Dollars that will expire on March 31 if you don't direct them to a charitable organization of your choice. Don't let them go to waste! Open Doors UMC is a participating organization and eligible for your Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Search for "Open Doors United Methodist."



Woman's Day – Mark April 9th on your calendar for "Hearing God," a day for women to gather, grow closer to the Lord, and to learn to hear Him more clearly. Megan Edwards will be the special speaker. The Woman's Day will be held Saturday morning, April 9, at Prairie River Camp in The Cups of Faith Cafe. The cost will be \$15 and will include coffee, rolls and fruit, worship and the message, and supplies for making a prayer journal. Register by April 1 by contacting Katie Hueper 763-300-4955, Sandy Youngblom 507-525-2401, or the church office. The \$15 fee is due at time of registration. Proceeds over cost and any donations will go towards the purchase a Safe T Home® grain bin home for Haiti.



March is MN Food Share month! During the month of March, dollars received can expand the amount of food that can be purchased, \$1 can be stretched into food for 2 or more meals. The need in our area is great! Your help is crucial for the Wells Area Food Shelf to continue to serve our friends and neighbors! Please consider donating. Donations may be sent to: WAFS PO Box 12, Wells MN 56097 or you may donate through Open Doors UMC, just write Food Shelf in the memo line.



Change of date: The funeral for Ruth Lamphier has been changed to Sunday, April 3. Visitation is at 1:00 and the service will be at 2:00 at the new Nasinec Funeral Home and Crematory in the Wells Business Park.



Sunday, March 20

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee / Sunday School
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways
- 11:30am Country Store meeting

Monday, March 21

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 22

9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean

Wednesday, March 23

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 4:30pm Confirmation
- 5-6pm Wednesday Supper
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 6:00pm Youth Group
- 7:00pm Choir practice

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

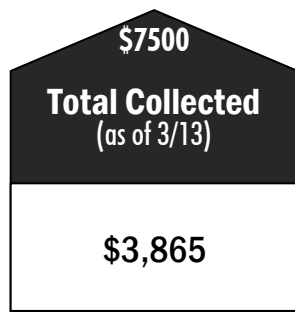
- Pastor..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist Jan Johanson
- Scripture Readers Madison Meyer
- Cross Bearer Gavin Bird
- Acolytes..... Elyse & Olivia Bird
- A/V Sarah Hankerson, Don Stenzel
- Projection Karen Stenzel

Birthdays This Week:

- March 20..... Mark Lacher, Holden Petersen, Sabrina Hankerson
- March 22..... Janice Linder, Wayne Minse, Rose Wigern
- March 23..... Brennan Anderson
- March 24..... Bob Clark
- March 26..... Dan Willaby, John Kruse

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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



Over Half Way to Our Goal!

We have \$3,835 towards our goal of \$7,500.

For every \$750 donated, we will add one-half “ring” to the grain bin wall display in the sanctuary until we have the bin completed.

MISSION-OF-THE-QUARTER

Safe T Home® is a hurricane-proof grain bin home designed and built by Sukup Manufacturing Co. in partnership with GoServ Global that is saving and transforming lives for people in developing countries around the world.



The Safe T Home can withstand the devastating hurricanes and earthquakes that have plagued Haiti over the last decade. In fact, in 2016 when Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti with 145 mph winds, all 200 of the grain bin homes that were built there remained strong with only minimal damage, while only 10% of the traditional homes remained.

A suitable dwelling for all phases of a recovery effort – emergency, transitional, or permanent – the Safe T Home is:

- Made of 20-gauge galvanized steel for 75 year life expectancy
- Withstands hurricane winds (145 mph) and is highly earthquake resistant
- 100% termite, fire, and water proof
- Assembles on site with simple hand tools
- Comes with a solar panel and has water collection potential
- Houses up to 10 people in bunk beds in a standard 18’ unit that contains a loft
- Can shelter up to 60 people during a natural disaster

The complete cost of one Safe T Home is \$7500 – \$5700 for materials, \$1500 shipping, and \$300 for a cement foundation. This is our goal. Won’t you help us complete an entire home for a needy family? If we can do that, Sukup will engrave the home with our church’s name and let us know where it is providing a safe shelter for a family in need.

For more information, check out the January OneWay and the websites: www.goservglobal.org and www.sukup.com/safe-t-home

To donate, make check out to Open Doors UMC and write Safe T Home in the memo line.