



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
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Worship: 11:00 am | Coffee: 10:00 am

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April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Welcome to worship – and to resurrection life – on this most joyous day!

We begin this morning reliving the events of Christ's crucifixion with "Hallelujah," Easter rendition – music by Leonard Cohen, words by Kelley Mooney.

Processional "Hallelujah" Praise Team/Choir

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news—the grave is empty, Christ is risen.
People: Hallelujah!
Leader: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.
People: Hallelujah!
Leader: This is the good news—once we were no people, now we are God's people.
People: Hallelujah!

* *Hymn* "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" # 302, vs 1-4
Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

* *Passing the Peace*
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Acts 10:34-43
Response "There's Something About That Name" #171
Tenebrae Readings John 20:1-9
John 20:11-18
John 20:19-23
John 20:24-29
John 21:1-6
John 21:15-19
Response "Christ the Lord is Risen" #2116, vs. 1, 2, 9
Sermon "He Lives" Pastor Chris Leistra
* *Hymn* "He Lives" #310, vs. 1

– Stewards of Faith –

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry)
Offering our Gifts for Ministry
Prayer of Thanksgiving: (unison)
Living God, you have given us so much in Jesus Christ: hope, joy, and peace. Above all, you have given us life! What can we give in return? If the whole world were ours, it

would not be enough. What little we have we humbly offer to you. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you. Amen.

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Up from the Grave He Arose"

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

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome, one and all, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection — and ours. Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at the Wells Campus and before the 11:00 am service at the Kiester Campus.

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: Jerry Niebuhr and family for the passing of Bev on April 5; Jaunice Gerber for the passing of her son, Robert; Jan Carlson; Alan Yokieli; for the people and work of Red Bird Mission; for all those affected by tornados in the eastern mid-section of the US; 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

Thank You – To all those who helped out during this busy week to provide a meaningful journey through Holy Week.

- To the altar team, who readied our chancels for each worship service.
- To the Praise Team, Choir & Jan Johanson who put in many hours of practice and gave us beautiful music.
- To Josh Edwards and youth from The WAY who shared music for the Wednesday and Sunrise worship services.
- To all the Tenebrae readers on Palm Sunday and Easter.
- To our tech crews: Deb Lackey, Brett, Sabrina & Sarah Hankerson, Don & Karen Stenzel who put in extra time for the multiple services.
- To the people who shared flowers or plants to beautify the chancel.
- To all the people who made soups and helped in the kitchen for the Wednesday Soup Supper. It was a great success!

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Easter Flowers From: _____ In Memory Of:

- Roesler Families.....Ralph & Wilma Roesler
- Diane & Elizabeth BathkeEdgar & Carrell Bathke & Loved Ones
- Mike & Christine Buer, Breven, Dayton, and Iver
- Margaret Courier.....Loved Ones
- Sherry Asmus & Jeff Pettit.....Harold Sheldahl & Donald Pettit
- Dave & Shari Petersen.....In Honor of Our Parents
- Doug & Sarah Hankerson.....For the Joy of Easter

Thank you to any others that were not known at the time of printing. *Thank you all.* (You may take your flowers home any time after the last service today, if you like.)

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Lenten Offering will go to Red Bird Mission, the mission Open Doors voted to support and form a covenant with. Red Bird Mission, Inc. provides ministries for critical needs in the isolated, rural distressed area of the Appalachian Mountains. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

To give to Red Bird Mission through the Lenten offering, please use the special Lenten envelopes in the pew pockets.



Beverly Niebuhr (83) went home to meet Jesus on April 5. Her funeral will be Monday, April 10 at 11:00am at Open Doors UMC, Wells. Visitation will be today, April 9, from 4-7 pm at Nasinec Funeral Home and an hour before the service. Please keep Jerry and their family in your prayers.



Sunday Worship services will continue through the end of April in Kiester. We'll take a break for the summer and then revisit in the fall. Kiester folks are always welcome and encouraged to attend services in Wells during the time off.



Wednesday Night Suppers – Enjoy a night away from the kitchen and out with friends at church! The menu this week, April 12: Sloppy joes, baked beans, chips and pizza. Serving will be from 5:00-6:15 and we ask for a free-will donation. Invite your friends or meet them here! Choir members & youth, come for supper before practice or The WAY. And please consider volunteering as a Wednesday night cook! The sign-up sheet is on the clipboard or on the bulletin board in the entryway. The next three weeks are open yet.



Vacation Bible School – We're going to experiment with a new format for VBS this year. It will be a "Wells Area" VBS including children and leaders from Wells Assembly of God, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Covenant Life, and Open Doors UMC. We're excited about how fun it can be for our kids, the huge outreach this can have in our town and about working together! It will be held the mornings of June 5-8 at Thompson Park (in case of bad weather it will be at Open Doors). Watch for more info to come!



Open Doors Treasures & More will be held this fall, October 7 & 8, 2023. Be thinking now and throughout the summer of what you can donate to sell at this fundraiser – something homemade or from your garden, handcrafted arts, collectibles, or delicious eats. Working together as a church family to put on this large event is rewarding and fun. Your help with organizing the event is needed now! **A meeting will be held Sunday, April 30 at 10:00am after worship.** Please come to the meeting or contact Linda Bakken if you're interested in helping but unable to attend.



Summer 2023 is just around the corner! Experience Christ, creation, and community at our three UMC camp locations. Register before April 30 and receive a \$25 camp store credit. Save even more by bringing a friend with you to camp. Check out all the possibilities and register at www.campminnesota.org. Open Doors UMC will give up to \$75 camp scholarship for UMC camps. Contact Mary Loveless.



Funeral Servers – Thank you to all who filled out and returned the survey! We have some names of people who would be willing to serve on a funeral lunch team. *Thank you!* If there are others who are willing to serve that didn't sign their name, or people who did not turn in a survey and would like to serve, please let Mary Loveless know, or contact the office. Let us know if you are available weekdays, weekends, or both.



Community Leadership Event – Tuesday, April 25, 5:00-7:30pm at Nasinec Event Center. Bill Goodwin will be discussing Dr. Tim Elmore's book, A New Kind of Diversity, about what might be the biggest, most dramatic, and most disruptive shift the American workforce has ever seen: the vast diversity of several generations living—and working—together. Area businesses and leaders are encouraged to attend to learn how their teams can become stronger from all the strengths each generation brings to the table. Wells Area Ministerial is sponsoring this event. Tickets are \$15 and include dinner.



Five Sisters Project SOUL SISTERS: Thursday, April 13 at 7:00pm at the Wilderness Prayer Center. The special speaker will be Paula Shaughnessy from Only Believe.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Easter Sunday, April 9

W 7:00am Sunrise Worship
7:45am Breakfast
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee

K 11:00am Worship

Monday, April 10

W 11:00am Bev Niebuhr Memorial Service

Tuesday, April 11

9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean

W 1:00pm Painting class
4:00pm Community chimes
6:30pm Ministry Council

Wednesday, April 12

W 9:00am Community prayer
10:00am Community Bible study
9:00am Staff meeting
10:00am Worship at Parkview

W 5:00-6:15 Supper
5:45pm Praise Team
6:30pm Choir
6:30pm The WAY Youth Group at USC

Thursday, April 13

W 10:00am Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Sunday, April 16

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
Organists...Jan Johanson (W), Staci Thompson (K)
Tenebrae Readers- Wells..... Shari Petersen,
Alice Oleson, Sharon Miller, Katie Hueper,
Kent Viesselman, Doug Hankerson
Tenebrae Readers-Kiester Dan Willaby,
Terry & Sylvia Halverson
Cross Bearer..... October Roberts
Acolytes..... Kaydra Haugh
OfferingDean & Sandy Youngblom
A/VSarah Hankerson, Sabrina Hankerson
Projection Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

April 9..... McKayla Mithun
April 10 Bruce Parks
April 12 Kim Anderson, Christy Musser
April 13 Ryen Gossen, Katie Hueper
April 15 Floyd Lackey
April 16 Sadie Nappin

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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