



# OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WELLS CAMPUS

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

## KIESTER CAMPUS

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507-294-3300  
Worship: 8:00 am | Coffee: 9:00 am

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April 24, 2022 – Easter 2

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Jesus, you showed Thomas the scars that remained, even in your resurrection body.  
Thank you for being so real for us all.*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

\* *Opening Hymn*                    "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"                    #154, vs. 1, 2, 4

\* *Call to Worship*

Leader: Come, everyone, and clap your hands for joy! Shout to God with joyful praise.

People: **For the Lord Most High is awesome. He is the great King of all the earth.**

**Song**    "Clap Your Hands" (W)    #2038

Leader: God has ascended with a mighty shout. The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring.

People: **Sing praise to God, sing praises; sing praise to our King, sing praises!**

**Song**    "Praise Ye the Lord" (W)    #2010, vs. 3

Leader: For God is the King over all the earth.

People: **Praise Him.**

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Lesson*                    Acts 1:3-6, 12; 2:1-8 (NRSV)

\* *Hymn*    "Spirit of the Living God"    #393

\* *Gospel Lesson*                    Matthew 22:34-40, 28:16-21 (NRSV)

*Sermon*                    "New Beginnings: The Genesis of the Church"                    Pastor Chris Leistra  
*The Story, Chapter 28*

*Message Response*                    "Spirit of God"    #2117, vs. 1, 4, 5

*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*                    "Lift High the Cross"    #159

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

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**Keep in your prayers this week:** For the people of Ukraine; the people and work of Red Bird Mission; Sally Yokiell for broken wrist; Priscilla & Dean Holst; Alan Stensrud, Rita Bebler, and Michelle Viesselman in their fight against cancer; Alan Yokiell; 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**

**Support for Red Bird Mission** – With the Lenten offering, we're two-thirds of the way to our commitment to Red Bird Mission. As of last Sunday, we have received \$805 – \$400 to go! Just as a reminder, we voted as an entire congregation for which missionary/mission we would support and Red Bird Mission received by far the majority of votes cast. Even if your choice didn't win, we as a congregation, are forming a covenant with Red Bird, promising to support them annually, both financially and with prayer.

To give to Red Bird Mission through the Lenten offering, please use the special Lenten envelopes in the pew pockets or mark LENT on your check memo line.



**Vacation Bible School** – All children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Open Door's Lava Lava Luau VBS that will be held Monday-Thursday mornings, June 6-9. During our fun 4-day week at the Lava Lava Luau, kids will learn Biblical ways to express and deal with their emotions. We'll see what God's Word says about anger, sadness, jealousy, and frustration and learn how we can respond to others who may be feeling these emotions as well. Watch for registration forms to come out soon.

**Could you help with VBS?** If you know you would like to help in some way that week, please let Sarah in the office know. We need youth and adult helpers and station leaders.



**The Little Red Food Pantry** is getting regular use! **Next Sunday, May 1**, is our monthly offering for the Little Red Food Pantry. Food items may be placed in the tub in the entryway and financial gifts in the jar. Thanks!



**The community youth group, UNITE::YTH** is tonight, April 24, at Wells Assembly of God Church (190 S Broadway, Wells) from 6:00-8:00 pm. Josh Edwards is the host and worship leader. Jono Gates of Gono Gates Ministries is the guest speaker. All youth in grades 6-12 (and parents/drivers) are invited!



**Calling for all sale items! Treasures & More is only one week away!** Now is the time to gather up the collectibles, finish up those craft and sewing projects, and bake your items for the bake sale. If you are at a loss for what to donate, consider purchasing plants or garden equipment for resale. The more items we have to sell, the more funds we'll have for the kitchen remodeling project. The categories are Bakery, Baby Place, Collectibles, Plants & Garden, Canned Goods, Crafts, Rugs, Clothing/Apparel, Cards & Such, Holidays, and Jewelry. We are looking for *very good* quality items. Please sign up on the easel in the entryway what you are going to bring for the sale. *Invite all your friends and family to come and shop or have a cup of coffee!*

**Items may be dropped off** at the church on Thursday, April 28 from 1:00-7:00pm and on Friday, April 29 from 1:00-5:30pm, or contact the church office to make other arrangements.

**Pricing:** We are asking people to price their own items and write your initials on the price tag. Price tags and a sample suggested price list of most items will be available to look at during the drop-off hours if you need help.

**Unsold items:** All items donated and not sold at the end of the sale belong to the person who donated them. Please take home all your unsold items at the close of the sale on Sunday, May 1. We won't be having a "Last Chance" sale this year.

**Workers needed!** People are needed to assist with laying out and displaying the items on Thursday and Friday during the drop-off hours and customer service during the sale. Also, if you have any props or good ideas for displaying items, that would be a wonderful help. Please let us know if you would like to help in any way – contact Linda Bakken, 507-383-5796 or the church office.



**Kitchen Update:** Work is progressing. Lau Builders is now taking on the project and KS Designs from Mapleton is doing the cabinets. The design plans are not quite finalized yet, but we have a good idea on price and timing. As of now, we think it should be done by late summer/early fall.

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**Register for camp by April 30** to take advantage of Early Bird Camp Store Credit. Register for any Camp Minnesota camp at Northern Pines, Koronis Ministries, or KoWaKan Adventures by April 30 and receive a \$25 Camp Store Credit. Check out all the possibilities and register at [www.campminnesota.org](http://www.campminnesota.org). The Wells United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) will give up to \$75 camp scholarship for UMC camps. Contact Ruth Roesler.

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**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 an F&Q sheet on the back table. So far, we've received \$200 for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

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**May/June Upper Room** devotionals are available to pick up. \$1.25 for regular print or \$1.50 for large print.



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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**

**April 27 Menu:** Sausage Gravy & Biscuits  
 Served by Katie & Darrin Hueper

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**Harriet Roesti Borst** is turning 100 years old on May 1<sup>st</sup>! Harriet's first husband, Rev. Donald Roesti served the Wells EUB church from 1959-1965. He died suddenly while serving at the Wells church. Birthday cards can be sent to: Harriet Borst, 996 Southern Ridge Dr SW, Rochester, MN 55902-1852.



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**Safe T Home**<sup>®</sup>

**We've reached our goal!**

- ▶ We have made it to our goal of \$7,500! That is enough to build and ship one complete Safe T Home<sup>®</sup> to Haiti. Thank you all for your generous donations!!!
- ▶ Hope UMC in Blue Earth is also working at collecting funds for another Safe T Home<sup>®</sup>. If you haven't donated to this worthy cause yet but would like to, your donation will go towards a second home.
- ▶ Place donation in the offering plate or chest and designate Safe T Home<sup>®</sup> in the check memo line or on your envelope.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, April 24**

- K** 8:00am Worship
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways
- 11:30am Confirmation Make-up
- 6:00-8:00pm UNITE::YTH at Wells Assembly of God

**Tuesday, April 26**

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at church

**Wednesday, April 27**

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

**Thursday, April 28**

- 1-7pm Bring items in for Treasures & More

**Friday, April 29**

- 1-5:30pm Bring items in for Treasures & More
- 1-? pm Set-up/pricing

**Saturday, April 30**

- 8am-12pm Treasures & More

**Sunday, May 1**

- K** 8:00am Worship
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:30-11:30 Treasures & More
- 11:30am Confirmation Make-up

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

- Pastor..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist (Wells)..... Jan Johanson
- Organist (Kiester)..... Staci Thompson
- Scripture Reader..... Pat Druckenmiller
- Cross Bearer..... tbd
- Acolytes..... tbd
- A/V..... Sarah Hankerson, Kaylynn Healey
- Projection..... Martin Healey

**Birthdays This Week:**

- April 24..... Addison Mithun, Nancy Hummer
- April 25..... Chris Musser
- April 27..... Jady Lutteke
- April 28..... Matt Bird
- April 29..... LaVonne Swearingen, Mike Chandler
- April 30..... Diane Viesselman
- May 1..... Trevor Kibler

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

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

Come and shop at Open Doors Treasures & More!

(See the article on when to drop off items for the sale.)



**OPEN DOORS**  
**TREASURES & MORE**

Sharing blessings of talents, treasures, trinkets, treats, & more!

Saturday **April 30**  
8:00am-Noon

Sunday **May 1**  
10:30 -11:30am

Coffee and Treats served Saturday during the sale.

Proceeds of the sale and coffee will go towards remodeling the church kitchen.

**DEPARTMENTS:**

Rugs	Crafts
Baby Place	Holiday
Jewelry	Paper Craft
Collectibles	Wearables
Garden / Plants	
Bakery & Canned Goods	

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Handicap entrance in the rear.

