



**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: 8:00 am | Coffee: 9:00 am

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May 29, 2022 – Easter 7, Ascension Sunday

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

The Spirit invites all: "Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life" (Revelation 22:17, NLT). Welcome.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Opening Song* "Great Is the Lord" #2022, vs 1 & 3

* *Call to Worship*

Leader: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

People: **You who love the Lord, hate evil! He protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked.**

Leader: Light shines on the godly, and joy on those who do right.

People: **May all who are godly be happy in the Lord and praise his holy name!**

* *Song* "He Is Exalted" #2070

Conference Report

Sherry Asmus

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Memorial Day

One: Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you:

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives that have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,

All: We lift up thankful hearts.

One: For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever . . .

All: We lift up thankful hearts.

One: For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven . . .

All: We lift up thankful hearts.

One: For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others . . .

All: We lift up thankful hearts.

One: That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night . . .

All: We lift up thankful hearts.

One: That we may now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one,

All: O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage. Day by day we magnify you, and worship your name, for ever and ever, Amen.

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

<i>Scripture Lesson</i>	Revelation 22:12-21 (NRSV)	
* <i>Hymn</i>	"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"	#715
* <i>Gospel Lesson</i>	Mark 13:12-27 (NRSV)	
<i>Sermon</i>	"End of Time—From the Garden to the End"	Pastor Chris Leistra
<i>Message Response</i>	"Soon and Very Soon"	#706

– 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* "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" #702, vs. 1, 2, &4
- * *Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

Keep in your prayers this week: The families of shooting victims and the community of Uvalde, Texas; for the family of David Mutschler; Dean Holst’s family; Tammy Bullerman, Alan Stensrud, Rita Bebler, and Michelle Viesselman in their fight against cancer; 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

Annual Conference concluded last Wednesday. Sherry Asmus will be giving us a report this morning. Recordings of events can watched at www.facebook.com/MinnesotaUMC, and news articles found at www.minnesotaumc.org/annualconference .

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Baccalaureate – Celebrate the USC Seniors with the faith community, hosted by the Wells Area Ministerium – Wednesday, June 1 at 7:00 pm in the USC Auditorium.

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David Mutschler (90) passed away Wednesday, May 25 at Mayo Clinic Health System-Austin. His celebration of life was held at Open Doors UMC-Wells Campus on Saturday, May 28 with burial in Fairview Cemetery, Kiester. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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Pentecost is next Sunday, June 5 – In the tradition of Open Doors UMC, we would like your help to fill the sanctuary with red flowers on Pentecost Sunday. If you have any live red flowers not planted in the ground yet, please bring them to the church in Wells by 10:00 am Saturday, June 4, or to Kiester on Sunday morning. To be festive, **wear something red!**

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Face Painting – Members from the Jamaica Mission Team will be doing face painting at Summer in the City in Wells on Thursday, June 9 from 4-7pm. Free-will donations will go towards the Jamaica mission trip. Join the fun!

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St. Casimir’s School is now accepting applications for enrollment for students in preschool through sixth grade for the 2022-2023 school year. If you would like an application or more information, please contact the school at 507-5453-5822 or send an email to casimir@bevcomm.net.

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Red Bird Mission Support – We have reached our giving goal of \$1,205 for this year. THANK YOU! Now let’s continue to keep them and their ministries in our prayers.

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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. For more info, pick up an F&Q sheet on the back table. So far, we've received \$250 for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.



The congregation is invited to our graduates open house graduation receptions:

Katherine Huper: Saturday, June 4, 2-5pm at 132 Clover Lane, Mankato, MN 56001

Lexi Johnson: Saturday, June 4, 4-7pm at her home: 14412 550th Ave., Wells, MN 56097.

Amelia & RJ Fordham: Sunday, June 5, 9am-12noon at the Wells American Legion.

Grace Mithun: Friday, June 10, 4-7pm at her home: 55301 100th St., Bricelyn, MN 56014.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 29

- K** 8:00am Worship
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee
- 10:30am Adult Study

Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31

- W** 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at church

Wednesday, June 1

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 5:00pm VBS Training & Pizza
- 5:45pm Praise Team practice
- 7:00pm USC Baccalaureate

Sunday, June 5

- K** 8:00am Worship
- W** 9:30am Worship / 10:30 Coffee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist.....Staci Thompson
- Scripture Reader..... Pat Coy
- Acolyte.....Jaiden & Makinlee Gossen
- Cross Bearer..... tbd
- A/V..... Sarah Hankerson, Sabrina Hankerson
- Projection..... Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- May 30..... Brayden Mithun
- May 31..... Margaret Courrier, Owen Lackey, Carol Thibodeau
- June 1..... Pastor Paul Woolverton, Taylor Lacher
- June 5..... Teresa Roberts, Steve Roesler, Chloe Bullerman, Regan Cords

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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