

BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



COMPASSION  
I believe God calls all Christians to  
show compassion to people in need.  
Palm 81:3-4



## 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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June 4, 2023 – Trinity Sunday

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Holy Three-in-One and One-in-Three: You show us the beauty of loving relationship.  
Help us relate lovingly to one another and to you. Amen.*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Annual Conference Report*

#### \* *Call to Worship*

\* Song "Holy, Holy, Holy" #64, vs. 1 & 4

Leader: Psalm 8 leads us into worship this morning. It speaks of the majesty of God and his love and care for us in his creation.

O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

**People: Your glory is higher than the heavens.**

\* Song "How Majestic Is Your Name" #2023

Leader: When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers---the moon and the stars you have set in place---

**People: what are mortals that you should think of us, mere humans that you should care for us?**

Leader: For you made us only a little lower than God, and you crowned us with glory and honor.

\* Song "God of Wonders" on screen (#3034)

**ALL O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!**

#### \* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Children's Moment* "Ruth and Boaz" *Believe Storybook* (Ruth 1-4)

*Scripture Lesson* Numbers 14:18; James 1:16-18 (NRSV)

*Response* "Lord, Be Glorified" #2150

#### \* *Gospel Lessons* Luke 1:67-79 (NRSV)

*Sermon* "God's Compassion and Justice" Pastor Christopher Leistra  
*Believe*, Chapter 8

*Message Response* "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #121, vs. 1-3

### – Stewards of Faith –

*Giving with a Thankful Heart*

#### \* *Doxology*

#### \* *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Communion Song "Here Is Bread, Here is Wine" #2266, vs. 1-3

The Great Thanksgiving pg. 9

The Lord's Prayer (unison) #895

Receiving the Gifts of Bread and Cup

You are invited to come forward to receive this gift of God's love in Christ as instructed by the pastor. Everyone is welcome to the Lord's table in the United Methodist Church, as Christ's act of love is offered to all. After you have communed, please return to your seats by the side aisles. If coming forward is difficult for you, signal the communion servers who come to the back of the sanctuary – they will be happy to bring communion to you. Thank you.

Prayer after Receiving

- Sending Forth -

\* Benediction

\* Hymn of Going Forth "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" #79, vs. 1, 2, 4

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

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**Today is Holy Trinity Sunday**, so, fittingly, we welcome you to worship in the name of God the Creator, Jesus the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, who sustains our faith and empowers us for discipleship. Amen. Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at the Wells 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:** All the graduates; all the children and leaders at VBS this week; Alan Yokiel; all others who are dealing with health issues; for the people and work of Red Bird Mission; 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**

**Worship in the Park** – 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday, June 7, at Thompson Park. Join The WAY worship team and friends for an hour of uplifting music and worship!

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**Wells Area Vacation Bible School** will take place this week, Monday through Thursday at Thompson Park. In case of bad weather, they will meet at our church. Please pray for VBS and all the children and leaders this week. We are anticipating around 70 children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade from Wells Assembly of God, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Open Doors UMC, and others in the community.

**For parent's information – Pick up your child(ren) at Thompson Park at 11:30 am on Thursday, June 8.** Thursday's pick-up time will be half an hour later, 11:30 instead of 11:00. The group will be walking to and from Parkview Care Center that day. If we're not back right at 11:30, we will be shortly.

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One Wednesday a month during the summer will be designated as Servant Wednesday. If anyone has any work projects at their home that they would like to have done but need help with, we will do our best to line people up to do that for you. And if there are any men, women, or youth who would like to work together to do these projects, let us know. The work will be done in the evenings, from 6:00 to dark. The dates are June 21, July 26, and August 16. Contact John Kruse at 507-995-1224 or the church office at 507-553-5453 if you have projects you would like to have done or if you would like to be on a Serve Team.

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**The Tuesday Coffee Group** will meet at Jim & Alice Oleson's this week. Coffee with the Pastor and The Believe Study will continue next week at The Bean.

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**Thank you to all who donated to the Conference Love Offering!** Our Love Offering totaled \$555.28 this year and will join the rest of the Conference's offering of over \$40,000 to tangibly

share God's extravagant love with a hurting world by addressing the growing mental health needs in Minnesota. 768 diapers also were donated to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. 559 more are ready to go in the fall when the truck comes to Blue Earth.



**Looking for someone with a van or pick-up** who could bring a treadle sewing machine to Hope UMC in Blue Earth. Would need help loading at Frank & Sue McKeehan's home in Wells and possibly unloading at Hope UMC. Anytime this summer would be fine. Thank you to Sue and Frank for donating this machine!

Midwest Mission Distribution Center sends sewing machines to nonprofits around the world who take them and teach women how to sew. After they learn how to sew, they are able to make clothing and needed items for their families, and they are able to make items to sell, providing a way out of poverty. In many cases, this prevents them from having to sell their bodies. Treadle sewing machines are greatly desired to send to countries where electricity is not dependable or nonexistent.



**Red Cross Blood Drive** is Monday, June 5 at the Legion Hall in Wells. To make an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: WELLSMN.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, June 4**

**W** 9:00am Worship w/Communion  
10:00am Coffee  
2:00 USC Graduation

**Monday-Thursday, June 5-8**

9:30-11:00 am Wells Area VBS at Thompson Park (Open Doors rail location)

**Monday, June 5**

10:30-6:30 Blood Drive at Wells Am. Legion

**Tuesday, June 6**

9-11am Coffee at Oleson's  
**W** 1:00pm Painting class  
5:45pm Praise Team

**Wednesday, June 7**

6:30pm Worship with The WAY at Thompson Park

**Thursday, June 8**

**W** 10:00am Caregiver Support Group  
4-7pm Summer in the City

**Sunday, June 11**

**W** 9:00am Worship  
10:00am Coffee

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Pastor .....Rev. Christopher Leistra  
Organists.....Jan Johanson  
Scripture Reader .....Britney Haugh  
Communion Servers .....Joyce Frederick,  
Shari Petersen  
Offering .....2 volunteers, please  
A/V ..... Kaylynn Healey, Sarah Hankerson  
Projection..... Martin Healey

**Birthdays This Week:**

June 5 ..... Teresa Roberts, Steven Roesler,  
Chloe Bullerman, Regan Cords  
June 6 ..... Steve Johnson  
June 7 ..... Michelle Lacher, Jan Ostrowski  
June 8 ..... Jeff Ramsley, Sandy Youngblom,  
Dylan Parks, Sue McKeehan, Stacy  
Miller  
June 10 ..... RJ Fordham, Amie Fordham

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

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

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

The church survey we conducted this spring revealed that the majority of responders wanted to see our church grow, particularly the children & youth programs, but improvement was needed.

We held a meeting last week about childhood education for the fall and we are definitely looking at making some changes. We're looking at moving classes to Wednesdays, either right after school (3:15) or right after supper (6:00 - supper will be served at church from 5-6 and hopefully we have cooks for each week – another opportunity to serve! ☺); and a possible 1-room multi-age class on Sundays after church.

To make this next year's Christian Ed the best possible for our children, we need your help. We will need around 6 adults or older youth to volunteer as teachers & helpers, but we want to know what time would be best for our volunteers – Wed. afternoon, Wed. evening, or Sunday morning – and based on your responses, program planning will proceed for the time slot when we have an adequate number of leaders. It is a commitment of a few hours a week, but it can make a big impact on a kid's life to have you share the Gospel and some of yourself with them.

Jesus said the harvest is great, but the workers are few ... can you be a worker? Let us know what time or times work for you.

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### **Yes, I care about our children and want to see our church grow!**

I can volunteer during the following times:

*Please check as many as possible, as planning will proceed for the time slot where we have the greatest number of leaders available.*

- 3:30-5:00pm Wednesday Classroom
- 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday Classroom
- 3:00-3:30pm Wednesday Snack Server
- 10:00-11:00am Sunday Classroom (multi-age)
- I can't commit to a full year, but I can teach from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ during this day & time (pick from times above): \_\_\_\_\_
- I will pray for Open Doors to develop a successful children's ministry, for leaders to step forward, and for the children to come. I pray that each child has the opportunity to grow their faith and to lead others.

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

Send/Text/Email/Bring to Open Doors. May be placed in offering plate.