



## 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 25, 2023 – Pentecost 4

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*On this first official weekend of summer, I thank you, Creator God,  
for warmth, sunshine, growth, rest and rejuvenation.*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

\* *Call to Worship*

\* *Song* "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" #662, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

Leader: People of God, tell it!

**People: We are not alone! We are children of God!**

Leader: People of Christ, tell it!

**People: The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.**

Leader: People of the Spirit, tell it!

**People: The Spirit of Truth reveals hidden things, offering healing through honest confession.**

Leader: People of God, tell it!

**People: We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.**

\* *Song* "We Fall Down" on screen (#3187)

\* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Lessons* Romans 6:1b-11 (NRSV)

*Response* "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" on screen (#3104)

\* *Gospel Lesson* Mark 12:29-31 (NRSV)

*Sermon* "Loving and Being Loved" Pastor Christopher Leistra

*Message Response* "How Can We Name a Love" #111, vs. 1 & 3

### – Stewards of Faith –

*Giving with a Thankful Heart*

*Offering our Gifts for Ministry*

*Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry)*

\* *Doxology* #95

\* *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

### – Sending Forth –

\* *Benediction*

\* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #664

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

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**Welcome to worship** and Christian fellowship this summer morning! May we learn what Jesus truly means by calling us to “take up the cross and follow [him]” (Matthew 10:38, NRSV). 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:** Marge Mutschler; Jaunice Gerber; RJ Fordham for healing of his hip; JoEtta Doolittle’s family on the passing of her sister-in-law; Alan Yokiell; all others who are dealing with health issues; the families of the men who perished in the submersible accident; congregations and their ministers in our United Methodist connection as they say good-bye at the end of their appointments and embrace new faces and places in the coming days; 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**

**The Believe Study and Coffee with Pastor Chris** will meet at The Bean this Tuesday, June 27 for the final session on *Believe*. (Another 5-week segment will happen this fall). The study is from 9:00-10:00 am and Coffee with the Pastor from 10-11am. *All are welcome!*

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**Thank you** John and Miles Kruse! The first Servant Wednesday was well-received – four projects for church members were completed. The next Servant Wednesdays are 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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**Change of address:** Jaunice Gerber, Marge Mutschler, and Irene Bathke have all recently moved into Parkview Care Center for therapy and to regain health and strength. The address at Parkview is: 55 10<sup>th</sup> St SW, Wells, MN 56097. Other church members currently there are Marion Redman and Betty Olson. Consider stopping in for an afternoon visit!

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**Pastor Chris will be away on vacation** from Tuesday afternoon, June 27 through Thursday, July 6. While he is away, if you have any pastoral care needs, please call the office. We have a pastor on-call.

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**The Festag Parade is coming up Wednesday, July 12!** We’re looking for riders and walkers to represent Open Doors! Doug Bruckhoff will drive his pick-up through the parade for us. We need lots of friendly faces – young and old! It would be nice to have enough people to fill a trailer! Line-up is 6:30 with the parade beginning at 7:00. Please sign up on the clip board if you want to be part of the fun of the Festag parade or let the office know. Volunteers also welcome to come in that week to get the candy buckets ready.

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**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!

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**The July/August Upper Room** devotionals are available to pick up.

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**The Painting Group will not meet for the next two weeks.** The next time will be July 11.

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**Enjoy Fly-In Drive-In Breakfast** at Wells Airport, today, June 25, 7am to noon. Pancakes, French toast, eggs, coffee, juice, and milk. Airplane rides available.

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, June 25**

W 9:00am Worship  
10:00am Coffee

**Tuesday, June 27**

9-11am Coffee & Study with Pastor at  
The Bean  
W -5:45pm Praise Team

**Wednesday, June 28**

W 9:00am Community prayer  
10:00am Community Bible study

**Sunday, July 2**

W 9:00am Worship w/ Tim Lewis  
(Communion will be July 9)  
10:00am Coffee

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

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

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Pastor ..... Rev. Christopher Leistra  
Organists ..... Jan Johanson  
Scripture Reader ..... Steve Burns  
Offering ..... 2 volunteers, please  
A/V ..... Sabrina Hankerson, Sarah Hankerson  
Projection ..... Brett Hankerson

**Birthdays This Week:**

June 25 ..... Ben Musser, Jr.  
June 26 ..... Samantha Remington  
June 27 ..... Grace Niebuhr, Gene Roesler,  
Brian Bullerman  
June 28 ..... Jessica Mortenson, Jerry Niebuhr,  
Krista Muhlenbeck  
June 29 ..... Jim Bathke, Dale Garvick  
June 30 ..... Carol Draheim, Mary Ford  
July 2 ..... Harlow Bathke

**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.

**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.

