



**OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**WELLS CAMPUS**  
595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097  
507-553-5453  
Worship: 9:00 am

**KIESTER CAMPUS**  
116 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Kiester, MN 56051  
507-294-3300  
Worship: 10:30 am

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July 11, 2021 – Pentecost 7

**Please turn off or silence your cell phone.**

(\* indicates when to stand. You may remain seated if standing creates a problem for you.)

**– Gathering in Faith –**

*Welcome to worship this midsummer day! May faith and hope grow in you, as crops and flowers and fruits ripen all around us these days.*

*Gathering Music*

*Greeting*

\* *Call to Worship and Praise*

**Leader:** From Psalm 105: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
Make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People:** **Sing to him, sing praises to him; Tell of all his wonderful works.**

“Sing Alleluia to the Lord” (W) #2258, v. 1

**Leader:** Glory in his holy name; Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People:** **Seek the Lord and his strength; Seek his presence continually.**

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord” (W) #2034

**Leader:** Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
His miracles, and judgments he uttered.

**ALL:** **He is the Lord our God! Praise the Lord!**

“Praise Ye the Lord (W) #2010, v. 3&4

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (K) #158

**Leader:** We thank you, O Lord, for all you have already done, and for the love you have showered on us. We ask your blessing on this service as we continually praise and worship you, and seek your leading in our lives.

**People:** **We praise your name, Alleluia!**

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

**– Hearing Our Faith Story –**

*Scripture Reading* Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)

*Hymn* “Let It Breathe on Me” #503

\* *Gospel Lesson* \* Matthew 19:16-30 (NRSV)

*One: The Word of God for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.*

*Sermon* “Dried Out?” Pastor Chris Leistra

*Message Response* “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” #2237

**– Stewards of Faith –**

*Giving with a Thankful Heart*

*Offering our Gifts of Faith*

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*

“Pass It On”

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

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**Keep in your prayers this week:** Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Sue Schuster, Alan Yokiel, Bebo Getchell. Our missionaries Gordon & Ardell Graner. Those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

**Announcements**

**July Mission-of-the-Month:** Help us keep the **Tiny Red Food Pantry** full and stocked for those in our community who need it! If you are able to donate some food to help keep it stocked, you can put it inside the red pantry, drop it off in the collection tub marked Food Shelf, or give to Sandy Youngblom. Thanks!

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**The Festag Parade is this Wednesday, July 14!** Will you join us as a rider or walker and toss out bracelets? Don Stenzel will drive his pick-up through the parade for us. Line-up is 6:30 with the parade beginning at 7:00. Please let Pastor Chris know if you want to be part of the fun of the Festag parade. He will have our unit number.

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**The church office** will be open for limited hours July 1-14 while Sarah is on vacation. Pastor Chris will be in during his regular office hours of 10am-1pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday and other times by appointment and Sandy will be in the office frequently. If you are planning on stopping in, it would be best to call first. When calling the church phone 553-5453, please leave a message and someone will return your call. Otherwise, call Pastor Chris or Sandy on their cell: Pastor: 920-765-3665; Sandy: 507-525-2401.

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**Coffee Servers Needed!** Please sign up for a couple Sundays or more this summer. *Thanks!*

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**The Shepherd’s Inn** is looking to hire Certified Nursing Assistants. To inquire, contact Pat Schuster at 553-6271.

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, July 11**

**W** 9:00am Worship

**WK** 10:00am Coffee

**K** 10:30am Worship

**Monday, July 12**

**W** 1:00pm Mission Kids

6:30pm Ministry Council

**Wednesday, July 14**

**W** 9:30am Staff meeting

6:30pm Line-up for Festag parade

**Thursday, July 15**

**W** 6:30pm Ad Council

**Friday, July 16**

Newsletter deadline

**Sunday, July 18**

**W** 9:00am Worship

**WK** 10:00am Coffee

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Pastor .....Rev. Chris Leistra

Organist.....Jan Johanson

Scripture Reader.....Kent Viesselman

Projection..... Karen Stenzel

AV ..... Kaylynn Healey, Don Stenzel

**Birthdays This Week:**

July 11 ..... Jay Christianson, Becky Gerambia

July 12 ..... Kevin Huper

July 13 ..... Cole Ramsley, Katherine Huper

July 15 ..... Nancy Christianson, Tom Elmer,

Isaac Meyer

July 17 ..... Sylvia Halverson

July 18 ..... Kolt Bullerman

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

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

Friday: 6:00 pm (Bevcomm ch 990);