



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: 11:00 am | Coffee: 10:00 am

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July 16, 2023 – Pentecost 7

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

Open my heart and all my senses to receive your Word today, dear Lord.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

* *Song* "To Know You More" #2161

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

People: **Come, let us worship our Creator!**

Leader: God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance across the earth.

People: **We are the soil the Sower plants, created to nurture and sustain the seeds of God's life-giving love.**

Leader: God is the great Gardener, tilling and cultivating our soil with love and grace.

People: **We notice the rocks and thorns in our soil and call on the Gardener's love and grace to transform us into good soil.**

Leader: God is the great Life-giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to produce the fruit of abundant life.

People: **May we nurture and grow God's new reality, bearing the fruit of flourishing and abundance for all God's creation. Amen.**

* *Song* "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57, vs. 1, 2, 4

* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

Children's Message

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Romans 8:1-11 (NRSV)

Response "O Spirit of the Living God" #539, vs. 1, 3, 4

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSV)

Sermon "Sower" Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response "Hymn of Promise" #707

– Stewards of Faith –

Giving with a Thankful Heart

Offering our Gifts for Ministry

Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry)

* *Doxology*

* *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

– Sending Forth –

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth* “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

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

Welcome to worship in the name of God the Creator of this beautiful summer day, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Counselor each and every day. 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: Jaunice Gerber, as she transitions to living at Shepherd’s Inn; Marge Mutschler; 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

Bible Journaling Class in August – Pastor Chris will be leading a Bible Journaling class each Sunday in August following worship. While studying specific Bible passages, be free to take notes, highlight, decorate, draw, color, use stickers, all to help record what is meaningful to you. A journaling Bible with wide margins will be helpful – you can get them online at Christian bookstores or Amazon – or a separate journal to record your thoughts.

The WAY meets this Wednesday, July 19. During July, The WAY will be meeting in their small groups each week. THIS week, everyone meets on Wednesday, July 19. All youth – boys & girls – going into grades 6-8 are invited out to Don & Karen Stenzel’s home. Youth in grades 9 thru recent graduates, are invited to Amanda Smedley’s home at 790 4th Ave SW, Wells. It’ll run from 6:30-8:30pm.

2nd Quarter Financial Statement were mailed/emailed out this last week. Contact the office if you did not receive yours or have questions regarding the statement.

Servant Wednesday – The next Servant Wednesday is July 26. 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.**

We’re going to start up a Wednesday “Sunday School.” We know we can build Wednesdays into a vibrant, active, Spirit and fun-filled night for families of all ages! But we need your help! We will need around 6 adults or older youth to volunteer as teachers & helpers. Right now, we need teachers, so we will design the program around the time slot where we have the most leaders available. Included in the Wednesday line-up would be supper and a short time for worship & song that everyone can participate in.

Teaching 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 God’s story and some of yourself with them. **We need you!** Please consider being a teacher this fall/winter/spring! Call Pastor Chris or the office and let us know what time works best for you: **3:30-5:00pm Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday, OR 10:00-11:00am Sunday** (we would like to continue with a 1-room multi-age class after church on Sundays). Snack servers will also be needed if we have an after-school program.

Please pray for the success of our children’s ministry and that teachers will come forward.

Fundraiser coming up July 29 for Jim & Alice’s granddaughter, Trisha, at the Golden Bubble. Watch for more info to come.

The painting class will not meet for two weeks. Next class will be August 1.

Brunch & Learn – Reimagining Aging: Come enjoy a light brunch while reimagining how to age by having a positive outlook as we age. Presented by Dan Woodring, Executive Director of

Interfaith Caregivers. July 20, 10am at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Kiester. RSVP by July 17: 507-526-4684.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 16

W 9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee

Monday, July 17 – Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, July 18

9-11am Coffee at The Bean (if it's closed, then meet at Open Doors)
1:00pm Wells Area Ministerial meeting at Assembly of God church

Wednesday, July 19

W 9:30am Staff meeting
9:00am Community prayer
10:00am Community Bible study
6:30pm The WAY Middle School group at Stenzel's
6:30pm The WAY High School group at Smedley's

Friday, July 21

6:30pm The WAY Kickball & Bonfire at Edwards'

Sunday, July 23

W 9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
Organist.....Jan Johanson
Scripture Reader.....Alice Oleson
Offering.....2 volunteers, please
A/V.....Sabrina Hankerson, Sarah Hankerson
Projection.....Brett Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

July 17.....Sylvia Halverson
July 18.....Kolt Bullerman
July 23.....Mark Miller

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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



Sponsored by The Wells Area Ministerial

Kernel Days Pool Party

5 pm
Food & Yard Games

5:30
Community Worship & Prayer Service

6:30
Open Swim

8-9pm
TRU SERVA HIP HOP CONCERT

August 9th

Wells Swimming Pool
798 1st Ave SW
Wells, MN 56097

 @Wells Area Ministerial



The poster features a blue background with a palm tree on the right and a swimming pool with a slide and people on the bottom right. The text is in various colors and fonts, including yellow, white, and pink.