



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
507-294-3300
Worship: 11:00 am | Coffee: 10:00 am

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July 30, 2023 – Pentecost 9

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

Jesus, show me who needs a special word of friendship today so I may share your lovingkindness with them. Amen.

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

* Songs	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"	#158
	"The First Song of Isaiah"	#2030, chorus/vs. 1/chorus

Leader: Psalm 105 leads our praise.

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.

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.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgements he has uttered.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

* Songs	"The First Song of Isaiah"	#2030, chorus/vs. 3/chorus
	"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"	#2195

* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Romans 8:26-39 (NRSV)

Response "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" on screen (#3107)

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 (NRSV)

Sermon "Living" Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response "Seek Ye First" #405

– Stewards of Faith –

Giving with a Thankful Heart

Offering our Gifts for Ministry

Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry)

* *Doxology*

* *Breakthrough Prayer* (Take a colored print from the back table to pray this at home.)

One: Despite hardship, our ancestors dared to dream God-sized dreams.

Many: Praise God for hope-filled dreams.
 One: Do it again, Lord. Dream big dreams through us today!
 Many: Praise God for new dreams for our generation.
 One: Invisible God, be visible through our faith today.
 Many: Praise God who empowers us with faith to see what others miss.
 One: Almighty God, bless us in our God-sized dreaming. Fill our minds and hearts with the possibilities of tomorrow and help us do the work today that helps us reach those dreams.
 Many: We will get involved in the dreaming and the work of ministry for the sake of God's mission and to make the possible real, for your glory, Almighty God.
 All: Come now, Lord, and fulfill your dreams in us today!

- Sending Forth -

* *Benediction*

* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Shout to the North" on screen (#3042)

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

"[Nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39, NIV). What better reason to worship together! **Welcome!** 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; Marge Mutschler; Alan Yokiell; 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.

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Church School this Fall – It looks more and more like we will be having elementary classes on Wednesdays after school, followed by a short family-style worship and supper. Confirmation class will be held at 6:30 on Wednesdays. A Sunday School class for preschool/kindergarten students and others who aren't able to attend class on Wednesday afternoon will meet after worship on Sunday mornings at the usual time.

The WAY youth group has some exciting news. They will be moving their meetings to Sunday evenings and will have their own space at the former Covenant Life church on hwy 109.

Some starting dates to keep in mind:

Wednesday after-school program for grades 1-5: September 13

Wednesday suppers: September 13

Rally Day welcoming everyone back to church: Sunday, September 17

Sunday School class for preschool on up: Sunday, September 24

The WAY Youth Group: Sunday, September 10

Confirmation class: date tbd. (Parents, students: please come to meeting on Aug. 13.)

We need you! Please consider being a teacher this fall/winter/spring for Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings! Call Pastor Chris or the office and let us know that God has been nudging you and you'd like to get involved! Snack servers will also be needed to have snack ready every Wednesday at 3:10. And we'll need lots supper cooks! All the people working together to create a place where people feel loved by God and by each another is what Open Doors is all about.

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Garden Produce Table Bring your garden abundance for sharing & place on the table in the narthex. People may help themselves to whatever is brought in. Optional donations, and left-over produce, will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf or the Little Red Food Pantry.



The Kernel Days Parade is coming up Saturday, August 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! Line-up is 4:30 with the parade beginning at 5:00. Please sign up on the clipboard if you want to be part of the fun of the Kernel Days parade or let the office know.



Collecting school supplies thru August 21! We will be collecting school supplies for the August Mission-of-the-Month as we have in the past. Having to purchase school supplies all at once and with today's prices, some families are put in a difficult financial situation. Let's help them out! A collection tub is in the front entryway and north hallway. *Thank you!*



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| Boxes of Kleenex | 12" rulers | Glue sticks and white glue |
| Clorox Wipes | Clipboards | Erasers, large & pencil-top |
| #2 yellow pencils | Pocket folders | 24-count crayons |
| Colored pencils | Watercolors | Thin yellow highlighters |
| Pencil boxes & zippered pouches | | Dry-erase markers, fine and wide tip |
| Pointed end scissors (Fiskars) | | Regular & fine-point Classic markers |
| Red, blue or black pens (Bic-like) | | Headphones and Earbuds |
| Spiral notebooks, wide-lined | | Index cards, lined |
| Looseleaf paper | | Composition notebooks |
| Jumbo stretchy book covers | | Ziplock storage bags, gallon & quart |



Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month when we will be collecting for the **Little Red Food Pantry**. Our surplus of food from earlier this summer is now running low. These are popular and go fast: canned meat and 1-can meals like pasta with meat & stew, instant potatoes, canned fruit, oatmeal packets, juice. Food may be placed in the collection tub in the entryways. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Gifts are welcome all month long.



Confirmation meeting – There will be a quick 20-minute meeting for all eligible Confirmation students (7th & 8th graders) and parents at 10:00 am on Sunday, August 13.



New Pictorial Directory – Plans are being put in place for printing a new pictorial directory. More information will be coming to you soon, but put on your calendar now the photography dates of September 11 & 12. There will be afternoon and evening appointments. We hope everyone will take part!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 30

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

Tuesday, August 1

- 9-11am Coffee at The Bean
- W** 1:00pm Painting Class
- 4-7pm National Night Out Block Party

Wednesday, August 2

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 9:00am Community prayer
- 10:00am Community Bible study

Sunday, August 6

- W** 9:00am Worship w/Communion
- 10:00am Coffee
- 10:00am Bible Journaling class

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader Kent Viesselman
- Offering2 volunteers, please
- A/V Kaylynn Healey
- Projection Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

- July 30Alayna Lau
- July 31..... Dave Kluender, Jaiden Gossen
- August 5 Kori Elmer, LeAnn Kluender, Lois Benson
- August 6 Lois Roberts, Pat Druckenmiller

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

You're Invited to
**National Night Out
Block Party**
On the front lawn of
Open Doors United Methodist Church
(595 1st Ave SW, Wells)
Tuesday, August 1 — 4-7 pm

Come and join neighbors and friends for a “night to unite!”
Wells Police, Fire, and Ambulance personnel will visit.
We'll have food, music, and games—a great time to meet the neighbors!
It's pot-luck style, so please bring a dish to pass.
You may also like to bring lawn chairs or lawn games.
Provided: Hotdogs & buns (donated by the police dept.),
Lemonade, plates & eating utensils

HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!

Your hosts: Pastor Chris Leistra Family and Open Doors UMC

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