



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. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051
507-294-3300
Worship: 10:30 am

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August 8, 2021 – Pentecost 11

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 –

O Bread of Life, feed me today.

Nourish my soul with your grace so I may share your love with the world.

Greeting

* Call to Worship and Praise

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will thank the Lord with all my heart as I meet with his godly people. How amazing are the deeds of the Lord! All who delight in him should ponder them.

People: Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails.

Song: "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" (W) #2031
"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (K) #185, vs 1

Leader: Who can forget the wonders he performs? How gracious and merciful is our Lord! He gives food to those who trust him; he always remembers his covenant.

People: He has shown his great power to his people.

Song: "Clap Your Hands" (W) #2038
"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (K) #185, vs 2

Leader: All he does is just and good, and all his commandments are trustworthy.

People: They are forever true, to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity. He has paid a full ransom for his people.

Leader: He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has! Reverence for the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. The reward of wisdom came to all who obey him.

Everyone: Praise his name forever!

Song: "Honor and Praise" (W) #2018
"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (K) #185, vs 3-4

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading Romans 6:1-11 (NRSV)

Hymn "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" (W) On screen (#3040)
"Amazing Grace" (K) #378

* **Gospel Lesson** * Mark 2:21-22 (NRSV)

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

Sermon "Newness" Pastor Chris Leistra

Message Response "In the River" (W) Praise Team
"More Precious than Silver" (K) #2065

– 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*

* <i>Hymn of Going Forth</i>	“Come, Emmanuel” (W)	On screen (#3130)
	“Change My Heart, O God” (K)	#2152

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

Keep in your prayers this week: Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Michelle Viesselman (Kent & Diane’s daughter-in-law), Sue Schuster, Alan Yokiell, 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

Sunday School and Pioneer Club teachers needed! Will you teach Sunday School or Pioneer Club this year? We’re looking for teachers for all ages of Sunday School and either a 3rd & 4th or 5th & 6th grade Pioneer Club teacher and helpers and a 1st & 2nd grade teacher and helper for Pioneer Club. Please be praying for people to step up, and listen if God is nudging YOU! Contact Sarah in the church office if you’d like to volunteer or have questions.

The Kernel Days Parade is coming up Saturday, August 21 We’re looking for riders and walkers to represent Open Doors! Doug Bruckhoff will drive his pick-up through the parade for us. Line-up at 4:00 with the parade beginning at 5:00. Please let Pastor Chris or the office know if you want to be part of the fun of the Kernel Days parade.

Hymn Sing, August 22 – Is there a special hymn or song of worship you have been wanting to sing? Here is your chance to include your favorites in worship. Sunday, August 22, we will have a hymn sing, using as many hymns and songs as possible. Please fill out the request form or write your requests on a piece of paper and drop them in the green chest (W) or offering plate (K) at the back of the church. Submissions will be collected today and next Sunday, the 15th. Then, come to sing some old, familiar songs as we worship together. It’ll be a great day of singing.

Ice Cream Social next Sunday! – Mark your calendars and plan to come to our Ice Cream Sunday Social on Sunday, August 15, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Ice cream sundaes with your favorite toppings will be served at the front walk to the church. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the ice cream, fellowship, and music on the front lawn of the church. Come greet church family & friends you may have missed all summer long. What a great way to finish a summer Sunday!

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.

Hands-on mission opportunity: 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 in the entryway marked Food Shelf, or bring to the office. This is an on-going mission. Thanks!

Coffee Servers Needed! Please sign up for a couple Sundays or more this summer and fall. *Thanks!* Coffee treats are welcomed as well.

NEEDED: Youth, Children & Family Ministries Coordinator – Open Doors UMC is seeking to add to its staff, an energetic, innovative, devoted Christian who is passionate about young people and guiding them into a loving relationship with God. The person in this position will

develop and oversee all aspects of youth and children's programs, as well as ministry to their parents/families. The hours are negotiable and flexible and training is available. Responsibilities would include weekly programs (i.e. youth group) and monthly to quarterly ministry events and mission projects. If you have a love for Jesus, kids, and a passion to grow young people in their faith, please send resume to: Open Doors UMC, 595 1st Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097.

Coming up – Much to everyone's regret, August 31 will be Sandy Youngblom's last day on staff at Open Doors UMC, as she will be leaving to enjoy retirement life. We will thank her and celebrate her ministry with a special service and coffee hour at the Wells Campus on **Sunday, August 29**. This will be a **joint service** for Wells and Kiester at 9:00 a.m. Then come back for grilled hotdogs, games and fun at **Thompson Park from 3:00-5:00 pm**. All events are open to the community.

Quarterly financial statements were mailed and emailed last week. Contact Sarah in the church office if you did not receive yours or if you have questions.

Prayer Shawls – Open Doors has a nice selection of prayer shawls to give as a gift to someone as a tangible means to show God's loving care. There are a few different sizes and designs and a great variety of colors. Each was made especially for the recipient with love and prayer by the women of Open Doors–Kiester, praying that the recipient receives comfort and solace as they wear it and feels God's love and peace encircling them. Ask LaVonne Swearingen about them or see a sampling in the coat room at Open Doors–Wells.

Collecting school supplies thru August 29! If you would like to make a donation of school supplies for the local schools, please purchase from the recommended list below and place them in the tote boxes in the entryways. Please note, **we have enough notebooks**. With students' electronic tablets and computers, there is not the need for paper like before.



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| #2 yellow pencils | Glue sticks and white school glue | |
| Pencil boxes | 12" rulers | Pocket folders |
| Colored pencils | Erasers | 16- or 24-count crayons |
| School scissors | Yellow highlighters | Fine-point Classic markers |
| Red, blue or black pens (Bic-like) | Headphones | |

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 8

- W** 9:00am Worship
- WK** 10:00am Coffee
- K** 10:30am Worship

Tuesday, August 10

- W** 9-10am Youth Group

Wednesday, August 11

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting

Thursday, August 12

- W** 6:30am Ad Council

Sunday, August 15

- W** 9:00am Worship
- WK** 10:00am Coffee
- K** 10:30am Worship
- W** 5:30-7pm Ice Cream Social

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor..... Rev. Chris Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader..... Clare Kruse
- Projection..... Karen Stenzel
- AV..... Sarah Hankerson, Don Stenzel

Birthdays This Week:

- August 8Jan Carlson
- August 10..... Dave Loveless
- August 11..... JoEtta Doolittle, Vern Draheim,
William Healey, Rachel Johnson
- August 13..... Sally Yokiel
- August 14..... Angela (Bixby) Voss
- August 15..... Mandy Culbertson, Britney Haugh



Sunday, August 15
5:30-7:00 pm

Front lawn of Open Doors UMC, Wells Campus

Ice Cream Sundaes with all kinds of toppings.

Bring your lawn chairs.

Community is invited!

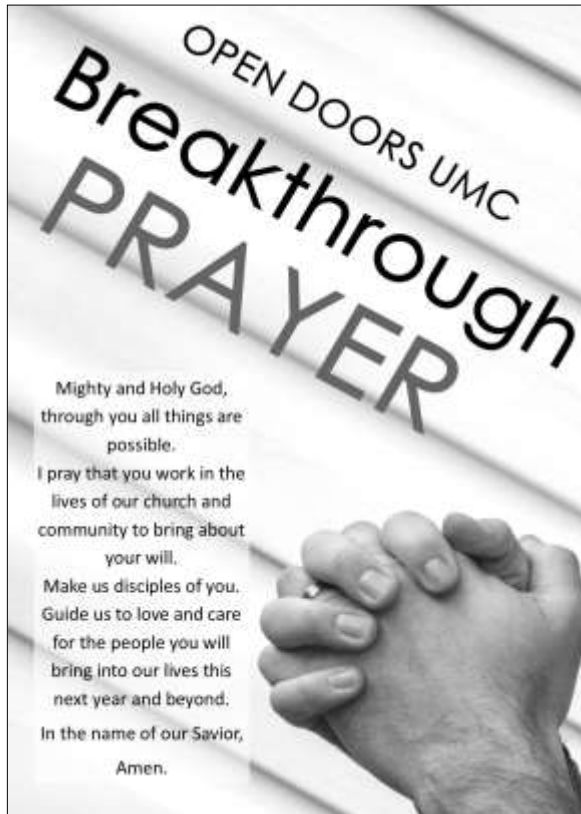
Invite your friends and neighbors!

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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

Reminder – Pray the Breakthrough Prayer for our church and community.

And pray about who God would like YOU to invite to church and go ahead and “plant the seed.” *Invite! Invite! Invite!*



OPEN DOORS UMC
**Breakthrough
PRAYER**

Mighty and Holy God,
through you all things are
possible.

I pray that you work in the
lives of our church and
community to bring about
your will.

Make us disciples of you.
Guide us to love and care
for the people you will
bring into our lives this
next year and beyond.

In the name of our Savior,
Amen.



PLANTING SEEDS
for the
FUTURE

I will be praying:
Lord God, may you work in the life of _____
so they may come to know you better in their life and
may you give me the opportunity to invite them into
the life of **Open Doors UMC**. In the name of the true
vine Jesus Christ, may I sow the seeds of faith for
the future. Amen.

Name of the person you will be praying for through the
months of July and August: _____

Learn God
Serving People