



**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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Worship: 8:00 am | Coffee: 9:00 am

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August 14, 2022 – Pentecost 10

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*The Lord is a God nearby, not far off, Jeremiah tells us. Welcome, to each of you!  
God delights to draw near to you and rejoices when you come near to him.*

**– Gathering in Faith –**

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

*Songs*

- "Lord of the Dance" #261
- \* "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #2173, vs. 1-2
- "Sweet Hour of Prayer" #496, vs. 1 & 3
- "I've Got Peace Like a River" #2145

Leader: Let us pray together.

**ALL:** Our hearts are full of praise, O God, because of your wonderful works. You are almighty, the King of Creation, over which you rule with kindness and justice. You prosper and sustain us so that we can serve you in your Kingdom now and through eternity. Come, Holy Spirit. Help us worship the Father in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

**– Hearing Our Faith Story –**

- Scripture Lesson* Ephesians 2:8-10 (NRSV)
- \* *Hymn* "In the Garden" #314
- \* *Gospel Lesson* John 1:14-18 (NRSV)
- Sermon* "Grace Alone" Rev. Chris Leistra
- Message Response* "Blessed Assurance" #369

**– Stewards of Faith –**

*Giving with a Thankful Heart*

Offering may be placed in the green chest at the back of the sanctuary at this time, or on your way in or as you leave. *Thank you!*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

- Response* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

**– Sending Forth –**

- \* *Benediction*
- \* *Hymn of Going Forth* "He Lives" #310, vs. 1 & 3
- \* *Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

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**Keep in your prayers this week:** Lindsay (Johnson) and Jordon Drager as they begin their married life together; Diane & Kent Viesselman on the passing of their daughter-in-law, Michelle Viesselman, last Wednesday, and also Diane's sister, Diane Graf, who passed away last Tuesday; flood victims in SE Kentucky and Red Bird Mission in their efforts to help; Alan Stensrud, and Rita Bebler in their fight with cancer; Alan Yokiel; all others who are dealing with health issues; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

**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.

### **Announcements**

**Today is Hymn Sing Sunday** – Over the last couple of weeks, you were given the chance to tell us what some of your favorite hymns are, and today we are singing them. Enjoy!



**Scavenger Hunt – TODAY, August 14** Those of you who have signed up to play, meet at the church at 4:00 to get your instructions and then head out, returning at 5:30. Hotdogs will be ready for you when you return.

**TODAY - Everyone is invited for a picnic of Hot Dogs and Sundaes at 5:30.** Whether you participate in the Scavenger Hunt or not, come for supper! From 5:30-6:30, grilled hot dogs, chips and ice cream sundaes will be served outside for everyone. Invite your friends. (Volunteers are needed to help with setting up a few tables and chairs and grilling hot dogs. Can you help, please?)

**Canned Goods Offering** – When you come for the scavenger hunt or for supper, we're asking each person to bring a food item for the Little Red Food Pantry or Wells Area Food Shelf.



**Kernel Days Parade** – Come, join the PARADE next Saturday, August 20! We're looking for riders and walkers to represent Open Doors and toss out candy & pencils! Doug Bruckhoff will drive his pick-up through the parade for us. Please let Pastor Chris know if you want to be part of the fun of the Kernel Days parade. Parade starts at 5:00 with line-up around 4:30. *Sign up on the clip board today!*



**Dementia Friends** – Come join us at Open Doors for a one-hour information session at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 29, that will help you understand Dementia and its effect on the person with Dementia, as well as the people around them. The information session is presented by Interfaith Caregivers. RSVP to 553-5453 or [opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net](mailto:opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net). Sessions are ideally 10-12 people. We can schedule another one if there is enough interest.



**Collecting school supplies thru August 21!** Having to purchase school supplies all at once and with today's inflation, some families are put in a difficult financial situation. Let's help them out! Please bring the supplies in by next Sunday so we can get them to the school before it starts. A collection tub is in the front entryway and north hallway. *Thank you!* **Looking for volunteers to sort and deliver.**



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| Boxes of Kleenex                   | 12" rulers     | Glue sticks and white glue           |
| #2 yellow pencils                  | Pocket folders | Erasers, large & pencil-top          |
| Colored pencils                    | Clipboards     | 24-count crayons                     |
| Pencil boxes & zippered pouches    |                | Thin yellow highlighters             |
| Pointed end scissors (Fiskars)     |                | Regular & fine-point Classic markers |
| Red, blue or black pens (Bic-like) |                | Headphones                           |
| Spiral notebooks, wide-lined       |                | Index cards, lined                   |
| Jumbo stretchy book covers         |                | Trapper Keepers                      |



**The Clothes Closet** receives far more merchandise than the store can handle. Drivers are needed to haul loads, AT THEIR CONVENIENCE, to the Mankato Goodwill store. Clothes Closet volunteers can help you load your vehicle, but you must unload it at Goodwill. Bags and boxes may weigh up to 30 pounds. If you can help or have questions, contact the store at 553-2040.

Hours:	Clothes Closet:	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	9:30am–5:30pm
	Goodwill:	Monday thru Friday	10:00am–8:00pm
		Saturday	10:00am–8:00pm
		Sunday	11:00am–6:00pm



**Anyone interested in joining the Bell Choir**, there will be an organization meeting - with dessert – **this Wednesday, August 17** at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. This will be a good time for someone who might have an interest in playing bells/chimes to come and get to know others in the group. We can get the bells out and try some simple songs, just to break the ice a bit. If you have any questions about playing or if you would like to but can't attend the meeting, please contact Jan Johanson at [wellsomcmusic@gmail.com](mailto:wellsomcmusic@gmail.com) or 553-5007.

**Pool Party August 17** – The Wells Area Ministerial is offering a Pool Day on Wednesday, August 17, at the Wells Municipal Pool. Admission is free for everyone, all day, 1:30-5:00pm and 6:30-8:30pm. The group is also providing a Family Pool Party from 6:30-8:30pm. Free snacks/treats, yard games, and live Christian music all start at 6:30 on the lawn directly west of the pool (on the kiddie pool side). Bring a lawn chair to sit back and relax, or work on your belly flop. Either way, dive in with us for an evening of family fun as we kick off Kernel Days!

**Congregation! Choose your favorite countertop!** On the easel in the entryway are three choices for countertops for our new cabinets. Please choose your favorite – number 1, 2, or 3 – and write it on a slip of paper and place in the ballot box.

**\* Kitchen jobs we need help with:** As soon as the cement trenching is done for the plumbing and there will be no more dust made, we will need volunteers to scrape and wash the walls and painters to apply primer, hopefully later this week. Contact Pastor Chris or Shari Petersen if you can help.

**Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen** – Funding for the kitchen renovation will be handled with roughly half from designated funds on-hand and the other half through congregational pledging (\$25,000 goal) and other fundraisers if needed. Our progress will be charted on the giant spoon graph. Your letter is in the mail, so watch for it and prayerfully consider what you will donate to upgrade our kitchen for this generation and the next.

**Kiester and Wells Worship Services** will continue as joint services held at 9:30 a.m. in Wells through September.

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

**Vacation** – Our Office Manager, Sarah Hankerson, will be on vacation this week, returning Tuesday, August 23.

**We need someone to make coffee** next Sunday, August 21. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the coffee bar. All other Sundays are open, too.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, August 14**

- W** 9:30am Joint Worship / Hymn Sing
- 10:30am Coffee
- 4:00pm Scavenger Hunt
- 5:30pm Grill-out & Sundaes

**Tuesday, August 16**

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean

**Wednesday, August 17**

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 6:30pm Bell Choir meeting
- 1:30-5:00pm Free Swim at Wells Pool
- 6:30-8:30pm Pool Party
- W** 6:00pm Revival Study #4

**Thursday, August 18**

- 1:00pm Revival Zoom Study #4

**Saturday, August 20**

- 5:00pm Kernel Days Parade

**Sunday, August 21**

- W** 9:30am Joint Worship
- 10:30am Coffee
- 4:00-8:00pm UNITE:YTH at Prairie River Camp

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

- Pastor ..... Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organist ..... Jan Johanson
- Scripture Reader ..... Kim Meyer
- A/V ..... Sabrina Hankerson, Sarah Hankerson
- Projection ..... Brett Hankerson

**Birthdays This Week:**

- August 14..... Angela (Bixby) Voss
- August 15..... Mandi Culbertson, Britney Haugh
- August 17..... Julie Roesler
- August 18..... Terry Halverson, June Petersen
- August 20..... Todd Rasmussen

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

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

**Live Stream:** Sundays at 9:30am on Facebook, YouTube and [www.opendoorsumc.org](http://www.opendoorsumc.org)