



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

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August 27, 2023 – Pentecost 13

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

Lord, we your people, the sheep of your pasture, enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise, for your goodness, love and faithfulness are everlasting. (Psalm 100.)

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* *Call to Worship*

* *Song* "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89, vs. 1-3

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

* *Song* "Great Is the Lord" #2022, vs. 1 & 3

Leader: Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

People: You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!

Leader: Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

People: You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer!

Leader: Family of God, as we gather today, God the Father asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

People: You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer!

Leader: Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

ALL: You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God! May we be instruments of Love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

* *Passing the Peace of Christ*

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Acts 2:1-13 (NRSV)

Scripture Song "O Spirit of the Living God" #539, vs. 1-3

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

Sermon "The Firm Foundation" Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response "We Are the Body of Christ" #2227

– 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* “The Church’s One Foundation” #546, vs. 1, 2 & 5

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

The psalmist invites us: “Make a joyful noise to the LORD.... Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing” (Psalm 100:1-2, NRSV). Welcome one another to this time of worship. 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: Students and school personnel as they go back to class; the people in Maui and victims of recent storms in California, Texas, and Mexico; Jaunice Gerber; 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

TODAY is your last chance to schedule your photo session for the New Pictorial Directory! – If your preferred time is not available, see Shari or Sarah in the entryway. We have options for having your picture taken in Bricelyn the following week, Sept. 19-23.

Looking for volunteers to serve as hosts or hostesses during the two days of photography on September 11 and 12. Duties would be to sign people in, have them fill out a Sit Ticket and shipping label, have them double check their contact info on the roster for inclusion in the directory, and generally be of service to the photographers and those being photographed. You can sign up at the scheduling table for the shift(s) you would like. *Thank you!*

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Today is the last day to collect school supplies! Thank you to all who donated to help out struggling families! They will be split between USC, St. Casimir’s, Alden-Conger, and Maple River.

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Activity Schedule for this Fall – Elementary classes will be held on **Wednesdays** after school, followed by a short family-style **worship** at 5:00 and **supper** from 5:30-6:30. **Confirmation class** will be held at 6:30 on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 4. There will also be **Sunday School** class for preschool, kindergarten, and older students on Sunday mornings starting Oct. 1.

The WAY youth group has some exciting news. They will be moving their meetings to Sunday evenings from 6-8pm and will have their own space at the former Covenant Life Church, now

called The Well Ministry Center, on Hwy 109 (290 1st Ave NE). Look forward to a bigger, better year! Invite all your friends to go!

Some starting dates to keep in mind:

The WAY Youth Group: Sunday, September 10, at The Well Ministry Center on hwy 109

Wednesday after-school program for grades 1-5: September 13, 3:15-5:00

Wednesday worship: September 13, 5:00pm

Wednesday suppers: September 13. 5:30-6:30pm

Sunday School class for preschool on up: October 1

.. Bible Sunday for 2nd, 7th & 8th graders: October 1

Confirmation class: Wednesday, October 4, 6:30pm

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Wednesday Suppers will begin September 13. Jennifer Jackson will be our regular weekly cook this year, planning the meals, doing the shopping and cooking. She will need some help with serving, clean-up, and general kitchen assistance, so that is where we will be asking for volunteers. Also, volunteers can provide desserts each week. A sign-up sheet for the fall term is on a clipboard on the back table for volunteering. Please consider serving in this way!

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Get ready to sing! The choir will gather again for practices beginning Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30pm. New members are wanted! It's an enjoyable respite from a busy week. Also, we're always looking for new voices and instrumentalists for the **Praise Team**. They will be changing their practice time to 6:00pm on Wednesdays, beginning September 6.

Chime Choir – You're invited to come try out the Community Chime Choir. They will begin meeting Tuesday, September 19 at 4:00pm. If there are enough Open Doors members who would like to play together, a Tuesday evening practice time will be arranged for a church bell choir. Please contact Jan Johanson and let her know where you would like to plug in.

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The Bible Journaling Class is being stretched out and will go through September 10. Join Pastor Chris in The Meeting Room after worship. The scripture focus this morning will be on Psalm 139, next week John 3:11-21. Feel 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, or a separate journal to record your thoughts. Pastor Chris has some sheets you can experiment with, as well.

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Little Red Food Pantry – Thank you to those who have been donating food for the NEW Little Red Food Pantry! We could use a constant supply of food coming in, though, because the need is great. Please help out as you are able. These are popular and go fast: canned meat and 1-can meals like pasta with meat & stew, instant potatoes, canned fruit & vegetables, soup, oatmeal packets, granola bars, juice, personal hygiene items. Food may be placed in the collection tub in the entryways or put directly in the pantry. Items with little or no preparation needed are best. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Gifts are welcome all month long. Also, there is a basket under the cupboard for garden produce and **anyone and everyone** is welcome to take from there.

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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.

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Upper Rooms – The September/October Upper Room Devotionals are available for you to pick up. \$1.25 for regular print, \$1.50 for large print.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 27

- W 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee
- 10:00am Bible Journaling class

Tuesday, August 29

- 9-11am Coffee at The Bean
- W 1:00pm Painting Class
- 6:30pm Planning mtg for Wednesdays

Wednesday, August 30

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

Sunday, September 3

- W 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee
- 10:00am Bible Journaling class

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Rev. Christopher Leistra
Organist.....Jan Johanson
Scripture ReaderAlice Oleson
Offering2 volunteers, please
A/V Kaylynn Healey, Sarah Hankerson
Projection Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

August 27.....Ryan Lacher
August 28.....Cindy Bixby
August 31 Eric Lackey, Becky Niebuhr
Sept. 3 David Roberts

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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