



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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September 10, 2023 – Pentecost 15

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

The psalmist urges us: "Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful" (Psalm 149:1, NRSV). And so we shall!

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

People: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

* Songs	"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"	#2031
	"Clap Your Hands"	#2028
	"He Has Made Me Glad"	#2270

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: We thank you, Lord God, for all you have provided for us, to live the lives you have planned, to care for each other, and to make a space to honor and worship you. May our time together, our thoughts, our singing, and our prayers be acceptable to you. Amen.

* Passing the Peace of Christ

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Romans 13:8-14 (NRSV)

Scripture Song "Jesu, Jesu" #432, vs. 1-4

* Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:15-20 (NRSV)

Sermon "Watching over One Another in Love" Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response "The Gift of Love" #408, vs. 1 & 3

– Stewards of Faith –

Giving with a Thankful Heart

Offering our Gifts for Ministry

Offertory Music (as we present our gifts for ministry)

* Doxology #95

* 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* "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402

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

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Welcome to worship in the name of Jesus. Please greet those near you with a sign of peace. 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: Morocco; Aurora Blank; Jaunice Gerber; Marge Mutschler; Alan Yokiel; all others who are dealing with health issues; the people in Maui and victims of recent storms in Florida, California, Texas, and Mexico; 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

Starting this Wednesday -

We're trying out a lot of new things this fall and your attendance will help determine the success and continuation of them! Please, come Wednesdays and get involved in . . .

Announcing . . . DELTA Club will be the afterschool elementary program beginning **September 13!** DELTA is a program of Pioneer Clubs®. We'll be running it for 1st through 5th grade, but it's flexible for all ages, so Kindergarteners and 6th graders can come, too. There will be large group and age-specific group time that includes Bible Exploration, life-skill activities and games. Kids can ride the USC town bus #1-10 from school to church and first have snack. From 3:30-5:00 they'll be in DELTA Club. Pastor Chris and Sarah Hankerson will be the lead teachers. The cost is \$25 per child for the year. Scholarships are available if requested. Registration forms are going out to every family and are on the church website. Kids are welcome to invite friends. **Registrations are due asap.** Please contact Sarah if your child will be attending.

Wednesday Worship - Wanting more upbeat, lively music? Come this Wednesday, and each Wednesday! Josh Edwards will be leading the music in his spirited style for children, families, and all ages in the sanctuary. A short message from Pastor Chris will tie in with the DELTA Clubs' lesson and all will finish by 5:30 so you can then head to the basement for supper.

Wednesday Supper - Plan your Wednesdays to be at church for worship at 5 followed by supper at 5:30! Jennifer Jackson will be our regular cook this fall. There will be no charge to eat, but free-will donations will be appreciated to help cover the costs. At the end of the supper hour, check to see if there are any leftovers to take home for an additional donation. Menus will be printed weekly in the bulletin and on our website.

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The WAY Youth Group meets **TONIGHT** for the first time this fall and at their new location. They are 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!

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Sunday School for youngsters age 3 through 4th grade will begin **Sunday, October 1**. Children will be excused from worship with their teachers before the sermon. Their class will be finished when worship is finished, or shortly after.



Asking for Helpers and Dessert Makers for Wednesday Suppers which 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!



Video & Projection Help Needed! – We're in urgent need of people for layout, video, and projection for worship on Sunday mornings and the new Wednesday evening worship. Layout can be done at home on the church laptop. Computer familiarity is helpful. We will train! Please contact Sarah H. or Deb L.



Table Sale! We are down to seven 3'x8' brown tables with Formica® tops for sale, first come first served. Asking price is \$20 each and you haul it away. They are on display in the basement this morning.



Looking for Photo Day volunteers Could you serve as a host or hostess 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. See Shari Petersen or Sarah Hankerson to sign up for the shift(s) you would like. *Thank you!*



Chime Choir – You're invited to come try out the Community Chime Choir. They will begin meeting Tuesday, October 10 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.



Treasures & More, October 7-8 – Please keep our Treasures & More sale in mind over the next month. For this to be the best fundraiser event ever, we need everyone's help and support, and lots of items! Be thinking about what you can donate to our many departments: Bakery, Canned Goods & Produce, Crafts & Woodworking, Collectibles, Plants, Baby Place, Wearables, Jewelry, Rugs, Holiday, and new this year – Halloween costumes. Store hours will be on Saturday, October 7, from 9:00am-1:00pm and Sunday following worship until 11:30 am. During the sale on Saturday, there will be brunch served for a free-will offering. The menu will be egg bake, rolls, fruit, and coffee. Volunteers are asked to sign up to make cinnamon or caramel rolls. All proceeds will go towards mission & outreach. If you can offer your time or talents, or have questions, please contact Linda Bakken (sales) or Joyce Frederick (brunch).



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.



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.



The Wells Community Blood Drive will be Monday, September 18 from 10:30am-6:30pm. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or register on-line at www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code: WellsMN. All presenting donors will receive a free t-shirt!



The Community Prayer and Bible Study Group, called "Wellspring", has a change of place and time. They will be meeting at the new Well Ministry Center (the former Covenant Life Church). They will still meet on Wednesdays, but the prayer time will begin at 10:00am and the Bible study at 11:00.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 10

7:00 am Farming of Yesteryear Worship
W 9:00am Worship
 10:00am Coffee
 6:00pm The WAY youth group at The Well Ministry Center

Monday, September 11

W 2:00-8:36pm Portrait Photography

Tuesday, September 12

9-11am Coffee at The Bean
W 1:00pm Painting Class
 2:00-8:36pm Portrait Photography

Wednesday, September 13

W 9:00am Staff meeting
 10:00am Worship at Parkview
 10am-12 Wellspring prayer and Bible study at The Well
W 3:15pm DELTA Club
 5:00pm Wednesday Worship
 5:30-6:30 Supper
 6:00pm Praise Team
 6:30pm Choir

Thursday, September 14

W 10:00am Caregiver Support Group

Sunday, September 17

W 9:00am Worship
 10:00am Coffee
 6:00pm The WAY at The Well

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

PastorRev. Christopher Leistra
 Organist.....Jan Johanson
 Scripture Reader.....Doug Hankerson
 Offering2 volunteers, please
 A/V Kaylynn Healey, Sarah Hankerson
 Projection Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

September 10 Richard Bebler, Eli Torrez
 September 11 David Schuster
 September 12 Melissa Nappin, Adam Frederick
 September 14 David Elmer
 September 17 Clare Kruse, Becky Woolverton

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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



September 13
 Brats & Homemade Fries
 Asian Ramen Salad
 Pizza
 Brownies