



# 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Kiester, MN 56051  
507-294-3300  
Worship: 10:30 am

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October 10, 2021 — Pentecost 20

**Please turn off or silence your cell phone.**

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

*Creative God, thank you for filling the world with color — bright fall leaves and people of all shades of skin, eyes and hair who gather to praise you!*

### – Gathering in Faith –

*Gathering Music*

*Greeting & Announcements*

\* *Call to Worship and Praise*

<b>Song</b>	"Praise Ye the Lord" (W)	#2010, vs 3 & 4
	"Forever" (W)	on screen

Leader: Psalm 105: 1-6 will provide our scriptural call to worship.  
"Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.

**People** **Let the whole world know what he has done.**

Leader: Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.

**People** **Tell everyone about his miracles.**

Leader: Exult in his holy name; O worshipers of the Lord, rejoice!

**People** **Search for the Lord and for his strength, and keep on searching.**

Leader: Think of the wonderful works he has done, the miracles and the judgements he handed down,

**People** **O children of Abraham, God's servant,  
O descendants of Jacob, God's chosen one."**

<b>Song</b>	"We Will Glorify the King of Kings" (W)	#2087, vs 1-3
	"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (K)	#127

*Opportunities to Serve*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

### – Hearing Our Faith Story –

*Scripture Reading* Genesis 37:12-24 (NRSV)

*Song* "God Will Take Care of You" #130, vs 1-3

\* *Gospel Reading* \* Luke 6:37-42 (NRSV)

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

*Sermon* "Joseph – God's Love Changes People" Pastor Chris Leistra

*Message Response* "Holy Water" (W) Praise Team

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (K) #390

(sing to tune "Amazing Grace")

### – Stewards of Faith –

*Giving with a Thankful Heart*

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>	"You Are Mine" (W)	#2218
	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (K)	#526

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

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**Keep in your prayers this week:** Farmers for a safe harvest. Rita Bebler following surgery. Those fighting cancer and other serious illnesses: Joan Christian, Michelle Viesselman (Kent & Diane’s daughter-in-law), Sue Schuster, Alan Yokiell, Bebo Getchell. Those in the military and their families; and all others dealing with loss, poor health, pain, or family crisis.

**Announcements**

**UMW meeting this morning** Members of the Wells UMW unit are asked to meet for a brief business meeting after church during coffee. Come and join us.

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**The Story** – We’re in week #3 of the 31-week series that goes through the Bible from Genesis through Revelation, helping people understand God’s Word more fully. We will be looking at people in the Bible who have been disciples of God and how that can relate to our own story. To gain a greater understanding and have a time to talk and get better acquainted, grab a cup of coffee and come to the *Pathways to Discipleship* class that will be meeting after worship in the Youth Room each Sunday. Don’t worry if you can’t be at every class, come whenever you can.

**If have a copy of *The Story* from the last time we went through it, you should dig it out. We have a few new copies available for only \$5.00. There is a reading schedule available if you want to refer to the Bible as we go along. Also a handy bookmark with the schedule to mark your place in your copy of *The Story*.**

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**All Saints Sunday is November 7.** If you have a loved one whom you would like us to pay tribute to during the naming of the saints, please inform the office of their name and obituary information. A funeral program and photo would also be helpful.

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**Trunk or Treat** will be on Halloween Day, Sunday, October 31 from 3:00-4:00 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW (west of the church). We’re looking for lots of trunks, the more the better! Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Barbara Roberts (553-3341) or the church office if you would like to reserve a spot to host a trunk . . . car trunk, SUV, pick-up. Have fun with it – you can decorate, have a theme, come in costume, bring candy or trinkets for handing out to all the kids. This is a safe and fun alternative to door to door trick-or-treating.

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**World Communion Day** – Last week we recognized World Communion Day by taking a special offering to make higher education possible for gifted and qualified national and international graduate students who face financial obstacles. Donations are still being accepted. Please make checks out to Open Doors UMC.

Special Sunday offering envelopes have been redesigned so we can use the same envelope for all the special offerings and can also be sent through the USPS mail. To give online, find the World Communion card in the pew pocket and scan the QR code.

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**Country Store** . . . is it back? There’s hope, and we want to get everyone’s creative juices flowing. Are you a baker, crafter, gardener . . . do you like to help plan, arrange, shop while you work? All is still in the infant stages, but to move Country Store further we need to know how you all feel about donating your time, talents and products to the Country Store fund raising event. A date has been put on the table for the morning of Saturday, April 30, and Sunday May 1 following church. “Store front” ideas could be (The) Baby Place, Garden Shed, Wood Shop, Christmas 365, This and That, Bakery . . . what more can we come up with? Please text or call Linda Bakken 507-383-5796 if you have the hankering to help, donate your time, talent and/or products. Minnesnowta weather will soon be upon us so what better time to think of projects, new recipes . . . dare to dream of what you can do and bring. We will keep you up-to-date as we hear from all of you to make Country Store possible!

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**Operation Christmas Child** – OCC is our October Mission-of-the-month. If you'd like to take part in the Operation Christmas Child mission to spread GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY, now is the time to start collecting shoebox gifts for that special child. The deadline will be November 14. Pick up a brochure on the back table. Information and tips can also be found at [www.operationchristmaschild.com](http://www.operationchristmaschild.com). Plus you can fill a shoebox right online without having to go to a store!



**Sunday School teachers needed!** We're still looking for a few teachers, especially preschool-Kindergarten. Will you teach Sunday School this year? You can have your choice of age and schedules can be flexible. 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.



**Christmas Program** – Jan is looking for a person or persons who can help with practices for the Christmas program, which will be December 12. Practices will take place during a portion of the Sunday School hour. Please contact Jan Johanson 553-5077.



**Jason Gray Concert for Five Sisters Project** – The Five Sisters Project is hosting a benefit concert with local artist Josh Edwards opening for International Christian Recording Artist Jason Gray to benefit their outreach to women and families in crisis. It will be held at Crossroads Church, 3402 Hoeger Lane, Albert Lea at 7pm on Sunday, October 24. Tickets can be purchased on the Five Sisters' website [www.fivesistersproject.com](http://www.fivesistersproject.com). If the concert is a sell-out, the concert can be livestreamed internationally and that could be a huge help in their fund raising efforts! So, won't you consider purchasing a ticket and enjoy an exciting night with Jason Gray!

This benefit event has two ticket options:

**Option 1:** Savory meal with the best seats for the concert – \$60. Dinner seating will begin at 5:30 and the meal served at 6. Hurry, limited quantity left (only 6 as of last Friday)!

**Option 2:** Concert only tickets are \$25. Concert starts at 7. Doors open at 6.



**Wells Firefighters Pancake Breakfast TODAY** – 7:30am-12:30pm at the Wells Fire Hall. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee \$8.00, children 12 & under \$4.00.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, October 10**

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee
- 10:30am Adult study
- 10:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am UMW-Wells

**Monday, October 11**

- W** 6:30pm Ministry Council

**Wednesday, October 13**

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- 10:30 am Worship at Parkview
- W** 4:30pm Confirmation class
- 6:00 Discipleship Pathways

**Sunday, October 17**

- K** 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Coffee
- W** 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee
- 10:30am Discipleship Pathways
- 10:30am Sunday School

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells**

- Pastor .....Rev. Chris Leistra
- Organist .....Jan Johanson
- Acolytes.....Rebecca & Miles Kruse
- Scripture Reader ..... Clare Kruse
- Technicians .....Karen & Don Stenzel,  
Sarah Hankerson

**Birthdays This Week:**

- October 10.....Ryder Anderson, Luke Miller
- October 13.....Hailey Chandler
- October 14.....Doug Druckenmiller
- October 15.....Caryn Mithun, Jeremy Schuster
- October 16.....Trevor Haugh

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

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