



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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October 17, 2021 – Pentecost 21

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

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

“Seek the Lord and live,” declares the prophet Amos (5:6). So we gather now to hear from God and to be nourished with abundant life. Welcome!

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Greeting & Announcements

* *Call to Worship and Praise*

Song	“Praise You, Praise You”	#2003 chorus
	“Lord, Be Glorified”	#2150, vs 1
	“Praise You, Praise You”	#2003 chorus

Leader: From Lamentations we hear these familiar words: “The unfailing love of the Lord never ends! By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day.”

Song	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	#140, vs 1
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Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Reading Exodus 4:1-17 (NRSV)

<i>Song</i>	“Lead Me, Guide Me”	#2214
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* *Gospel Reading* * Matthew 6:25-34 (NRSV)

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

<i>Sermon</i>	“Moses – God’s Imperfect Servant”	Pastor Chris Leistra
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<i>Message Response</i>	“He Leadeth Me”	#128, vs. 1&3
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– 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>	“Thy Word”	#601
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* *Postlude – The Church Scatters for Ministry . . .*

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

Announcements

The Story – To discuss the sermon 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.

Wednesday class – Another similar class meets Wednesdays at 6:00. This class will be meeting in the Youth Room. If you miss the Sunday class, you can come to the Wednesday class and visa-versa.

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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Acolyte training today, right after church for 3rd-6th graders – Please meet in the library (next to the nursery) immediately following worship for a 20-minute acolyte training. Experienced students, please come for a brief refresher and then you can go on to music.

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Trunk or Treat will be on Halloween Day, Sunday, October 31 from 3:00-4:00 pm on 1st 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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All Saints Sunday is November 7. If you have a loved one who passed away within the last year and 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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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.

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The Community Youth Group led by Josh Edwards will have its first meeting this Wednesday, October 20, at 6:30pm at Wells Assemblies of God church at 190 S Broadway. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited. Plans are to have it the third Wednesday of each month.

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World Communion Day – We are still accepting World Communion Day offerings for scholarships for gifted and qualified national and international graduate students who face financial obstacles. Please use the Special Sunday envelopes located by the chest and make checks out to Open Doors UMC. 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. Plus you can fill a shoebox right online without having to go to a store!

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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.



Looking for someone who could be Acolyte Coordinator . . . Being here on Sunday mornings (Sept-May) to help with candle-lighting sticks, making sure they are working properly and have enough wick, lighting the flame, preparing a schedule. Please contact Sarah in the church office if this is something you can do that takes very little effort or time outside of Sunday mornings.



A Night of Worship and Celebration with Jason Gray

With Special Guest: **Josh Edwards**

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Live Concert: \$25.00
Livestream Option: \$10.00

Purchase tickets at www.fivesistersproject.com

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KINSHIP CHRISTIAN RADIO

Sunday, October 24th 7:00p.m. Crossroads Church, Albert Lea

Get your tickets NOW!

Five Sisters Project benefit concert with local artist Josh Edwards opening for International Christian Recording Artist Jason Gray.

7pm on Sunday, October 24, at Crossroads Church, 3402 Hoeger Lane, Albert Lea.

The live concert tickets sell for \$25, and the livestream option for \$10.

Concert starts at 7. Doors open at 6. (The concert *with* dinner tickets have all sold out.) Won't you consider purchasing a ticket and enjoy an exciting night with Jason Gray?

Five Sisters Project provides help, healing & hope for women and families in crisis.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 17

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

Monday, October 18

- W** 6:30pm Finance Budget meeting

Wednesday, October 20

- W** 9:30am Staff meeting
- W** 4:30pm Confirmation class
- 6:00pm Discipleship Pathways
- 6:30pm Community Youth Group at Assemblies of God Church

Thursday, October 21

- W** 6:30pm Ad Council

Sunday, October 24

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - Wells

- PastorRev. Chris Leistra
- Organist.....Jan Johanson
- Acolytes..... Kylin & Kenlie Cords
- Scripture ReaderBritney Haugh
- Technicians..... Brett & Sabrina Hankerson, Sarah Hankerson

Birthdays This Week:

- Oct. 18..... Andrew Mersman, Kim Meyer
- Oct. 19..... Cheryl Minse, Hayley Wedin
- Oct. 20..... Sharon Miller, Kylin Cords
- Oct. 21..... Ali Ramsley
- Oct. 22..... Steve Miller
- Oct. 23..... Quinn Rasmussen

Cable Schedule of Wells' Sunday Service:

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