



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WELLS CAMPUS

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 Worship: 9:00 am | Coffee: 8:30 & 10:00 am

KIESTER CAMPUS

116 N. 3rd St., Kiester, MN 56051
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 Coffee: 10:00 am | Worship: 11:00 am

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November 20, 2022 – Christ the King Sunday

Please turn off or silence your cell phone.

*Giver of all good things, I am thankful beyond words for your generosity and love.
 Help me share your love broadly. Amen.*

– Gathering in Faith –

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

** Song* "Here I Am to Worship" (W) on screen (#3177)
 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (K) #103, vs. 1 & 4

Leader: Our call this morning comes from the first chapter of Luke, the prophecy of Zechariah, the father of John, the Baptist. Let us hear these words.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

People: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David."

Leader: "And you, my son, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

People: to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

People: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

** Song* "O Worship the King" #73, vs. 1

Leader: It is done. God has always been in charge—yesterday and today. Even when things seem out of control, God's reign is on its way. Let us prepare the way for God.

*** Passing the Peace**

Opportunities to Serve

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

– Hearing Our Faith Story –

Scripture Lesson Colossians 1:11-20 (NRSV)

*** Hymn** "How Great Is Our God" (W) Adult Choir
 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (K) #577, vs. 1 & 4

*** Gospel Lesson** Luke 23:33-43 (NRSV)

Sermon "Christ the King" Rev. Christopher Leistra

Message Response "All Hail King Jesus" – #2069 / "He Is Exalted" – #2070 /
 "Jesus, Name Above All Names" – #2071 (W)
 "Ye Servants of God" (K) #181, vs. 1 & 2

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RSVP for the December 11 Dinner! Please use the enclosed reply form and let us know if you will plan on attending the church meal on December 11. Extended families are welcome, too, if they are your guests that day for the Christmas program. There will be a free-will offering and the menu will be ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, salad, and Christmas cookies & bars. Please place your RSVP form in the container on the back table (W) or offering plate (K). Replies must be in by December 4.

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Kitchen Update: Outlets are wired and the water is hooked up. Dishwasher will be hooked up Monday. Looking for the last countertop and appliances to come in this week. Last major bit will be installing the backsplash and finishing details like polishing sinks, cleaning & re-installing closet shelves, hanging and touching up serving window trim, painting the rolling counter, replacing light fixture coverings, hanging clock, bulletin board, towel racks, etc. Anyone who wants to come in this week to work on any of these final details surely can! Washing and replacing the cupboard contents can be started next week.

Work days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, November 28-30 – Men, we need you, too! (i.e. lifting heavy dishwasher trays, putting screws in concrete walls)

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Fund-Raising Campaign for Kitchen –We have now reached \$22,920 in donations just since the campaign began last August! That's 91.7% of our goal of \$25,000. Thank you ever so much!

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Help Decorate the Church for Christmas this Friday, Nov. 25 – Whoever is able, please come at 10:00 am on Friday the 25th to help decorate the Wells sanctuary before the first Sunday of Advent. Many hands make the work go quickly.

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Advent Season – November 27 will be the first Sunday of Advent. A few of the church activities to look forward to are:

Sermon series and small group: *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes – Finding Faith in the Story of The Grinch*. The small group will meet at The Bean (not at church) on Tuesdays beginning November 29 at 9:00 a.m.

"Unfrozen" Wednesday after-school kids program for grades 3-5: Do you want to meet a savior this Christmas? *UnFrozen* 4-Week series (Wednesdays 11/30-12/21) teaches kids that Jesus was born to melt away the old and bring new life and a new kingdom. UnFrozen will include a snack, skits, lessons, crafts & games and run from 3:15-5:00 on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21. Contact Sarah Hankerson for questions, to help, or to sign up your kids.

Looking for volunteers for....

Weekly Advent candle lighting: an opportunity for families and individuals to participate in worship. Contact Jan Johanson or the office if you would like to volunteer.

Christmas Eve readers – now is the time to let Jan Johanson know if you would like to volunteer to read for the Lessons & Carols at the 5:30 (K) or 7:30 (W) candlelight services. There also are plans to put on a fun skit at the 4:00 (W) service and 8 actors are needed for "Sleepover at the Stable." Sign up on the red sheet on the back table for any of the services.

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Thank you for your response to Operation Christmas Child! Today is the final day to collect shoebox gifts.

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Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed – RING A BELL...HELP CHANGE A LIFE

The Faribault County 2022 Red Kettle Campaign will begin Friday, November 25. Bell Ringers will be outside Marketplace Foods on Fridays and Saturdays from Thanksgiving until Christmas. Volunteers can sign up for open time slots to ring the bell by going to www.RegisterToRing.com or by contacting Sarah Hankerson at 507-317-4322. Donations to the Red Kettle Campaign in Wells will go to The Salvation Army of Faribault County helping our neighbors in need in our community.

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As you begin your Christmas shopping, don't forget to do your online shopping through iGive.com! This program is free for both you as a shopper and to Open Doors. You generate a donation every time you click through iGive.com site or our browser extension, and shop. iGive.com has 1000's of popular stores. **Plus,** install the iGive Button on your browser and then every time you open a new browser window, 10¢ will be donated to Open Doors. That's 10¢ each day! How simple is that? **AND** now until December 15, for all new members who make

their first purchase through iGive.com within 45 days, iGive will donate an extra \$15 bonus for our church! **Please, give it a try!** It's safe, no extra junk mail. *This is endorsed by the United Methodist Church.*



Painting Class – There are still openings in the painting class. It meets from 9-11 on Tuesday mornings in the Youth Room in the basement. It is open to acrylic or watercolor painters of all skill levels. If you want to take the class, call the church office or just show up. Supplies are provided for the first class, after that, please bring your own.



Jason Gray Concert – The Five Sisters Project is proud to host and welcome back Jason Gray for his Christmas concert on December 3, 6:00 pm, at USC Auditorium right here in Wells! Jason Gray (international Christian artist), invites us to take in the Christmas story from a whole new perspective. The concert will feature original songs from his album, "Christmas Stories: Repeat the Sounding Joy," as well as, beautiful worship, sweet treats, fun prizes and SO MUCH MORE.

Purchase your tickets on Five Sisters' website: www.fivesistersproject.com



Community Prayer Group and Bible Study – Prayer is powerful. There is a group that meets every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. for prayer in the Hospitality Room of Open Doors UMC and you are invited. Following prayer at 10:00, there is a community Bible Study that is open to all, as well. Currently they are studying the book of John. Come as you are. No study book required, just your Bible.



UHD Hospice invites you to **Light Up A Life** throughout the month of December. Remember your Loved One and support Hospice by purchasing a bulb for the local Hospice Memorial Tree. Donation forms are available at each church. The tree lighting ceremony will be at the Hospice office, 125 S Main in Blue Earth on December 2 at 5:00 p m. The local tree is at Broadway Apartments in Wells, Bud's Café in Bricelyn, and the Kremer House in Minnesota Lake.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 20–Pledge Sunday

- W** 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
- 10:15am Pie Auction
- K** 10:00am Coffee
- 11:00am Worship

Monday, November 21

- W** 9:00am Painting class

Tuesday, November 22

- 9-11am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean
- W** 1:00pm Staff meeting
- 4:30pm Community Chimes

Wednesday, November 23

- W** 9:00am Community prayer
- 10:00am Bible Study

(No music practices or youth group today.)

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 25

- W** 10:00am Decorate the sanctuary

Sunday, November 27–Advent 1

- W** 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School / Coffee
- K** 10:00am Coffee
- 11:00am Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organists.....Jan Johanson
- Acolyte.....Kaydra Haugh, Makinlee Gossen
- Cross Bearer.....Wyatt Haugh
- Scripture Reader.....Britney Haugh
- A/V.....Sarah Hankerson, Kaylynn Healey
- Projection.....Martin Healey

Birthdays This Week:

- November 22.....Abigail Healey
- November 23.....Kaylynn Healey
- November 25.....Dave Petersen
- November 27.....Wanda Kothlow

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 9:00am on Facebook, YouTube and www.opendoorsumc.org

NOTICE!

There will be
**One Joint Worship Service on
DECEMBER 11
10:00 a.m.**
Followed by the Kitchen Dedication and
Dinner at **11:30.**