



Sermon "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes" Series, Week #1  
 "When Everything is Wrong" Rev. Christopher Leistra  
 Message Response "All I Need Is You" #2080

**– 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*

\* *Response* "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" #2195

**– Sending Forth –**

\* *Benediction*

\* *Hymn of Going Forth* "Soon and Very Soon" #706

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

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**Today** is the first Sunday of Advent and a new church year. Welcome to this rich season of worship. Everyone is invited for coffee and treats, both before and after the 9:00 worship service at the Wells Campus and before the 11:00 am service at the Kiester 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:** Snowbirds as they travel south; Joan Christian in her fight with cancer; Alan Yokiel; all those grieving, hurting, and lonely; all those struggling with challenging life situations; all those serving in the military and their families.

**Announcements**

**Advent Study begins this Tuesday** – *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes – Finding Faith in the Story of The Grinch* study group will meet at The Bean, downtown Wells, on Tuesdays beginning November 29 at 9:00 a.m., followed by "Coffee with Pastor Chris."

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**Christmas Caroling** – The whole family is invited to an evening of Christmas Caroling on **December 11**, 4:00-7:00pm. Meet at Wells Assembly of God, 190 S Broadway. Hosted by the Wells Ministerial and Love Out Loud.

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**Pledges** – If you have not turned in your 2023 financial commitment card, please do so today. You may put them in the offering plate. Extra forms are available.

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**Thank you** to everyone who brought pies and bought pies at the Pie Auction last Sunday. There were 38 pies. \$2755 was earned for the 2023 Jamaica mission trip & youth activities!

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**Joint worship on December 11 at 10:00** – Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. on December 11 only. Since that is the day of the children's Christmas program and there will be no Sunday School classes, and it is the day of the kitchen dedication and meal, we will have a joint service with Wells and Kiester together in Wells. The schedule will be:

- 10:00 – Worship in Wells
- 11:00 – Brief coffee fellowship while dinner is getting set up
- 11:30 – Kitchen Dedication and meal

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**RSVP for the December 11 Dinner!** If you haven't turned in your RSVP yet, please use the enclosed reply form and let us know if you will plan on attending the church meal on December 11. You can also sign up online at <https://forms.gle/TWffre9bPMSeQYsG6>. 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. RSVP forms may go in the basket on the back table (W) or offering plate (K). Replies must be in by December 4.

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**Kitchen Update:** The sinks are completed. Dishwasher is operational once the detergent arrives. The backsplash is completed. Looking for the last countertop and the appliances are scheduled to be delivered on 12/6. We have three big work days this week to complete the finishing details like polishing sinks, hanging and touching up serving window trim, painting the rolling counter, replacing light fixture coverings, hanging clock, bulletin board, towel racks, etc, PLUS wash and put away ALL the dishes and cookware.

**Work days:** Monday, Tuesday, and if we need it Wednesday, November 28-30 – 9:00am-12:00, 1:00-5:00pm, 6:00-8:00pm. *Men, we need you, too!* (i.e. lifting heavy dishwasher trays every 2 minutes, drying dishes, putting screws in concrete walls, etc.) Please sign up on the clipboard on the back table!

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**“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.

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**Mitten Trees:** Again this year you can decorate our trees with your gifts of hats, mittens & scarves for the less fortunate.

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**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. They are studying the book of John. Just bring your Bible.

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**Looking for volunteers for....**

**Weekly Advent candle lighting:** an opportunity for families and individuals to participate in worship. December 18 and 24 (all services) are open. Please contact Jan Johanson or the office if you would like to light the Advent candles.

**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.

**Christmas Eve Skit** If we get enough readers, or actors, there is a fun skit that will be part of the 4:00 (W) service. 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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**The Christmas program** is only two weeks away! The program will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10:00 am at the Wells Campus. **Parents, please note:** The final filming for the pre-school thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade portion of the program will be next Sunday, December 4, during the Sunday School hour. The one and only dress rehearsal for the children in grades 2-6 is Friday, December 9 at 3:15 p.m. Please make every effort to be here!

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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](http://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](http://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](http://iGive.com) site or our browser extension, and shop. [iGive.com](http://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](http://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.*

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**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.

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**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 pm. The local trees are at Broadway Apartments in Wells, Bud's Café in Briceilyn, and the Kremer House in Minnesota Lake.

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**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](http://www.fivesistersproject.com)

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, November 27–Advent 1**

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

**Monday, November 28**

- W** 9:00am Painting class

**Tuesday, November 29**

- 9:00am Grinch study group at The Bean
- 10:00am Coffee with Pastor at The Bean
- W** 4:30pm Community Chimes

**Wednesday, November 30**

- W** 9:00am Staff meeting
- 9:00am Community prayer
- 10:00am Community Bible study
- 10:30am Worship at The Shepherd's Inn
- W** 5:45pm Praise Team
- 6:30pm Adult choir practice
- 6:30pm The WAY Youth Group at USC

**Thursday, December 1**

- 1:00pm Caring Community Outreach meeting

**Saturday, December 3**

- W** 6:00pm Jason Gray concert at USC

**Sunday, December 4**

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

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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

- Pastor.....Rev. Christopher Leistra
- Organists.... Jan Johanson (W), Staci Thompson (K)
- Acolyte .....Makinlee Gossen
- Cross Bearer.....Jaiden Gossen
- Advent Candles .....Sherry Asmus,  
Jaiden & Makinlee Gossen (W)  
Terry & Sylvia Halvorson (K)
- Scripture Reader ..... Doug Hankerson
- A/V..... Sarah Hankerson, Don Stenzel
- Projection..... Karen Stenzel

**Birthdays This Week:**

- November 27 ..... Wanda Kothlow
- November 30 ..... Marla Froehlke, Norell Durfee
- December 2 ..... Jay Hankerson, Mike Henkel
- December 3 ..... Ron Culbertson
- December 4 ..... Sharon Lacher

**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](http://www.opendoorsumc.org)

**Please RSVP**

**Kitchen Dedication Dinner**

**December 11, 2022 – 11:30 a.m.**

Open Doors UMC – Wells Campus Fellowship Hall

*Celebrating the completion of the kitchen remodeling project.*

**Please return to Open Doors by December 4.**

Yes, I /we will attend.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of attendees age 10 and older? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children under 10? \_\_\_\_\_