Parish News • Friday, December 11, 2020

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings! We are another week further into the church season of Advent, as well as another week closer to Christmas Day 2020.

In some ways things don't seem so much different from other years – on the one hand there are Christmas lights in people's yards and in downtown Ely, Christmas music is on the radio, and lots of Christmas shows are on TV, Netflix, and Amazon Prime. But on the other hand, there aren't any Christmas programs up at school, Christmas parties around town, and our church choir isn't practicing for our Christmas Eve service.

It's not a normal year by any stretch of the imagination, but the baby Jesus will still be born again in a manger in Bethlehem and the Risen Lord will enter into human hearts as John describes in the First Chapter of his Gospel: "He came to his own home, and his own people received him not, but to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:11-13)

Item #1: We have decorated the front of our sanctuary in the same beautiful manner as in previous years. We've also added a lovely Christmas tree outside as a witness to people driving by our church that "the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (See attached pictures – online version only.)

Item #2: Susan Germek has researched masks that will allow choir members to sing in a Covid-19 safe manner. She will be in the sanctuary this Sunday, December 13th from 11 until noon to hand out choir masks for those choir members who want them.

Item #3: Please find attached the worship service for this Sunday. The online version will include copies of the hymns we'll sing.

Item #4: Our Church Conference this year will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30. If you would like to attend from the comfort of your own living room you must have Zoom installed on your computer or I Pad. Please email me at <u>sandpointhabes@gmail.com</u> to receive a Zoom invitation. Please find attached a file including all 2020 Church Conference Documents.

If you receive Parish News via US Mail please contact the church office and we'll pass along a copy to you.

Item #5: The church recently received a Thanksgiving card from Northwoods Partners. The front of the card reads: "We are Giving Thanks for You. Happy Thanksgiving from Northwoods Partners." The inside of the card reads: "In this Season of Gratitude we pause to say Thank You for your Support and wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving." (Signed) Dave Nichols, Lisa, and Candy.

Item #6: Please find attached a list of Poinsettias purchased this year in memory of loved ones.

Item #7: This week's Prayer Wall is attached.

Hear now a portion of the words of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, in announcing to her that she will give birth to a child, the Son of God. And then hear Mary's response.

Gabriel: "And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible."

Mary: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

With my appreciation Pastor Craig

Ely United Methodist Church Poinsettia List 2020

Person	In Memory of	
Butch and Lucy Diesslin	Ruth Barnes	
Jay and Jeanne Tomlinson	Their Parents	
Craig Haberman	Dwight Haberman	
Bob and Pat Olson	Roger Salo	
Bob and Pat Olson	Cody Olson	
Norm and Donna Rusco	Grandson Justin Rusco	
Vicki Wagner	Richard and Laurette Reinhardt	
Vicki Wagner	Elmer and Inga Knudston	

The Ely United Methodist Church *Prayer Wall*

December 11, 2020

This is a guide for prayer this week. The *Prayer Wall* is a reminder of those needing prayers during devotional times. Thank you for dedicating some of your personal prayer time to lift up these requests.

Mark 11: 24



"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

We lift up the following in prayer...

- Steve Norvitch family & friends Sheila Shultz's nephew, Steve, passed away from COVID-19
- Brett Janeksela Donating a kidney to his cousin Jerilyn Montgomery on Dec 11, 8 weeks to recover
- Augie Richter Working in the Twin Cities as a medical transcriptionist in the hospital and has seen so much death due to COVID-19. It's been hard on him and the support staff. Please pray for his Spirit.
- Mike and Gail Haney Mike is having consultations in Duluth for brain and lung cancer treatments
- **Bruce & Carol Finley family** Deanie Kuehl's brother Bruce passed away from COVID-19. His wife, Carol, who was still in the ICU with COVID-19 and on a ventilator passed away a few days later.
- Sheila Shultz Is thankful for all the prayers, cards and calls and her ankle is now fully healed
- Jerilyn Montgomery Jerilyn is having a kidney transplant surgery on December 11
- Bonnie Zupancich family, friends & especially her husband Jimmy Bonnie died from COVID-19
- **Nigel Cooper** Butch & Lucy Diesslin's brother-in-law's open heart bypass surgery went well and Nigel is now recovering at home
- Emma Smrekar Carolyn Fendt's great granddaughter is getting chemo treatment for stomach cancer
- **Robin** Heather and Marshall's niece, a nursing home nurse where there is a dramatic uptick in COVID-19 cases in both residents and staff, is working multiple shifts with very little sleep.
- Andy Baker's family & friends Andy passed away in Columbus, OH, on Saturday, November 21
- Emily Wahlberg Family & Friends Emily passed away Dec 20, be in prayer to her family & friends
- Abbey Linda Gass's 8 yr old granddaughter is having brain surgery on December 14 to reduce seizures
- Linda Williams Is having health issues & is recovering in the BWCC. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Steve White Charlie Berglund's nephew is battling colon & liver cancer and after his bout with COVID-19 is now having surgery to remove half his liver. Pray for successful surgery and healing.
- Health care workers and residents of Ely Carefree Living Those who have tested + for COVID-19
- Those who have contracted the COVID-19 Virus and Family Members
- All essential health care workers exposed to the COVID-19 virus

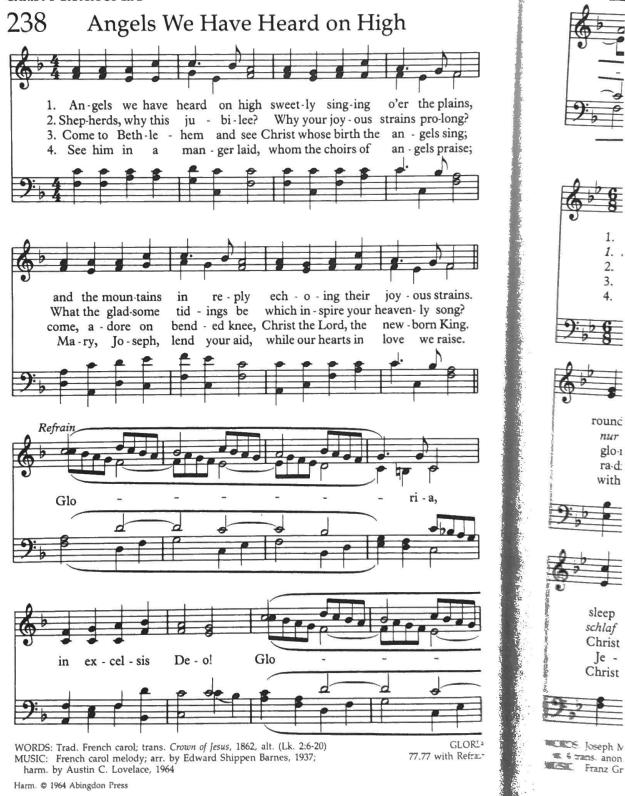
We include all the United Methodist Churches and Pastors, both active and retired, in our MN UMC Annual Conference as we work in extraordinary ways to keep our congregations and communities free from infection by the COVID-19 virus.

Prayer requests are compiled from our church prayer chain, from our Sunday morning church congregation using the prayer request forms located in the pew welcome pads, and the North Star District Prayer List. Prayer requests will remain on the Prayer Wall through four weeks unless removed earlier because the prayer is known to be no longer necessary. People may ask that prayers be renewed on the list for subsequent 4-week periods. The Prayer Wall is finalized each Thursday for the Sunday morning service.

Ely United Methodist Church Sunday, December 13, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Prelude Welcome			Susan Germek
Opening Hymn Opening Prayer	#238	Angels We Have Heard on High	Verses 1,3, and 4 (BCP – Advent III)
Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Jay/Jeanne Tomlinsor			
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:1-4		Jeanne Tomlinson	
Children's Time Gospel Reading		John 1:6-8, 19-28	Pastor Craig
Hymn	# 242	Love Came Down at Christmas	All Three Verses
Meditation			Pastor Craig
Prayer Wall Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Praye	r		
Offertory Doxology			
Closing Song Ringing of the Be Benediction Postlude	#216 	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	All Three Verses
Leading worship: Accompanist: Liturgist: Song Leader:	ip: Pastor Craig Haberman Susan Germek Jeanne Tomlinson Bev Johnson		

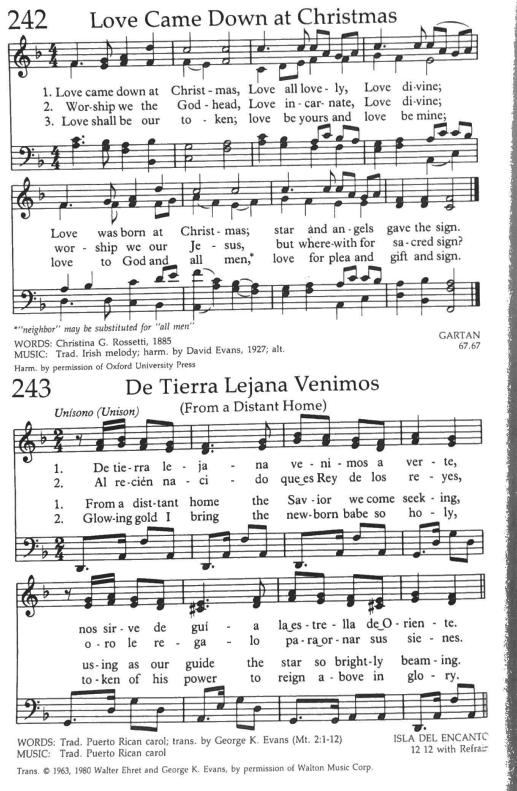
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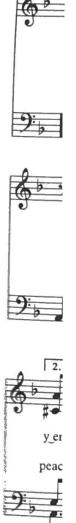


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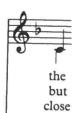
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