

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings from Pastor Craig! The temperature is a minus eight degrees as I write this on Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. The temperature isn't forecast to be above zero again until Saturday, that is February 13th, a week from tomorrow! Brrrrr.....

I remember stretches even colder than this when I was growing up in Cook and delivering the Duluth News Tribune at 6:00 a.m. And then many of you remember February 2, 1996 when Tower set the state record with a minus 60 degrees. Colder weather was recorded in Embarrass, but as I recall the electronic thermometer froze so the temperature didn't register. I was living in Orr at the time and our thermometer registered a minus 50 degrees.

So stay warm! Yes, Punxsutawney Phil, saw his shadow again this year so winter will continue, but it's only a matter of time before spring arrives! Meanwhile we're warmed by God's love and our love for one another.

There isn't a lot of news this week so most of what I report below will be a repeat. If you don't receive *Parish News* in a given week it's because there just isn't any news to report in addition to our Prayer Wall. Otherwise you'll receive *Parish News* each week when I'm in town.

Item #1: As I've mentioned a number of times, we're opening up our worship services for anyone who wishes to attend, whether you have Internet at home or not. We're able to safely seat up to ten worshippers upstairs in the sanctuary in addition to those leading the service and ten worshippers in the basement where we have a large, high definition television mounted on the wall.

All worshippers wear masks throughout the service and are seated at safe social distances from one another. Call Jeanne Tomlinson at 218-235-8470 if you would like to attend.

Item #2: We will purchase a new church computer some time between now and summer. Our needs are pretty simple so it isn't going to be a difficult decision-making process. but we also want to

make sure we're taking all factors into consideration.

The Administrative Council suggested a group of three people do research and bring back recommendations. If you're interested in being part of this group please talk to Pastor Craig.

Item #3: This Sunday is Communion Sunday. If you have some bread and grape juice on hand at home you will be able to take communion with those of us in the church building.

We are tentatively planning on an Ash Wednesday service, on February 17th at 7:00 p.m. You may want to look around your house for some dark ashes to put on your forehead. We will also have ashes available at the church for people who want to stop by and pick some up in advance of the service.

Item #4: A longtime member of our church joined our Wednesday afternoon Zoom Bible Study last week for the first time. Pastor Craig leads an informal discussion of the Scripture Lessons we'll read on Sunday morning. Contact Pastor Craig if you're interested.

Item #5: Please find this week's Prayer Wall either enclosed for those receiving *Parish News* through the mail or attached for those receiving *Parish News* electronically.

Hear now these words from Genesis, known as the Mizpah Benediction. This is when Jacob and his uncle Laban were saying goodbye to each other.

"The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent from one another." (Genesis 31:49)

May God watch between each of us until we are able to safely meet again face-to-face. And may it not be too long!

With my warmest regards,
Pastor Craig

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

February 5, 2021

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.

Psalm 17: 6

Zeke Urbas with clear scans!



“I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.”



We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Dan Johnson** – Following a 6 hour open heart double bypass surgery, Dan has now been moved out of the ICU and is undergoing therapy walking the hospital floor. Thank you for all your prayers & concerns.
- **Stan & Lois Gray** – Carol Laine asked for prayers for Stan and Louis, Carol’s brother and sister-in-law, who are both in intensive care in McAllen, TX and not doing well..
- **Tracy Lundeen** – Anna Urbas’s friend Kynze’s father is now out of the ICU, but believed to have COVID-19 pneumonia effecting his heart and lungs. However, they believe they caught it early on.
- **Linda Fryer** – Linda Fryer, who had cervical spine surgery, is now home and able to walk with support
- **Emma Smrekar** – Carolyn Fendt’s great granddaughter is receiving chemo and radiation treatments
- **Zeke Urbas** – Zeke Urbas’s follow-up scans came out all clear. Praise God!
- **Diane Richards family & friends** – Pam Turnbull’s friend, Diane, passed away from a heart attack
- **Chris McDermott family & friends** – Carol Linneman’s step-sister passed away from COVID-19
- **Rich Siegert** – An Anna Urbas mentor had a severe heart attack & will receive stents when stabilized
- **Bob Niskala’s family & friends** – Bob, Jer’s brother, passed away unexpectedly. Prayers of comfort
- **Dan LaTourell** – Pam Turnbull requested prayers for her cousin Dan LaTourell
- **Tom Farrell family & friends** – Tom passed away last Saturday, January 9th, friend of Pam Turnbull
- **Ted Schreffler** – Tricia’s father-in-law and Jim’s dad is not doing well. Pray for healing and comfort
- **Madison** – Angie Olson’s cousin’s 16 year old daughter was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Prayer for healing treatments
- **Mike and Gail Haney** – Mike is having consultations in Duluth for brain and lung cancer treatments
- **Linda Williams** – Is having health issues & is recovering in the BWCC. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **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, February 7, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Welcome		Pastor Craig
Prelude		Susan Germek
Opening Hymn	#384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	Verses 1, 3, and 4
Opening Prayer		
Children's Time		
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:21-31	Cathy Aldrich
Meditation		Pastor Craig
Hymn	#474 Precious Lord, Take My Hand	All Three Verses
Prayer Wall		
Pastoral Prayer		
Offertory and Doxology		
The Great Thanksgiving		Page 9
The Lord's Prayer		
Communion		
Closing Song	#2281 May You Run and Not Be Weary	Sing through twice
Ringing of the Bell		
Benediction		
Postlude		

Leading worship: Pastor Craig Haberman
Accompanist: Susan Germek
Song Leader: Bev Johnson
Liturgist: Cathy Aldrich

384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

474 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,
 3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 when my life is al-most gone,
 and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
 at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

WORDS: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932
 MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

PRECIOUS LORD
 Irr.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical settings on pages 17-25 may be used if desired.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

10 WORD AND TABLE: SERVICE I

When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Amen

2281 May You Run and Not Be Weary

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your
heart be filled with song. — And may the
love of God con - tin - ue to give you hope and
keep you strong. And may you run and not be wea -
ry. May your life be filled with joy! — And may the
road you trav - el al - ways lead you home. —
— May you

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PRINCE OF PEACE
Irregular