Parish News • April 2, 2021

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings from Pastor Craig! Finally, Easter 2021 is on the doorstep and what a difference one year makes....

Easter 2020 was when the reality of Covid-19 was just beginning to really settle in like a heavy blanket on our hearts and our lives. Last evening, I was reviewing my entries in my "Line-a-Day" journal from a year ago and was transported back to how bewildered and despondent I was feeling. It was a sobering recollection.

Now a year later, we're not completely out of the woods yet, but some return to normalcy is already here and more is in sight; and before too very long.

Whatever "normal" finally turns out to be and whenever it comes along, one thing is certain – unlike last year we will gather together Easter Sunday, whether in person or via Facebook Live, to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It's Easter Sunday 2021 and Jesus lives!

Item #1: Today, however, is Good Friday, when we remember Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death. We have two services coming up yet this week.

- Holy Week Friday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Sunday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Typically, these services are well-attended because the events of Holy Week matter so much to us. Please call Jeanne Tomlinson in advance if you wish to attend worship in-person. This allows us to plan a seating arrangement in order to maximize the number of people who can safely attend. Jeanne's phone number is 218-235-8470.

If those attending worship in person are able to arrive ten minutes before the service begins this helps us out a lot because that's when we begin our broadcast for people viewing at home.

Item #2: Our Holy Week service will combine Jesus' last supper with

his twelve disciples, which happened on Thursday, with his arrest, trial, crucifixion and death, which happened on Friday.

The service begins with the reading of an account of the last supper, a short sermon, and Holy Communion. Then will come a reading of the events of both days from the Gospel of Mark, along with the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the disciples fleeing and Jesus dying alone.

Those attending the service in person will have the opportunity to safely receive Holy Communion. Those of you who are attending at home may choose to have bread and grape juice ready to partake with us.

Item #3: Here is our Easter Lily list for this year.

- Butch and Lucy Diesslin In Memory of Lucy's sister, Ruth Barnes
- Bob and Pat Olson In Memory of their grandson, Cody Olson
- Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson In Memory of Jeanne's sister, Kathleen Mulkins
- Norm and Donna Rusco In Memory of their parents and grandson, Justin
- Evelyn Wallander In Memory of her husband, Ernie and her son, Joe
- Bonnie Berglund In Memory of her husband, Charles; grandson, Mason
- DeRosier; parents Albert & Irene Schorfeide; and Swan & Doris Berglund
- Nick and Paula Mattila In Memory of their grandson, Noah
- The Rues In Memory of Vi & Bernard Rue, Bruce, Craig, & Kay Rue, Lee Hotaling, and Karen and Terry Close
- Mike and Kathy Brandau In Memory of Mike's father, Lloyd; Kathy's father, John Leonas; and Derek Dean, Mike and Kathy's nephew

Item #4: 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.

Following our Easter worship service, I'll drive down to Sioux Falls to be with my family there and will return Friday or Saturday. There will be no *Parish News* next Friday, April 9th. The next *Parish News* will be in two weeks, Friday, April 16th.

Hear now these words from the first Easter morning as recorded in Matthew 28:5-8.

⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

With my warmest regards, Pastor Craig

Ely United Methodist Church April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

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Welcome Prelude			Pastor Craig Susan Germek
*Opening Hymn #302 Christ the Lord is Risen Today verses 1-4 *Opening Prayer O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.			
Children's Time			
Epistle Reading Gospel Reading		l Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	
*Hymn	#322	Up from the Grave He Arose	
Sermon			Pastor Craig
*Hymn	#307	Christ is Risen	
Prayer Wall/Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer			
Offertory *Doxology			
Closing Song #303 The Day of Resurrection Ringing of the Bell Benediction/Postlude			
Leading worship: Accompanist: Song Leader: Liturgist:	Susan Bev Jo	r Craig Haberman Germek ohnson n Luthens	

The Ely United Methodist Church **Prayer Wall**

April 2, 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 5: 3



"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice, in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."

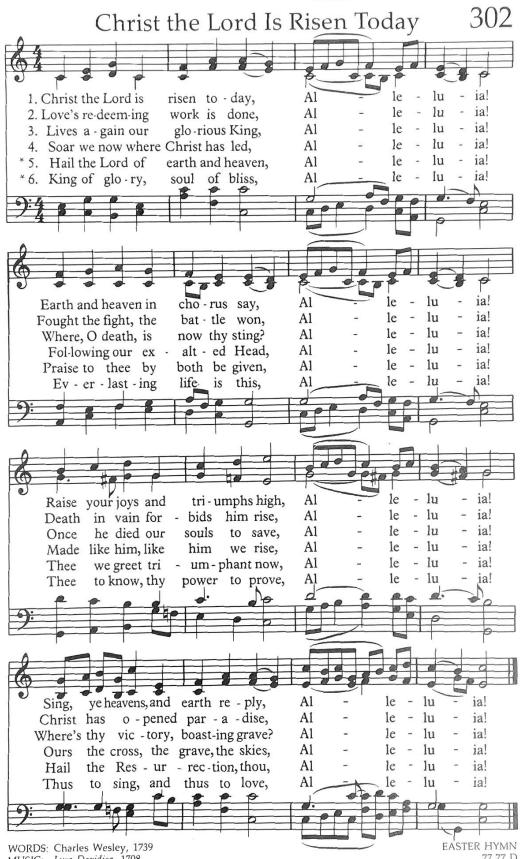
We lift up the following in prayer...

- Brian Glenda Harbough's brother, Brian, is having personal issues and needs prayers.
- Paul DeiKoff Linda Hane's brother-in-law is having surgery to amputate his foot. Pray for compete healing.
- Phyllis Olson Phyllis broke her hip and required surgery and has been diagnosed with cancer. Pray for healing.
- Lilly Tedrick Has Covid-19 and is feeling sick and needs prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.
- Rod & Tootsie Loe & several family members All dealing with Covid and really need our prayers
- Robert Buckner Marge Olson's brother fell and broke his hip and is need of healing prayers
- Wendy Sheri Rue's friend who is having problems with her father living in a nursing home
- Eric Urbas & Zach Rue Both are dealing with Covid and needs prayers for recovery
- Delane Sheri Rue's friend who grieving over the loss of her mother.
- Pam Brunfelt Sheila Shultz asked for prayers for Pam who has been receiving cancer treatments. She took a serious fall after being treated this week and is being assessed for injuries.
- Heather Judy Bonaerson's granddaughter undergoing 5 plastic surgeries to repair damage from being bitten by a dog.
- Keith Rue's extended family Keith's sister-in-law, Kaye, passed away. Pray for peace and comfort.
- Mike Haney Mike is struggling with his loss of strength and treatments for brain cancer.
- Emma Smrekar Carolyn Fendt's great granddaughter is receiving chemo and radiation treatments
- Linda Williams Fell and broke her hip & 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.

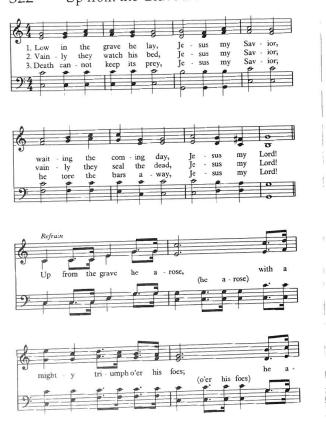
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your eternal Christ once dwelt on earth, confined by time and space. Give us faith to discern in every time and place the presence among us of him who is head over all things and fills all, even Jesus Christ our ascended Lord. Amen.

Laurence Hull Stookey, USA, 20th cent. (Lk. 24.51, Acts 1.9-11, Eph. 1.16-23)

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