

## **Parish News • April 16, 2021**

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings from Pastor Craig! Wow, has it been soggy recently; not gully-washing downpours, but just plain steady rain, day after day after day. And then finally, yesterday and today, sunshine has returned to brighten our days and lift our spirits!!

Of course, the long stretch of rain wasn't a bad thing in the big picture, because there was very little snow mixed in. Also, the slow and steady rain reduces fire danger and provides for a really nice "green up" this Spring. It looks as though temperatures will remain below normal for the next ten days, but it does look as though the sun will shine and it will be dry most days.

As I mentioned last Sunday, Easter is both a Sunday and a fifty-day season in our church year. This follows the chronology we see in the New Testament Book of Acts, where there are fifty days between the first Easter Sunday and Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit "descends" upon the gathered followers of Jesus.

Our purpose for recalling this timeline each year following Easter isn't for history's sake alone; it's also to remind us that our world and our lives have been changed permanently by Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Something is different once and for all.

The popular church hymn written by Avery and Marsh back in the 1970's puts it best when it says: "Every morning is Easter morning from now on!" May it be so for each of us in our hearts and in our minds.

**Item #1:** Our Administrative Council meets this Wednesday and will be reviewing possibilities for our church opening up again, not just with Sunday worship services, but other areas of our church life as well. This is in light of decreasing infection rates and rising vaccination rates in Ely and beyond. We will keep you up to date with what's going in general and especially with any changes.

Meanwhile, please continue to call Jeanne Tomlinson each week if you wish to attend Sunday worship in-person. Her phone: 218-235-8470.

**Item #2:** Here is a list of upcoming events/meetings at Ely United Methodist Church

- **Wed.** 4/21 2:00 Zoom Bible Study (each week at this time)  
4/21 7:00 Zoom Administrative Council Meeting
- **Thurs.** 4/22 6:00 Choir Practice (each week at this time)
- **Thurs.** 5/6 9:00 United Methodist Iron Range Clergy meet at our church  
5/6 2:00 Zoom Worship Committee Meeting

**Item #3:** The May/June edition of “The Upper Room” has arrived and is available at the church for you to pick up a copy. Stop by the church at your convenience or during office hours and we can visit briefly if you wish in a Covid-safe manner. My office hours at the church are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 through 12:00 noon when I’m in town.

Note: For those you may not be aware, the Upper Room is a booklet put out by the United Methodist Church with brief daily devotions to feed one’s heart and mind in faith.

**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.

Hear now these words from **Psalm 126 – a Psalm of Rejoicing: A Song of Ascents.**

*<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. <sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’ <sup>3</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. <sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. <sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. <sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.*

With my warmest regards,  
Pastor Craig

# The Ely United Methodist Church

## *Prayer Wall*

April 16, 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.

### 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...

- **Mary Leonas** – Kathy Brandau’s mother, Mary Leonas , is not doing well. Pray for healing.
- **Marla Tezek** – Linda Hane’s sister-in-law had back surgery and needs prayers for recovery
- **Jade Hane-Buchwitz & fellow classmates** – Pray for calm as they do ‘MCA’ testing
- **Earl Bulinski family & Friends** – Earl passed away. Pray for peace and comfort
- **Art Hane** – Bill Hane’s brother is dealing with Parkinson’s and is now at home. Prayers for comfort
- **Darryl Johnson** – Don Johnson’s brother is recovering from receiving 1 stent with 2 more to be inserted
- **Jeff Close** – Sheri Rue’s brother, Jeff, is having some health issues. Please pray for healing.
- **Lee Tessier family & friends** – Lee passed away from complications after surgery.
- **Paul DieKoff** – Linda Hane’s brother-in-law is having surgery to amputate a foot. Pray for healing
- **Lily Tedrick** – Has Covid-19 and has been pretty sick. Pray for a speedy and complete recovery
- **Brian** – Glenda Harbough’s brother, Brian, needs prayers for personal reasons
- **Phyllis Olson** – Healing from a hip fracture and diagnosis of cancer. Pray for healing.
- **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-19 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 and is being assessed for injuries.
- **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.*

**Ely United Methodist Church**  
**April 18, 2021**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Welcome**  
**Prelude**

Pastor Craig  
Susan Germek

**\*Opening Hymn** #318 Christ is Alive

**\*Opening Prayer**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Children's Time**

**Epistle Reading** I John 3:1 – 7  
**Gospel Reading** Luke 24:36b – 48

**\*Hymn** #367 He Touched Me

**Sermon**

Pastor Craig

**\*Hymn** #472 Near to the Heart of God

**Prayer Wall/Pastoral Prayer**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**Closing Song** #364 Because He Lives verses 1 & 3

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Benediction/Postlude**

Leading worship: Pastor Craig Haberman  
Accompanist: Susan Germek  
Song Leader: Bev Johnson  
Liturgist: Scott Meland

# Christ Is Alive

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1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and all cre -

prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 here and now and dwell in ev - ery place and time.  
 midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.  
 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 a - tion ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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## He Touched Me

1. Shack- led by a heav - y bur - den,            neath a load of  
2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior,            since he cleansed and

guilt and shame,            then the hand of Je - sus touched me,  
made me whole,            I will nev - er cease to praise him;

*Refrain*

and now I am no long - er the same.            He touched me, O he  
I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!            Some - thing

hap - pened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

WORDS: William J. Gaither, 1963 (Mt. 8:3; Mk. 1:41; Lk. 5:13)  
MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1963

HE TOUCHED ME  
Irr. with Refrain

## Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God;  
 2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God;  
 3. There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God;

a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.  
 a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.  
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

*Refrain*

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us who wait be - fore thee near to the heart of God.

Because He Lives

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;  
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,  
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;  
 and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
 I'll fight life's fi nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,  
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,  
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.  
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

\*Jesus

WORDS: Gloria and William J. Gaither, 1971  
MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1971

RESURRECTION  
98.9.11 with Refrain

*Refrain*

Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;

be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;

be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing just be cause he lives.