Parish News • June 11, 2021

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings from Pastor Craig!

Wow, summer heat has arrived with a vengeance, bringing high humidity in its wake. But it's been cooling off nicely at night, which I appreciate so much. It's fun to open the windows around sunset and feel the cooling breeze circulate throughout the house. I even enjoy the sound of thunderstorms when I'm sleeping if I know they're not severe.

I notice that high temperatures will be in the upper 70's and low 80's for the next ten days, with lows in the 50's, which will be ideal for my canoe trip next week.

School was out for the summer yesterday for my Pennsylvania grandchildren. I received pictures via text message of the last day of school party for my grandson George and his 4th grade classmates. Have you ever heard of "foam cannons?" We'll they are exactly what they sound like – some kind of cannon that shoots out massive amounts of foam. The pictures show students and the ground completely covered with suds! Hmm – a little different from when I lived in Cook and we had the excitement of going to the park in Virginia for a picnic the last week of school! Oh well, times change and it looks like they were having fun!

I hope your summer is off to an enjoyable start. We've lived through a Covidwinter, so let's soak up every last glorious minute of summer!

Item #1: Wasn't it great to hear the choir sing last week?! And for all of us to be able to sing from the bottom of our hearts as we're used to and without masks!

There are still half a dozen or so Sunday morning activities we aren't participating in yet; for instance coffee fellowship following worship and taking communion at altar railing, but wearing a mask during worship services or other church activities is left up to each individual's discretion.

It is also no longer necessary to call Jeanne Tomlinson in advance if you wish to attend worship on Sunday morning.

Item #2: We have been successfully live-streaming from our new Facebook account: "Eumc MN," so please go there to tune in. We will also include directions to our new Facebook account on our previous Facebook page where you've been tuning in since we began live-streaming.

People without personal Facebook accounts are still unable to find us at our new Facebook account through a web link. We hope this will change some time in the future.

Item #3: Jer Niskala has volunteered to mow grass at the church this summer. Scott Meland will substitute occasionally when necessary. If you're able to sign up for a month to mow please call the church at 365-3355, leaving a message if necessary, or Marge Olson at 235-0220. The church owns a lawn mower and weed-whipper, which are stored in the garage in the lower parking lot. Thank you!

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.

Item #5: I will be in and out of town for much of the next three weeks, but will only miss one Sunday; the Fourth of July. Here's a summary of my travels.

• I will be on a canoe trip into Basswood Lake Tuesday, June 15th through Friday, June 18th with my nephew Josh, his girlfriend Lara, and Mary, a friend of Lara's.

• I will meet my family (my two sons/their families and my three brothers/their families) on Friday, June 25th in the Twin Cities. My father's memorial service will be Saturday, June 26th at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church.

• My sons/their families/I will travel to Ely shortly after the memorial service. We'll all be in church Sunday, June 27th. My oldest grandson, Bryden, will be the liturgist.

• Sunday, June 27th, mid-afternoon we'll leave for Crane Lake for a family reunion and our final time at the cabin after 53 years.

• Thursday we'll head back to Ely and have some family Ely time through July 6th.

Pastor Dana Thompson will lead worship on Sunday, July 4th. In case of an emergency during any of this time please call Jeanne Tomlinson at 218-235-8470. She will be able to reach me except when I'm in Basswood Lake.

There will be no *Parish News* on June 18th and June 25th. There may be an abbreviated edition on July 2nd.

Hear now these rousing words of praise and humble trust from Psalm 138.

Psalm 138 Thanksgiving and Praise Of David.

¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. ³ On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. ⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

My best wishes and God's blessings for a wonderful June,

Pastor Craig Haberman

The Ely United Methodist Church **Prayer Wall**

June 11, 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



"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...

- **Declan** Anna Urbas's 3 month old nephen, Declan, is in Children's Hospital waiting until he is stronger to have heart value replacement surgery .
- Vonda Schreffler family and friends- Tricia Schreffler's mother-in-law has passed away
- Lisa Porthan Update: Lisa's tests show 'abnormal cells' but inconclusive as to whether it's cancer or not. She's having surgery to remove the large mass & will be in hospital 3-4 days, then 6 weeks recovery.
- Wally & Jeri Walburn In the unexpected loss of their nephew Brian Walburn. Pray for peace and comfort to Brian's family and friends.
- **Steve Harbaugh** Steve is Glenda Biebl Harbaugh's husband and is having numbress and pain in his legs and is having trouble walking. Doctors have not been able to diagnosis the problem yet.
- Pam Turnbull Pam is undergoing carpal tunnel surgery, prayers for healing
- 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
- Those who have contracted the COVID-19 Virus and Family Members
- All essential health care workers exposed to the COVID-19 virus

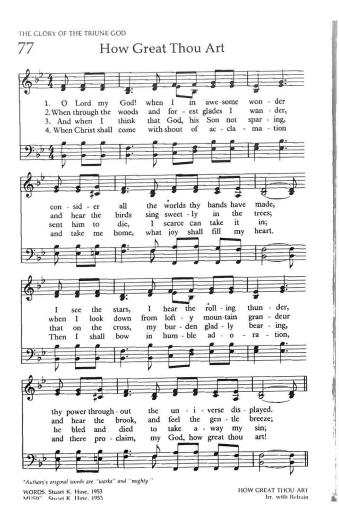
We include all the United Methodist Churches and Pastors, both active and retired, in our MN UMC Annual Conference as we work in extraordinary ways to keep our congregations and communities free from infection by the COVID-19 virus.

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 June 13, 2021 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

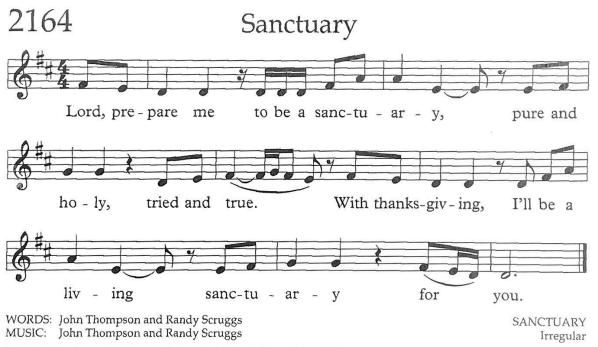
Welcome Prelude			Pastor Craig Susan Germek					
*Hymn #77 How Great Thou Art Opening Prayer O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.								
Children's Time								
Old Testament Reading		l Samuel 15:34 – 16:13						
*Hymn	#2164 #393	Sanctuary Spirit of the Living God	(sing twice) (sing twice)					
Sermon			Pastor Craig					
*Hymn	#430	O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee						
Prayer Wall Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Pray Offertory *Doxology								
*Hymn *Ringing of the B *Benediction Postlude	#524 Sell	Beams of Heaven as I Go	verses 1, 2, and 4					
Accompanist: Liturgist:	Susan Germek Scott Meland							

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