

## Parish News • June 19, 2021

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings from Pastor Craig!

I returned yesterday from a wonderful, yet challenging canoe trip from Fall Lake to the Crooked Lake pictographs and back. Friday, my nephew Josh, his girlfriend Lara, Lara's friend Mary, and I paddled in a very stiff wind the nearly fourteen miles from just this side of Upper Basswood Falls to the Fall Lake Campground. The wind was with us for about two miles on Newton Lake; otherwise, it was against us, broadside, or quartering. An exhausting, tense, yet rewarding day.

Previously I'd announced there would be no Parish News this week, but I am sending out a brief version to our email Google Group only; so you will have a copy of our updated Prayer Wall for this week, as well as a second look at my schedule between now and July 6th and our announcement from last week inquiring about additional volunteers to mow the church lawn.

**Item #1:** 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 #2:** 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 #3:** 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 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.

There will be no *Parish News* on 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.

*<sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. <sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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 18, 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 62: 8

Lisa Porthan's recovery room

view



*“Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your hearts to him,  
for God is our refuge.”*



### We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Marsha** – Linda Williams sister, Marsha, is scheduled for open heart surgery, pray for healing
- **Zach Rue** – Zach is having testing done for possible pancreatic and gall bladder issues
- **Paul DieKoff** – Linda Hane's brother-in-law is having additional surgery to his leg
- **Lisa Porthan** – Update: Lisa's surgery went well. Waiting to learn if it has spread to lymph nodes requiring chemo. Feeling God's presence with view from recovery room seeing the cross on the church.
- **Emma Smrekar** – Update: Carolyn Fendt's granddaughter has received her last chemo! She's still weak and is on a maintenance schedule, but treatments appear to have worked. Praise the Lord!
- **Addison** – Sheila Shultz's grand-niece, 5 year old Addison, is in the burn unit in Duluth after pulling something hot out of the microwave and spilling it on herself. Pray for healing.
- **Tara** – Bev & Dan's neighbor, Jani Jordan-Kienitz's childhood friend, Tara, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for successful treatment and healing.
- **Declan** – Anna Urbas's 3 month old nephew, Declan, is in Children's Hospital waiting until he is stronger to have heart valve replacement surgery .
- **Vonda Schreffler family and friends**– Tricia Schreffler's mother-in-law has passed away
- **Steve Harbaugh** – Steve is Glenda Biebl Harbaugh's husband and is having numbness and pain in his legs and is having trouble walking. Doctors have not been able to diagnosis the problem yet.
- **Mike Haney** – Mike is struggling with his loss of strength and treatments for brain cancer.
- **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.*