

Parish News • October 29, 2021

Members and Friends of Ely United Methodist Church,

Greetings from Pastor Craig! It's Thursday afternoon shortly before choir practice begins. I returned a couple hours ago from my first visit to the new Zup's grocery store, now located in the former Shopko building on the east side of town. It's well-lit, with eleven long aisles, a dairy case that spans the back entire wall, and includes a large deli and produce area on the west side of the store.

Note: It's helpful to pick up a one sheet (front and back) guide to help you find what you're looking for. I'm attaching a copy of this for those who may be interested. I apologize for the creases; I folded it before leaving the store so it would fit in my shirt pocket.

As you know the new store replaces the former Zup's Food Market building at Third Avenue East and Sheridan Avenue and Ely Northland Market, which was most recently run by Donna and Jim Richards. Traveling even further back in time, those of you who are long-time Ely residents will remember the names and locations of grocery stores, which replaced the two that I just mentioned. Things change.

I remember Mom shopping at the "National Tea" when I was in early elementary school and we lived in Ortonville, MN. The chain sold to A & P in 1976. I find it difficult to fathom how there were three grocery stores in Cook, when we lived there from 1966 through 1972. Two were on Main Street and one was on Highway 53 in the building that now houses Subway Sandwiches. There were just plain more stores back then and they were smaller.

I wonder what John and Verdella Musech (who owned the SuperValue store downtown), the Millers (who owned the IGA on Highway 53) and the owners of the Coop grocery store downtown would think of the new Zup's store in Cook or what the first generation Zups would think of the new store here in Ely.....

While on one hand they probably would shake their heads in wonder at how much has changed, on the other hand there might quickly follow a nod of recognition. Although the new store is much larger and has a greater variety of products on the shelves, the store today has the same function as did its predecessors: providing local residents with groceries and also serving as a gathering place to see one another and to linger while leaning on our respective shopping carts getting caught up with what's happened since we saw each other last.

Item #1: November 7, one from this Sunday, the worship service will be one of memory, thanksgiving, and celebration. The Sunday is known as All Saints' Day on the Christian calendar. We will:

- Recognize memorial gifts received and who they were given in memory of between July 2019 and the present, with the ringing of our church bell.
- Read a list of people who have been members of Ely United Methodist Church for 60 plus years, 50 plus years, and 40 plus years.
- Offer people attending worship in-person or online an opportunity to write the name(s) of loved ones who have died since July 2019 on slips of paper provided. Ushers will bring these names forward to be read as part of the Great Thanksgiving in our Communion Service.

- We'll take Holy Communion together.

Please join us online or in-person for this joyous Sunday if you're able. We invite those of you worshipping at home to have bread and grape juice handy to take communion with us.

Those who worship online can forward the names of loved ones you would like read during the Great Thanksgiving in one of two ways – either in the comments section of the Facebook Live broadcast as the service begins or to our church Gmail account at elyumc.elymn@gmail.com. We encourage you to add your relationship to the person or persons you list.

Those of you on a deer stand in the pre-dawn darkness can be a part of our gathering by remembering and giving thanks for those who have gone before and what they meant to you and your families.

Item #2: The UMW (United Methodist Women) and our Administrative Council met on Wednesday (October 20th) to consider a wide range of agenda items, including an update on pasties. Please find the minutes of both meetings attached or included.

Item #3: Last week we received information on ordering Poinsettias in memory of loved ones to decorate our church sanctuary this year as Christmas Eve approaches. I mention this now, even though Christmas is a long way off, because the window to order is in the next three weeks.

Watch for information in Parish News on the following Fridays (November 5, 12, and 19) and in the bulletins on the following Sunday's (November 7, 14, and 21).

Item #4: This week's Prayer Wall is attached or included.

This Sunday we'll be reading from the short, but lovely book of Ruth in the Old Testament, and on November 7th as well.

There's so much packed into these four chapters and 85 verses, including the following heartfelt words spoken by Ruth, that earlier generations were often read at wedding services.

Naomi and Ruth are traveling from Moab back to Bethlehem, returning to Naomi's homeland because the famine in Judah has ended. Against Naomi's urging, Ruth insists on leaving her home country of Moab, saying to Naomi.

Ruth 1:16-17

But Ruth said,

*"Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!*

*Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.*

*¹⁷ Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.*

*May the LORD do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!"*

God's blessings be with you and your family,

Pastor Craig

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

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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 (NIV)



“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...

- **Dick & Mary Taylor** – Dick is having back surgery Nov 2nd to reduce pain and increase mobility.
- **Dave Rue** – Keith’s brother was hit in the eye with a pressurized hose damaging his iris, eyelid & pupil. Doctors are uncertain he will have vision in that eye.
- **Bobbi Hodges** – Cathy Aldridge’s nephew is beginning radiation treatments. Pray for comfort and healing.
- **Nan Starzecki** – Butch Diesslin’s sister had a pulmonary embolism, pray for comfort and healing.
- **Dennis Minier** – Nick Mattila’s friend has lung cancer and is not doing well. Pray for effective treatments.
- **The Wernet family** – Still struggling from the passing from COVID of her husband and father of 4 children.
- **Susan Burland’s family & friends** – Sheila Shultz’s sister, Susan, has passed away. Pray for comfort to family & friends.
- **Danielle** – Suzette Tedrick’s cousin, Danielle, is hospitalized with COVID. Pray for a quick and full recovery.
- **Kurt Klein** – Kurt is the son of Linda Hane’s good friend, Linda Tikkala, and is undergoing cancer chemo treatments.
- **Ollie** – Bonnie Berglund’s great nephew was born missing 2 arteries to his heart. Pray for him & his parents, Alex & Derek.
- **Cheri Ann** – Lee Tessier’s sister is having knee surgery. **Update:** Surgery went well, pray for comfort and healing.
- **Tootsie Loe** – Pray for her strength and comfort as she has discontinued further treatments.
- **Diane** – Carol Linneman’s friend undergoing strenuous cancer treatments for a type of cancer that can not be cured, but can be limited. Pray for successful treatments in limiting the cancer.
- **Mike Haney** – After shrinking, his brain tumor is now growing again. Pray for new successful treatments.
- **Linda Gass’s mother, Pat** – Fell and broke her hip & is having surgery. Pray for comfort and healing.
- **Bob & Vicki Beech** – Prayers to not be overwhelmed by the many changes in their lives during the past few years.
- **All the Fire Fighters and their families fighting forest fires in Ely and elsewhere**
- **All essential health care workers exposed to the COVID-19 virus and the Delta variant**

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.

The UMW at Ely United Methodist Church October 20, 2021 10-11:30 AM

President Lucy Diesslin opened the meeting at 10 AM with prayer and a unison reading of the UMW pledge. We had 16 people attending: Bonnie Berglund, Lucy Diesslin, Carolyn Fendt, Linda Hane, Beverly Johnson, Carol Linneman, Sharon Luthens, Crystal Nickerson, Margie Olson, Vicki Podominick, Donna Rusco, Patty Rusco, Janice Tessier, Jeanne Tomlinson, Evelyn Wallender and Pastor Craig.

Minutes: The minutes from our January 20, 2020 meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve by Bev Johnson; second by Linda Hane.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Luthens reported that our current account balances are: checking \$2,886.40; savings \$16,589.70. The \$10,000 CD had been cashed in and moved to the savings account when it matured last year due to insignificant interest for renewal. The secondary savings we had been required to have with the CD was also closed and monies moved to the other savings. The only expenditures have been BullsEye Cleaning and a \$1,000 donation to the church General Fund towards the purchase of the camera. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we accept the report as submitted. Second by Bev Johnson. Motion passed.

Business

- **Celebration of Life Committee:** Margie Olson reported that they had two Celebration of Life gatherings to handle since the committee had been formed. The first was Lee Tessier's which was held at the Winton Community Center and the second was Pete Davis' which was held in the Fellowship Hall (church basement). Both went quite well with purchasing most of the items and having a small group of people make up the sandwiches, then serving the food buffet style with things being handed directly to the people instead of having open baskets & plates of food on the tables. Bags of chips and bottles of water were used.
- **UMW dues:** Sharon wanted to confirm that we still wanted to pay our annual \$650 dues to the North Star District as well as include our usual \$100 donation. We briefly discussed what the money is used for and learned more about the Emma Norton Residence that we help support. We learned some specific needs of Welcome Baskets and Move-In Totes that are filled with various household goods to help the women who are served. Margie Olson moved that we donate the amount needed to provide a Welcome Basket. Second by Janice Tessier. Motion passed. Jeanne will work on contacting the Emma Norton House to learn how much it should be. Linda Hane suggested we look at some of our more local shelters to see about helping them. She'll look into it and get back to us.
- **Festival of Trees:** We had received the annual request from Northwoods Partners for possibly buying a wreath or tree, decorating it and donating it to the Festival of Trees that is held over the Thanksgiving weekend. We have done a wreath in the past but no one is interested in doing the decorating this year so Margie Olson moved that we just donate \$100 instead; second by Bev Johnson. Motion passed.
- **Christmas Luncheon:** We decided to have one this year and set a date for Tuesday, December 14 at noon at the Grand Ely Lodge. Jeanne will contact the GEL to make reservations and starting in November will provide a sign-up sheet.
- **Pasties:** We briefly discussed whether we want to hold off to February to make pasties because of the recent surge but it was felt that we should proceed anyway since there will probably be a surge in February. Workers will need to be vaccinated and we'll request masks but not require

them. Jeanne will be contacting all the callers to review the calling lists and make sure they know to explain to people about our new “advanced” calling, price increase (to \$7) and order limits (8).

- **Church Supplies:** Jeanne mentioned that we need to have a small committee willing to work on a process for regularly inventorying the church supplies that we pay for and taking care of getting it ordered/purchased in a timely manner. Linda Hane, Vicki Podominick, Crystal Nickerson and Patty Rusco offered to serve on the committee. Jeanne will contact them to set up a time for a meeting.
- **Large Coffee Pot:** Margie Olson reported that both of our large coffee pots (80-100 cups) are broken. She moved that we purchase a new one. Cost was estimated at about \$150. Second by Linda Hane. Motion passed. Margie will take care of buying it.

We adjourned the business meeting portion at 11:15 PM.

For our devotional study, we read Chapter 7 of our study book, *Attitude is Your Paint Brush - It Colors Every Situation*. This chapter was about having an “Attitude of Open-Mindedness”. We also enjoyed delicious a pumpkin roll that Margie Olson provided.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17 at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Tomlinson Secretary