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Parish News

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A Note from Pastor Craig

Worship With Us From Your Living Room

We began live-streaming our Sunday worship services in the Fall of 2020. Many of you join us each week from a number of locations besides Ely; including Arizona, Lake of the Woods, Wisconsin, and a number of spots in Minnesota.

You can join us at 10:00 Sunday morning or any time later in the week by searching for our Facebook account from your Facebook personal account.

Search for our account "Eumc MN" paying attention to the case of the letters and the space between the "c" and the "M."

Then select "follow" or send us a friend request.

Email the address above if you have difficulty and I will call you to step you through

What are you doing for the Super Bowl this year? I'm assuming you've already made plans because it's only two days away. Or maybe you are purposely choosing to do something else because well, you're just not that into football. Or tired of all the hype. Or maybe you are opposed on principle to an industry that draws so much attention and where such large sums of money are involved.

I'm still a sports fan, although not as much of a nut for professional sports as I was when I was young. So I will watch and be thoroughly engaged by the Super Bowl. But I won't go into a post-Super Bowl depression, waiting for the NFL draft April 28 and the then the opening of training camp in August.

Rather, I will turn my attention even more closely to the birds coming into my two feeders, to the minutes of daylight slowly increasing, to the color of the sky when the sun comes up, and to activity around town as more people begin to emerge from their homes and automobiles where we have retreated during the cold weather this winter.

The great out of doors restores us, doesn't it? We may even feel God's presence in Creation. Wendell Berry's poem "The Peace of Wild Things" describes this so clearly.

<https://www.scottishpoetrylibrary.org.uk/poem/peace-wild-things-o/>

Where and how do you experience the "peace of wild things?" On your deer stand as the sun comes up? Deep in the woods on your ATV? Canoeing while exploring a new lake? Snowshoeing after a new snowfall? Ice fishing in the bright sunshine of a late March day?

Oh, by the way, I still treasure my Micky Mantle baseball cards. And I hope the baseball owners and players end their stalemate and Spring Training begins on time. But also that they make the changes necessary to reverse the new trends that are ruining professional baseball.

Have a blessed week. Your peace-filled pastor - Craig H.

Scripture Readings for Sunday

We'll read two Scripture Readings this Sunday. For those without internet who want to look the readings over, they are: Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Luke 6:17-26.

Warnings of judgement, which predominate most of the book of Jeremiah are absent here, but in verses 9-10 we still see Jeremiah's familiar puzzlement at the deceit of human hearts. Verses 5-8 sound so similar to Psalm 1, which is also a reading recommended for today: "Those who trust in God are like trees planted by the water." <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+17%3A5-10&version=MSG>

Although we won't be reading Psalm 1 during the service on Sunday, it's an inspirational reading you may want to read. <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+1&version=NRSV>

Jesus calls his twelve disciples as a group in the verses immediately before the reading from Luke. Jesus then comes down from the mountain where they have been and he begins preaching to a great crowd of his disciples and great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

That's a lot of people from a wide geographical area and of diverse backgrounds. We're told Jesus cured the people who had come to him to be healed of diseases and those who were troubled with unclean spirits. Then he begins to teach and what he says is simply astonishing!
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+6%3A17-26&version=MSG>

Those of you with internet access can click on these links. Others can look up Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, and Luke 6:17-26 in your Bibles.

Pastor Craig Traveling to Idaho

Pastor Craig will be on vacation at his twin brothers in Idaho from Wednesday, February 16 through Wednesday, February 23. Jay Tomlinson will bring the message next week. In case of an emergency please contact Pastor Craig at sandpointhabes@gmail.com or call Barb Hefors at 218-969-0135.

There will be no Parish News for the next two weeks while Pastor Craig is on the road. The next edition of Parish News will be on Friday, March 4th.

Tweaking Sound for Live Streaming

We are making some modifications to the components in our sound system, their placement, and their relative volumes in order to enhance our Facebook Live services. Our goal for those of you who worship with us at home is that your experience be nearly the same as those who gather in-person. We're grateful for your patience as we work at making steady progress in this direction.



The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

February 11, 2022

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 (NIV)



“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...

- **Joan and Jim Nicholas – Update:** Joan has completed her in-person rehab and is now back in her apartment with Jim.
- **Nancy Markwardt’s brother Joe – Update:** Joe completed his 65th pancreatic cancer treatment and is still in remission.
- **Nicole Udovich’s cousin Maranda** – Maranda has been diagnosed with breast Cancer. Pray for successful treatments.
- **Zeke Urbas** – Zeke will have another cancer scan in 3 months rather than annually to confirm a clear cancer scan.
- **Lisa Diessln – Update:** Butch reported that his sister’s back surgery went well, and Lisa is in recovery.
- **Jade’s friend Alissa Gauthier and her family members and friends** – Alissa’s mother passed away.
- **John Franklin** – Paula Mattila’s brother-in-law, John, is in hospice end-of-life care for Alzheimer’s. Pray him & his wife Jeannie
- **Bob & Lavern Lindholm** – Bob & Lavern are moved to the Babbitt Carefree Living facility. Pray for a smooth transition.
- **Gary Tedrick** – Gary had back surgery this week and is in a lot of pain. Pray for comfort and healing.
- **Carol & Jerry Norling** – Church members who moved to Duluth, Carol is battling lung cancer.
- **Frana Cherrico family & friends** – Frana, a part of old Ely’s history, has passed away recently.
- **Emma Smrekar family & friends** – Carolyn Fendt’s granddaughter & high school senior passed away from cancer.
- **Brian Biebl** – Brian is having a tough time grieving for the recent loss of his father and his son one year ago.
- **Devon Luthen’s good friend** – Devon’s good friend has learned her breast cancer has returned. Please pray for Devon’s good friend. (No name needed.)
- **Mike and Gail Haney family** – Mike is facing end of life struggles.
- **All essential health care workers exposed to the COVID-19 virus and the Delta & Omicron variants**

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.