

# ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Parish News

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### A Note from Pastor Craig

#### Worship Live Streaming at Ely UMC

We have moved our live-streaming from Facebook over to YouTube.

Initially a difficulty linking our camera with our church Facebook account made this necessary. But YouTube has advantages both for viewers and for us "producing" the broadcasts. One advantage for viewers is you don't need any kind of account to access the worship live-stream videos.

To find the videos, go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and then type "Elyumc1" in the search window.

We will continue to utilize our Facebook account (Eumc MN) to make occasional church announcements, to post bulletins and hymns in advance of worship services, and to post YouTube worship service links. So keep visiting our church Facebook account to find new

Greetings on the doorstep of Easter! It's only three days away now depending on how you count. Most of you can remember Easter blizzards from years' past, when your Easter egg hunt happened in the snow and your family had to wear winter parkas over fancy Easter clothes that were popular back in the day.

Every day for the past several weeks I've pulled up a detailed weather forecast online hoping that maybe, just maybe, the weather would take a turn and we'd have sunshine and warm temperatures. But now more snow and forecasts don't look good, so once we have to wait for Spring to arrive.

Meanwhile, last night (Thursday) was our Holy Week service, where we commemorated both the Last Supper and Jesus' crucifixion. Now we pause with the entire Christian world for Easter Sunday, when we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Jesus' followers didn't know it was a pause, of course. As far as we can tell either they hadn't understood his enigmatic words, that he would be raised from the dead on the third day, or they hadn't yet taken them to heart. Or perhaps they were just too stunned and demoralized to respond.

Through the centuries the Church has pondered the silence between when Jesus was laid in the tomb on Friday and his resurrection early Sunday morning. We read in the New Testament letter of I Peter that during this pause Jesus went and *"made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah."*

We don't know exactly what Peter means as he writes these words, but it certainly suggests God's presence in Jesus works in God's time, in God's way. And without us being aware, in the silences, the pauses of our life.

This pause between now and Easter Sunday is an opportunity to consider that God's wondrous love is at work even during uncertain times in our life. The once-for-all work of redemption on the cross is over, but the healing of creation and the completion of God's work in our lives continues.

I hope you and those you love have a Joyous Easter! Pastor Craig

## Ely Area Food Shelf and Northwoods Partners News

Nancy Schwartz from the Ely Area Food Shelf and Lisa Porthan from Northwoods Partners gave presentations to the Ely Ministerial Association on Tuesday. Both organizations have a strong presence in the Ely, Babbitt, and Embarrass area. And both have instituted new programs. Here is a brief thumbnail sketch of each. Watch for additional and more detailed information in future editions of Parish News.

**Ely Area Food Shelf:** The food shelf has added new programs and made existing programs more user friendly. For instance, removing restrictions on how much and what kinds of food families can pick-up, allowing for home delivery, and adding individual and family-sized bags of food that churches can have on hand to distribute. These bags are designed to tide people over until they can make a visit to the food shelf in the next several days. Ely Area Food Shelf website is at: <https://elyareafoodshelf.org/>

**Northwoods Partners:** Northwoods Partners has received a substantial grant from the Northland Foundation to facilitate coordination between community agencies here in the Ely area. And to make this information more accessible to area residents.

A short survey is an important part of this effort. Surveys will be available in the rear of the church beginning Sunday, April 24. The surveys are designed for people over 50 years of age and should be returned before the middle of May. Northwoods Partners website is at: <http://www.northwoodspartners.org/>

## Gospel Reading for Easter Sunday from John

The New Testament has a beautiful variety of accounts of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. The earliest written account is in I Corinthians 15, where the Apostle Paul gives a detailed rendering of the early church's belief about the resurrection and the consequences of how this will unfold for those who die in Christ.

Each of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) features an account of the first Easter morning when one or more women go to visit the tomb. Luke adds the beautiful, heart-warming account of two disciples meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus the first Easter evening. John includes three post-resurrection appearances - to the disciples the first Easter evening, a week later in the same place with "doubting Thomas" present, and then some time later on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where they are fishing.

Each account gives us a slightly different perspective of the same event; compiled together we have a rich tapestry of this miracle that has transformed the world and changes our lives.

Easter Sunday as we read John's account we'll be treated to an intimate conversation between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. This is the moment that is the inspiration behind the gospel hymn "In the Garden," that includes the phrase: "And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known."

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A1-18&version=NRSV>

# The Ely United Methodist Church

## *Prayer Wall*

*April 15, 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...

- **Bob & LaVerne Lindholm** – LaVerne is moving to the Ely Carefree Living from Babbit. Pray that Bob handles her move well and that he can join her in Ely very soon.
- **Carol Przybylsky’s family & friends.** – Linda Frissell’s mother, Carol, passed away. Pray for comfort and peace.
- **Zeke Urbas** – Zeke is having his follow-up Cancer scan for the spot found on the previous scan. Pray for a clear scan.
- **Tammy** – Angela Olson’s cousin, Tammy, had a massive stroke and is now in rehab. Pray for healing and comfort.
- **Mike & Cathy Brandau** – They are traveling to IL to attend the funeral for Mike’s mother, Marilyn.
- **Chelsea’s & Kelli’s family & friends; Sarah Mancino & another, college dormmates:** – Chelsea & Kelli both died in an auto accident. Pray for comfort, peace & healing for the families & dormmates. Sarah is Jeanne Tomlinson’s niece.
- **Dave Aldrich** – Lucy Luthens grandfather had shoulder surgery and asked for prayers of comfort, healing and recovery.
- **David Richter** – Amy Fitzsimmons asked for prayers for David who had prostate cancer surgery. Pray for comfort & healing.
- **Lee Bailey** – Erin Moravitz co-worker’s husband, Lee Bailey, has bladder cancer and requires chemo treatments and will eventually have to have his bladder removed..
- **Dee** – Linda Hane’s friend, Dee, had stem cell transplant surgery 4 months ago and is doing well. However, she has contracted pneumonia and on antibiotics and in low spirits.
- **Kevin Richards** – Kevin has been helping friends in Kuwait. He is home but plans to return. Pray for his success and safety.
- **Teri** – Carol Laine’s daughter, Teri, has been hospitalized in Grand Rapids with a very serious sepsis infection that is not improving. Carol is very close with her daughter and is hoping to have her moved to the cities for new treatments.
- **Michelle** – Janice Tessier’s daughter, Michelle, has been diagnosed with MS. Pray for effective treatment and comfort.
- **Tim Donovan’s family & friends** – Tim’s wife passed away recently. Tim is friends of the Nelson’s.
- **Dave & Kris** – Dave’s Parkinson’s Disease symptoms, Lisa Porthan’s father, are getting far worse and Lisa’s mother, Kris, is exhausted trying to care for him. She has her own health issues as well. Please keep Dave & Kris in your prayers.
- **The Russia / Ukraine conflict** – Pray for a world-wide lasting resolution, safety of the people, and peace.
- **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.

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Easter Lily List – 2022

Jay/Jeanne Tomlinson (2)	In memory of their parents In memory of Kathleen Mulkins
Norm/Donna Rusco	In memory of parents and grandson
Steve/Kathy Nelson	In memory of our parents
Janice Tessier	In memory of husband Lee
Nick and Paula Mattila	In memory of grandson Noah
Bob and Pat Olson	In memory of grandson Cody
Judith Bonderson and Heidi	In memory of Judith's husband and Heidi's father
Mike/Kathy Brandau (4)	In memory of Mike's parents, Lloyd and Marilyn In memory of Kathy's father, John Leonas In memory of nephew Derek Dean
Craig Haberman	In memory of parents, Dwight and Barb
Bonnie Berglund	In memory of Charles Berglund, Mason DeRosier, Albert and Irene Schorfheide and Swan and Doris Berglund
The Myers Family	In memory of Bill and Carol Zupancich
Paul and Sheila Schultz	In memory of our parents and son Eric

