

ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Parish News

June 10, 2022

A Note from Pastor Craig

VBS at Grace Lutheran

Grace Lutheran Church at 301 East Conan Street in Ely is holding Vacation Bible School from Monday, July 25th through Thursday, July 28th from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. each day.

They invite children from K through 6th grade to attend. There is no charge, but they ask boys and girls to bring their own lunches. Snacks are provided.

Anyone interested is asked to contact Rachel Brophy at ratchet6977@hotmail.com or contact the church office at 365-5605.

Volunteers to Mow the Church Lawn

We are still in need of volunteers to mow the lawn in June through August. There is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the church.

Greetings! I had a marvelous time in Pennsylvania and Kentucky with my family recently, as I mentioned in *Parish News* and on Sunday morning last week. I enjoyed dropping into their lives on their turf for a brief period of time. It's also wonderful to return to my life here in Ely.

Shortly before worship last Sunday a jeep with a canoe on top drove into the church parking lot. Nothing unusual about that, but I went outside out of curiosity anyhow. As I walked toward the vehicle, the driver approached me and we shook hands. He introduced himself as the father of the young woman who was the lone staff person last year out at Ko-Wa-Kan, our United Methodist base camp on Section 12 Lake on the Fernberg Trail.

He was headed out on a canoe trip out of Nina Moose, but had forgotten his Bible at home and wondered if I had one he could borrow. He mentioned that he was presently reading through the prophet Jeremiah.

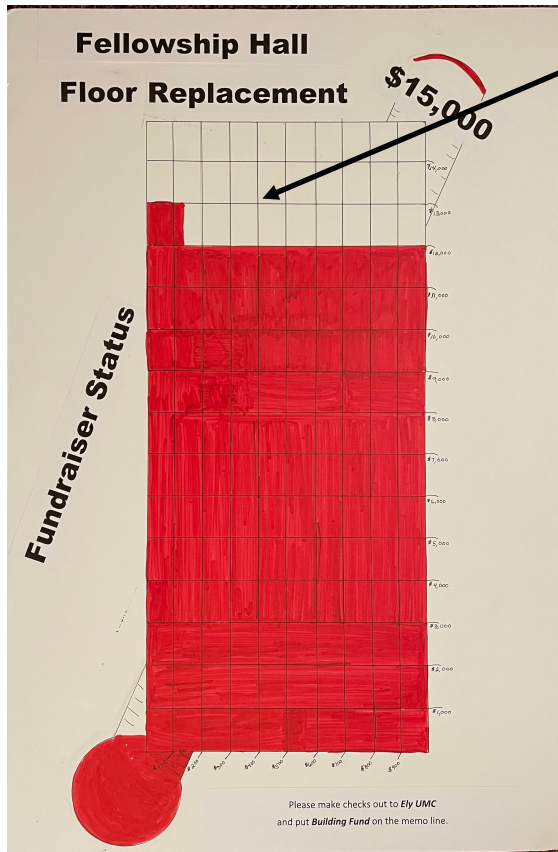
For at least 1600 years the greatest Christian thinkers have talked about the two Books that God gives us to reveal who God is: The Book of Nature and the Book of Scripture. The two complement each other, together giving us a fuller picture of who God is and of God's hopes for all Creation.

This has been my experience ever since I was in my teens. I've always enjoyed the beauty of the out of doors and each year learn a little more of how intricately it all fits together, both at the microscopic and cosmic levels. As several lines of a familiar hymn go: "I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought."

My knowledge of Scripture has been slower in coming. In my teens and early twenties, working at Handberg's Marina on Crane Lake, I would read the New Testament occasionally in the evenings. I didn't understand much of what I read, but it started me on a journey of discovery where I find my heart, soul, and mind are filled and enlightened a little bit more every year.

We're here in one of the most beautiful areas in the entire world. Bibles are available at our fingertips to strengthen, teach, and challenge us. Who could ask for more!

Pastor Craig



Basement Floor Fundraising Update

\$12,130

The good news is our fundraising is going well. We've now raised \$12,130 toward our goal of \$15,000. This is in addition to an existing \$10,000 seed money from Tootsie Loe's memorial and another individual contribution.

The bad news is that we've discovered water damage in the kitchen, which makes necessary removing the old floor that contains asbestos. Previously we thought we wouldn't have to remove the old tile floor because it would be covered by the new floor. Our Board of Trustees has voted to have the asbestos removed throughout the basement at an additional \$7,130 cost. There are also some ceiling tiles that will need to be replaced.

All work is scheduled for the month of June.

Worship on Sunday, June 12

I am out of town from Thursday through Sunday for a wedding in Alexandria, MN. I have been invited to officiate the wedding for a couple from Tracy at a venue in the country outside of Alexandria.

There will be a hymn sing during the sermon time with Mary Taylor at the piano. Bev Johnson will provide a Children's Time, Dan Johnson will read Scripture, and Dick Taylor will lead the time of prayers.

There will be two "pre-selected" hymns that are old favorites - "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "His Eye is On the Sparrow."

Jay Tomlinson will bring a report from the recent meeting of the Minnesota Annual Conference in Saint Cloud. There were only a few legislative items before the Annual Conference, but they were important in setting future directions for United Methodist in Minnesota.

In case of an emergency between now and Monday, June 13 contact Jay Tomlinson (218-235-1879) or Sheri Rue (507-456-2499).

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

June 10, 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.

I John 5: 14-15 (NIV)



“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know he hears us – we know that we have what we asked of him.”

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Bobbi Gruwell** – Our summer choir member, Bobbi, broke her arm and will require 12 weeks recovery. Pray for healing.
- **Jim & Karen Eilrich** – Tomlinson’s neighbors. Jim is struggling with serious health issues. Pray for comfort and healing.
- **Paul Ivancich** – He is still battling cancer, but is now in the hospital fighting an infection. Pray for effective treatment.
- **Duane** – Bob Olson’s friend, Duane, who just returned from being hospitalized for treatment of bleeding ulcers..
- **Nick Mattila** – Nick has diabetic neuropathy and a lot of pain in his arm. He will get an MRI to determine the cause of pain.
- **Brandau’s newest granddaughter Ruby Marie** – Born 4 weeks early but is home now but is on oxygen to help her breathing.
- **Nicole** – Heidi Hansen’s daughter who lost her business and others in Deer River effected by a tornado .
- **Patty Niskala** – Continued prayers for Patty as she works with the doctors on the next course of treatments.
- **Vicki Podomonick** – Vicki is struggling with some health issues. Pray for comfort and healing.
- **Jerilyn Montgomery** – She had a kidney transplant earlier but has developed an infection. Pray for effective treatment.
- **Heather** – Judy Bonderson’s granddaughter has some health issues. Pray for comfort & healing.
- **Linda Hane** – Linda fractured her hip and sprained her wrist in a fall. She also has some leg spasms causing pain. Pray for comfort, healing and a quick and full recovery.
- **Beau Micheal Hohertz’s family** – Nine month old, Beau passed away from a sudden GI illness. Pray for comfort and peace for his parents, Zachery & Katelin (Cranny) Hohertz and grandparents, Mike and Deb Cranny.
- **Jean Nelson’s family & friends** – Jean, one of our dedicated pasty workers, passed away recently. Pray for comfort and peace for her family & friends.
- **Peggy Koschak** – Peggy was injured in a fall. Pray for comfort and healing.
- **Red** – Nancy Markwardt’s brother, Red, has resumed prostate cancer chemo treatments. Pray for effective treatments.
- **Ropey** – Marg Olson’s brother, Ropey, is not doing well. Pray for healing, comfort and peace.
- **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.
- **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.