

# ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Parish News

June 17, 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! Summer is finally in full bloom here in Ely. Around the fishing opener I began to notice an increase in automobile traffic in town, and especially on Sheridan Street. Returning home this past Sunday evening following a long weekend in Alexandria I noticed another jump in activity. Parking is at a premium with groups of people strolling through downtown.

Also Sunday evening it seemed to me as though the leaves on trees had "exploded" to their full summer size in the short time I was gone. Of course this time of year there are black flies and mosquitoes, but the less spent talking about them the better...

Last week in worship Jay Tomlinson, our lay delegate, gave a report from the recent meeting of the Minnesota Annual Conference in St. Cloud. Earlier in the week he showed me what he'd written for my feedback. Several days ago I watched his presentation on our YouTube livestream from the June 12 service.

I thought his presentation was top-notch in every aspect. I want to thank Jay for the way he accurately and concisely summarized the Annual Conference. His report was more informative and interesting than anything I could have written.

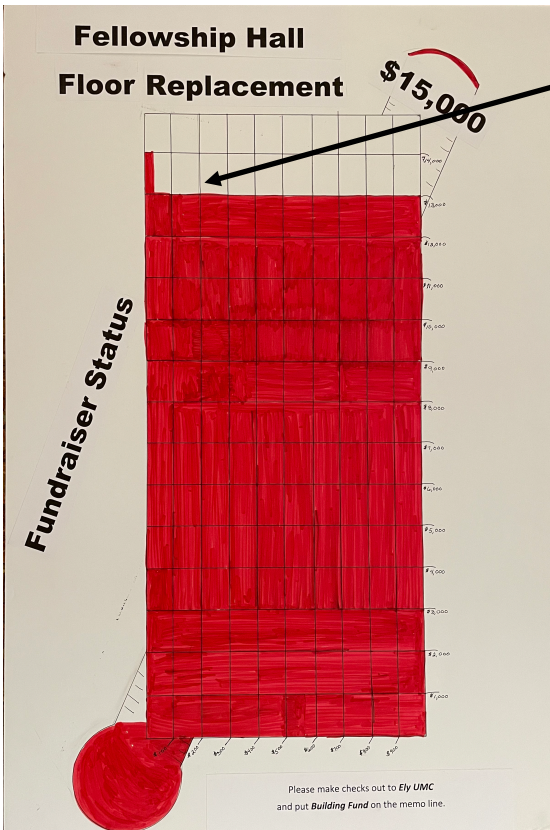
I believe his assessment of the legislation was accurate, as was his estimation that our Annual Conference is increasingly centered upon the Twin Cities Metro churches. I have noticed this during the past several years.

One emphasis of the legislation this year was the full inclusion of people in our churches regardless of race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. The other is the option of churches to disaffiliate from our Annual Conference. The tone of these conversations has a different emphasis and intensity in the Twin Cities than here in Ely, but I think we have similar commitments as urban churches.

I agree with Jay when he said our church is committed to full inclusion. I also concur with his statement that the effect of the legislation won't have a major effect on the way we are living out our desire to follow Jesus' Great Commandment by loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as our ourselves. There is always more for us to learn.

Ely UMC - thank you for being who you are. May the Holy Spirit guide each one of us and our church to be ever more faithful followers of Jesus Christ. I am glad to be your pastor and look forward to what lies ahead. Pastor Craig

## Basement Floor Replacement Update



**\$13,030**

Our fundraiser continues to inch toward the \$15,000 goal as you see on the graph on the left.

An enthusiastic team of volunteers from the church assisted Eric Urbas and Ryan Puzel clear everything out of the basement a week ago Thursday. The asbestos abatement has been completed in the basement.

The installation of the flooring will begin this Wednesday, June 22, starting with the bathroom, hallway, and fellowship hall. The kitchen flooring will be put down after we move things from the kitchen into the fellowship hall. Finally we'll have to move everything back into the kitchen.

We hope to have the project completed by the last week in June. Thank you for your financial contributions and help in moving things around! Stay tuned for further updates.

## Worship this Summer

Beginning this Sunday the church calendar enters what is called "Ordinary Time." This isn't because the Scripture Readings for each Sunday, worship themes, or the worship services themselves are without special or distinctive features. It's because the Sundays are referred to by their ordinal numbers, as in the 5th Sunday after Pentecost. We will have reached the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost before Ordinary Time ends on November 13, 2022.

The Old Testament Readings the next two Sundays will be from I/II Kings before moving to the Prophets for the rest of the Fall. The Epistle Readings will be from a variety of New Testament Letters - to the Galatians, Romans, Colossians, Hebrews, and I/II Timothy. The Gospel Readings will be selected readings from the Gospel of Luke, ranging between chapters eight and twenty-one.



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**Senior Adults' Healthy Lifestyles,  
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**MONDAY,  
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**Grand Ely Lodge**

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Includes  
light  
Lunch

### Presenters and Topics:

- Angela Lunde, Mindfulness and You •
- Dr. Nicholas Cooley, Good Sleep, Why & How •
- Dr. Katie Evans, Your Aching Feet •
- Naomi Sperry, Pharm D & John Schindele, Pharm D •
- EBCH Pharmacy and Hospital Services •
- Dr. Isaac Hunt, Your Aging Brain •
- Heather Holthaus, RN, Essentia(l) Wellness •

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# General Conference 2020 postponement until 2024:

## What it means for us (our Annual Conference)

### From Bishop Bard

We continue to engage in the ongoing work of creating a post-pandemic church. The Minnesota Annual Conference is clear about its vision: that every congregation be a vital expression of the scriptural imperatives to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. In the aspirational vision adopted at the 2019 Annual Conference, we have identified four core values that guide our shared journey: We are rooted in Jesus, grounded in Wesleyan theology, inclusive of all persons, and engaged in the work of justice and reconciliation. Living into our vision and embodying our core values means that we are committed to creating a place at the table for everyone, including LGBTQIA+ persons, and to listening more deeply to voices that have often been marginalized. The Extended Cabinet has created a statement of our commitments that speaks specifically to how we hold the value of LGBTQIA+ inclusion in this waiting season. We believe we are stronger and better together, and even as we await General Conference, we will continue living into our vision and embodying our values. We are not at a standstill.

To be clear, whenever General Conference 2020 takes place: If legislation is adopted through which the continuing United Methodist Church commits to the full inclusion of all persons, and the prohibitive language in the Book of Discipline regarding LGBTQ persons is removed, this would align with our aspirational vision and the intention is that the Minnesota Annual Conference would remain part of The United Methodist Church. If General Conference does not make progress toward a fully inclusive church and ends in a stalemate, our expectation is that the Minnesota Annual Conference will chart a new future with other like-minded annual conferences that are committed to our values of being rooted in Jesus, grounded in Wesleyan theology, inclusive of all persons, and engaged in the work of justice and reconciliation. The North Central Jurisdiction, at its latest meeting, adopted a “Covenant to Build Beloved Community” that names a commitment to anti-racism work and LGBTQIA+ inclusion. We are a part of a larger movement within United Methodism.

## The Ely United Methodist Church

# Prayer Wall

June 17, 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...

- **Sheila Shultz** – Sheila has contracted COVID. Please keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.
- **Ken Nicholls & Wife, Jane Ann** – Heather & Marshall Monthei’s neighbor, Ken, has an immunity issue with a blood disorder & has Covid which is attacking his heart.
- **Jack & his family** – Newly awarded Eagle Scout, Jack, whose father died in the BWCA in his sleep from a heart attack during a scout canoe trip. Please pray for Jack and his family as they deal with this sudden loss.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.