

# ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Parish News

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### A Note from Pastor Craig

#### Joint Outdoor Worship Service - August 14th

Our church will be participating with Ely Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, and St. Mary's Episcopal Churches in a joint outdoor worship service at Semer's Beach pavilion on Sunday, August 14th.

The service time will be at 10:00 and will replace our Sunday worship service. The service will be streamed on Facebook live on the Grace Lutheran page. In your Facebook account, search for @gracelutheranely.

A hot dog roast, with chips, beverages, and s'mores will follow. All food is provided.

Mark this date on your calendars and watch for more details in the coming weeks.

#### 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.

I'm writing these words Thursday morning before breakfast. A gentle breeze is rustling the leaves of aspen trees at the edge of the woods out my bedroom window, thirty feet away. I hear the chirping of a few songbirds, interrupted every so often by the slashing call of an ovenbird.

The high temperatures today will be in the upper 80's, but last night it dropped into the middle 50's, so I am still able to have the window open now.

I sat down here over an hour ago with a cup of coffee. It's now only half gone and has been cold for some time. Soon I'll have to rouse myself to head off to church for office hours and to work on getting this edition of *Parish News* put together. The silence is a good time to "be still and know that God is God."

I just finished reading *Chasing Lakes: Love, Science, and the Secrets of the Arctic* by Katey Walter Anthony, PhD, a book I serendipitously stumbled across at the Piragis bookstore last Sunday. Her editor could have also included "faith" in the title because Katey is candid about the role her Christian faith has played in her life - family, career, and science. Katey says her editor encouraged her to include more about her faith in the book and move a lot of the science to the endnotes.

Katey grew up in California, earned her PhD from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, and has traveled all over the Arctic in Asia and North America (mostly in Alaska and Russia) working on her science. Katey, her husband Peter, and sons Jorgen and Anders split their time between Fairbanks (where she is a professor) and his six-generation family farm in Minnesota, which they now own.

What fascinates me about this book is her candor and the way she integrates faith, ground-breaking scientific research, Arctic high adventure, personal self-discovery, her journey from atheism to faith, her family life, and the juxtaposition of her/Peter's Alaska-life and farm life in Minnesota. It's also refreshing to me that there's no mention of politics in this book - she leaves that to others.

She brings to light so much of what I've always believed and in such a winsome manner. I could say more, but those of you who are receiving this electronically can see view short YouTube videos here. They're really, really good. <https://climatecrocks.com/2022/06/08/katey-walter-anthony-on-science-and-faith/>

What are the ways that you experience family, faith, self-discovery, and your relationships with others, all interacting with one another? Pastor Craig

### **Two Upcoming 70th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations**

Two couples in our congregation are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversaries in the next two weeks. Their families invite you to celebrate with them.

Norm and Donna Rusco's family will provide cake and coffee following worship on Sunday, July 3rd at our church to honor them.

Bob and Pat Olson's family are having a celebration at Semer's Park on Saturday, July 9th from 1:00 to 5:00 to honor them. There is an invitation for Bob and Pat's celebration on the bulletin board at the rear of the church.

### **Vacation Bible School**

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](mailto:ratchet6977@hotmail.com) or contact the church office at 365-5605.

# 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.



### John 15: 7 (NIV)

*Jesus said, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."*

### We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Carol Laine** – Carol had another surgery on her ankle. Pray that this surgery resolves the issues she has been having.
- **Glenda Harbough** – Glenda received injuries in a fall and is now recovering back at home in Milwaukee.
- **Sheila Shultz** – **Update:** Sheila is feeling much better as she is recovering from COVID. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **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.
- **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.

*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.*

## Looking at the Story of Elijah

By my count the ministry of the prophet Elijah in the biblical books of I and II Kings is only eight chapters long, but in those pages we see a towering figure of faith and courage, who is also a human being who experiences doubts and burnout. We can identify with this side of his personality. On several occasions he moves from doubt to faith, which can be an inspiration to each of us to trust God more completely.

This week in worship we'll see Elijah taken up into heaven in a whirlwind and Elisha taking up the mantle as God's prophet. <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Kings+2%3A1-14&version=NKJV>

I've also put together a ten window set of devotions that explores most of Elijah's life. Each devotion takes about fifteen minutes. My idea was for this to be something our boys and girls could do with their parents and their new Bibles, but it's also something that adults might enjoy.

I've printed these off and included them for the snail mail version of *Parish News*. They are a document attached to the electronic version with the name - *The Story of Elijah's Life*.



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