

# ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Parish News

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### A Note from Pastor Craig

#### Updates Regarding the Joint Worship Service at Semer's Beach This Week

Three of the four clergy leading the joint worship service this Sunday met down at Semer's Beach on Tuesday to get final details set.

Here are several updates:

First, we are unable to livestream the service like we thought. Earlier we tested the strength of the data signal and it appeared strong enough. It failed in our testing earlier this week.

We will not take a collection at the service. You can mail, drop off any donations at the church, or bring them on another Sunday.

Remember to bring a lawn chair as we mentioned earlier.

We will have several wheel chairs to transport people on the paved trail down to beach area where you can then sit in your own chair.

Hardly a week goes by where someone in our community, whom we have dearly loved, dies. Each week we also lose people on the national stage who have made our life brighter or made notable contributions, large or small, in the time given to them to live on this amazing planet.

For example in our community we said goodbye to Paul (Paulie, PI) Ivancich, someone who touched nearly every person in Ely in one way or another. Minnesota Gopher basketball fans of a generation ago noticed the death announcement of Clyde Turner, a magnetic basketball player of ungainly build and prematurely balding, who went on to become a social worker who was deeply involved with youth. Movie and music fans are mourning the loss of singer and actress Oliva Newton-John. Fans of American History grieve the death of magisterial historian and writer David McCullough. There will be no more books from this patriot who wrote Pulitzer Prize winning biographies of John Adams and Harry Truman along with studies of the Brooklyn Bridge, the Panama Canal, the Jonestown Flood, the Wright Brothers, among others.

Few of our lives will be as visible as the people I mention above, but each of us will have a significant impact on the people around us. We may also have chance encounters with people we may never meet again that will matter ever so much, as with the moment between two Little League players this past week.

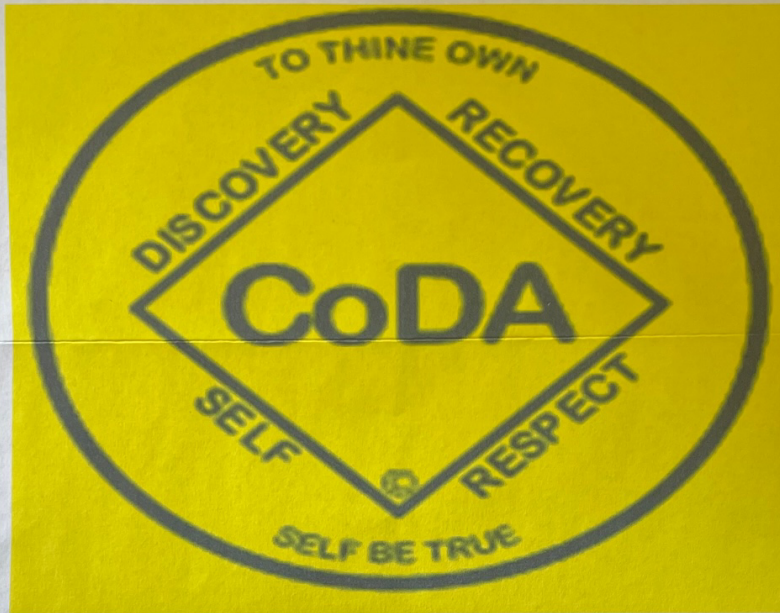
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Newscasters and pundits speculate on the health and future of our democracy, wondering how well we're doing, how things may unfold in the months and years ahead, and suggesting what steps we should take next. Both Democrats and Republicans are concerned, but often for far different reasons.

The way through our present situation will certainly require capable leaders at all levels of society who are able to work "across the aisle" so to speak. I am convinced, however, the way each one of us interacts with the wide variety of people in our community is equally important. We seem to have a tendency to associate primarily with people like us, what some people call "living in silos."

Few, if any, of us will be remembered by as many people as the folks I've listed above, but that's not the point of it all anyway, is it? What matters is to love those whose paths cross ours in the same way God loves us.

Pastor Craig



Ely CoDA Group

Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Meets at Northern Lights  
Clubhouse – 41 E. Camp St.

*All Are Welcome!!*

The church received this flyer from the Ely CoDA group asking we post it so that our members are aware of this support group, which meets in Ely.

CoDA, part of the recovery community, is a support group where members can share their life experiences in a confidential setting. The poster itself describes the purpose of the group.

## Basement Floor Replacement Update

We continue to make progress on a few items with our basement floor project. The convection ovens are back in place. Casters have been installed on our large wooden table.

Our plans are to have an individual install the baseboards. There are a few other large pieces professionals will put back in place and hook up before we'll be ready for volunteers to wash dishes, move pieces of furniture back into their previous positions, and return the basement to "operating condition."

We have reached our \$15,000 fundraising goal. So thank you!! We are adding contributions we continue to receive to the building fund. They will be used to cover remaining costs for the baseboards and other contingencies.

We'll update you when it's time for volunteers to get the basement up and running. A huge "thank you" to Marge Olson, Pam Turnbull, and others who have worked hard on this project. The floor looks great!

### Your Personal Devotional Practices

Worship is the heart and center of our faith as I mentioned in this space last week. But Bible reading, prayer, being quiet before God, and serving others are all essential to being a follower of Jesus.

They are part of what we call "our relationship with God" and they nurture our faith, help it grow, ground our life, and sustain in good times and bad. Quite simply they give us life.

If you're interested I'd appreciate you sharing with me personal devotional practices that have helped your faith grow. This will help me better connect sermons to your lives. Also I'd be able to pass them along to others who might come to me wondering about deepening their faith; with your permission and without using your name, of course.

## Pastor Craig's Comings and Goings in the Next Two Months

August/September will be exciting months for my family and me. My Sioux Falls family will arrive late Sunday night, August 14th. My Pennsylvania family arrives the next day. They love Ely and we'll be soaking it all in until the first thing Thursday morning when we travel to Crane Lake for my nephew's wedding on Saturday the 20th. This will be my first trip back since we vacated the cabin last July.

I'll be on vacation all that week, but will lead worship on Sunday the 21st. During one of our recent conversations Dana Thompson volunteered to preach on the 21st. He remembered what it was like to be on vacation all week long and then be prepared to preach on Sunday. We are both looking forward to being part of the same service together. Rich Floyd will read Scripture.

I will be out of town from September 15 - 19. My twin brother Mark and I will be making a tour of our west-central Minnesota childhood haunts and reliving childhood memories. I'll also be attending Tracy United Methodist Church's 150th anniversary on Sunday, September 18th. Sheri Rue will bring a message on the 18th in my absence.

## The Ely United Methodist Church

# Prayer Wall

August 12, 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.

### Ephesians 6: 18 (NIV)

*"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with*

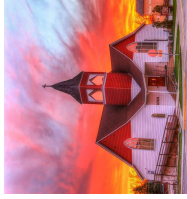


*all kinds of prayers and requests."*

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

- **Red Nied** – Nancy Markwardt's brother, Red, and his family are facing increasing physical challenges.
- **Bev** – Sheila Sultz friend, Bev, is going for tests in Duluth prior to her heart surgery scheduled for Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Zeke Urbas** – Zeke is having one of his periodic cancer scans later this month. Pray for clear scans.
- **Sue & Jim Peterson** – Sue has had a COVID relapse and Jim is feeling ill as well. Pray for a quick recovery.
- **Jan** – Cathy Aldrich's friend, Jan, has developed an infection following a medical procedure. Pray for quick healing.
- **Thomas Hane** – Linda Hane's brother-in-law is suffering from possible agent orange exposure.
- **Bobbi Gruwell** – Bobbi (summer choir member) is having hip replacement surgery on August 22nd.
- **Carol Laine** – Carol Laine's cast has been removed. She now has a boot, but walking is still difficult for her.
- **Doug Johnson – Update:** Doug's surgery went well, and he is recovering with family. Doug had surgery to repair an aneurysm on his temple. He is at the U of M hospital and will be with family in Bloomington during his recovery.
- **Paul Ivancich – Update:** Paul passed away in his sleep on Aug 2nd. Pray for peace and comfort for his wife, Kelly, his family and friends.
- **Peggy Koshak – Update:** Peggy's breathing issue from Covid lung damage. Peggy is now receiving oxygen.
- **Teri, Carol Laine's daughter – Update:** She was able to return home from the nursing home where she has been for several months, but is back in the hospital with a fever.
- **Ray Kern family & friends** – Ray, friend of Donna & Norm Rusco, was killed in a hay-baler accident. Pray for peace and comfort for the family and friends. Ray was 64.
- **Dave Archambault** – Dave hit a deer on his motorcycle & was badly scraped and bruised. Pray for quick healing.
- **Todd & Sue Schram's family & friends** – Their son, Travis, was killed in a motorcycle accident and his wife, Traci also on the cycle, suffered a broken clavicle, scapula & several ribs, but is recovering.
- **Friend of Vicki Podomonick – Update:** Vicki's friend, diagnosed with Bell's Palsy, has an abscess on her eye & needs surgery.
- **Evelyn – Update:** Linda Frisell's mother-in-law, Evelyn, has passed away. Pray for peace & comfort for her family & friends.
- **Patty Niskala** – Continued prayers for Patty as she works with the doctors on the next course of treatments.
- **Ropey – Update:** Ropey broke his hip, opted not to have surgery, and is now in hospice care, but doing better.
- **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.



# August 2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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7 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Service <i>Holy Communion</i>	8	9	10 4:00 PM Children's Bible Discover Time	11 6:00 PM Choir Practice	12	13 11:00 AM Glenn Biebl's Memorial Service
14 10:00 AM Multi-Church Worship Service – Semer's Beach	15	16	17	18 6:00 PM Choir Practice	19	20
21 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Service <i>(Dana Thompson Preaching)</i>	22	23	24	25 6:00 PM Choir Practice	26	27
28 10:00 AM Worship Service	29	30	31			

August 15 – August 20 • Pastor Craig will be on Vacation with Family