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Parish News

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A Note from Pastor Craig

For several weeks recently many eyes were focused on Great Britain following Queen Elizabeth II's death. The media coverage of the Royal Family has subsided for now following her funeral and I suppose it will remain so until the coronation of King Charles III. Except for tidbits that hit the gossip pages, that is.

During her reign Queen Elizabeth II reportedly helped raise \$2 billion dollars for over 600 charities and non-profits, attended myriads of ribbon cuttings and social events, and wrote almost unnumbered letters of congratulations. Beyond these activities the nature of the British monarchy is largely ceremonial. It wasn't always this way however.

Across the centuries there has been a well-defined, delicate, and important relationship between the British monarchy and the government of Great Britain. I mention this because I see distinct echoes of this balance in our church in the interactions between worship/education and our administrative committees.

There is a brief exchange in season one, episode four of *The Crown* between Elizabeth as a child and her tutor, who is teaching her the British Constitution, which captures this both for Great Britain and for our church. (Note: *The Crown* is an ambitious and classy Netflix's series that features the reign of Queen Elizabeth II across the years. Seasons One through Four have already been aired with Season Five being released this fall.)

The tutor tells Elizabeth that there are two elements to the British Constitution - the dignified and the efficient. Elizabeth correctly intuits that the monarchy is the dignified. The tutor goes on to say that the efficient (the government) has the power to make and execute policy and is answerable to the electorate. The dignified (the monarchy) gives significance and legitimacy to the efficient (the government) and is answerable only to God. These two work when they support each other and trust each other.

The way this example extends to churches is the dignified includes our worship services and education programs. "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place" during worship, as one of the choruses we sing reminds us. We encounter the mysteries of God when we gather to hear God's word, to pray, and to partake of the Lord's Supper. The same is true when we study Scripture and prayer in our education classes.

We recognize our worship/education committees and I am answerable to God as our church prayerfully plans and conducts worship services, and as we prayerfully plan and lead Sunday school, Confirmation, and adult classes.

The efficient includes our administrative committees. Churches cannot function without careful financial oversight and stewardship, the maintenance of church property, caring for administrative details, and planning for the future.

We recognize that our administrative committees are answerable to all of you in our work which is why all our meetings are open and we publish minutes of our administrative council meetings. As you know all our church leaders welcome and encourage church members bringing them questions and concerns.

Finally, I am please that the dignified and the efficient in our church work so well together, with such efficiency, and in open communication and trust. May God continue to guide us. Pastor Craig

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

September 30, 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.

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."

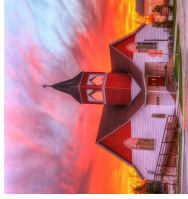


We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Jo** – Linda Hane’s sister, Jo, had cataract surgery. Pray for healing and successful outcome.
- **Newt Nickerson** – Newt is having a complete knee replacement. Pray for successful rehab, healing and speedy recovery.
- **Irene Hartfield** – Irene is had shoulder surgery on Thursday, Sep 22. Pray for successful rehab, healing and full recovery.
- **Nick Mattila** – Nick has contracted COVID. Pray for a speedy and complete recovery.
- **Lisa McCallum** – Lisa is having knee problems and other health issues. Pray for healing.
- **Bob Lindholm** – **Update:** Bob is back from the ER and recovering. Suffered a trip to the ER due to a fall hitting his head.
- **Duane Avola family & friends** – Bob Olson’s friend, Duane, has passed away. Pray for peace and comfort for his family.
- **Dave & Kris** – Lisa Porthan’s dad, Dave, is struggling with his Parkinson’s disease & is falling frequently & depressed. Her mom, Kris, is exhausted trying to care for him at home. It’s heartbreaking watching them struggling.
- **Larry Rom family & friends** – Larry Passed away. Pray for peace and comfort for his family & friends.
- **Adam** – Sheila’s son, Adam with some co-worker friends, are traveling to Ireland, Pray for safe travels.
- **Ella Rue** – Ella is having asthma difficulties.
- **Alex Katsis** – Angela Campbell’s twin sister, Alex, had a heart attack. She heart is too weak for stents so she is in Palliative Care in Tower/Soudan Senior Living Center..
- **Jeff & Mary McNiff** – Friends of Heather & Marshall Monthei, Jeff, who is immune-compromised due to a heart transplant, has contracted COVID.
- **Marla Tezak** – Linda Hane’s sister-in-law, Marla, had shoulder surgery in Duluth is past week.
- **Vicki Podominick** – **Update:** Vicki’s surgery postponed to October 4th to remove a non-cancerous polyp from her stomach.
- **Jason King** – **Update:** Jason is out of the ICU & gaining abilities, but long recuperation ahead. Lucy Diesslin’s cousin, Jason, suffered a brain aneurysm this past week.
- **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.



October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School Holy Communion	3	4	5 2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 5:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting	6 6:00 PM Choir Practice	7	1 & 8
9 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School	10 October 10 – 15 • Pastor Craig will be on his continuing education retreat in Albuquerque	11	12	13 5:00 PM Visioning Committee 6:00 PM Choir Practice	14	15
16 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School	17 2:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	18	19 10:00 AM UMW Meeting 2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 5:00 PM Confirmation Class	20 5:00 PM Administrative Council 6:00 PM Choir Practice	21	22
23 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School	24	25	26 2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	27 6:00 PM Choir Practice	28	29
30 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School	31					