

# ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Parish News**

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## All Saints' Memorial Service November 6, 2022

All Saints' Day, the first Sunday in November, is when Christian churches express our gratitude and give thanks to God for faithful followers of Jesus Christ in our midst; both those living and the "newly departed."

We will read the names of church members who have died in the last year, recognize people who have been members of our church for 40, 50, and 60, years, and dedicate memorials received in the last 12 months.

On All Saints' Sunday you will receive small slips of paper in the bulletin when you arrive at church. You may write names of loved ones who have died in the last year on the slip and pass it forward following the offering.

We will read their names during the Communion Prayer.

## A Note from Pastor Craig

There were a number of reasons my recent trip to Albuquerque was refreshing: seeing colleagues in the Voyager's group for the first time since March of 2019, an opportunity to visit a part of the United States I'd never been to except for a drive-through in 1972, and the opportunity to immerse myself again in a way of thinking and understanding life that has helped to keep me grounded for close to thirty years.

I noticed another benefit as well; one that I often experience when I travel away from home, wherever it is that I'm living at the time. Namely, it's easier to get perspective on certain things when we're some distance from home. We're able to see things with more clarity when we've moved outside the emotional processes of the day-to-day life we've temporarily left behind.

I appreciate this phenomenon; getting a birds-eye view of our life when we're further away from it, if only for a little bit. Have you noticed this?

But then, if we're really paying attention, the same thing is possible even when we're living our "normal" life back home. There are moments when a different perception or new awareness suddenly becomes visible.

This happened Wednesday when I went outside to pick up my leaves. I've quit raking them in recent years, choosing to "mow" the fallen leaves, bag them, and dump them over the steep hill bordering my yard. I don't know what was different this year, but I soon found I needed to empty the bagger about every 200 feet. "This will take until Christmas to finish" I thought.

I wondered about mulching them instead, taking only half a mower width at a time, and then going over that swath again to chop them up in smaller pieces. Some online research indicated this was not only an efficient solution, but also would add much needed organic matter to my lawn.

Consciousness and the ability to think are two great gifts God has given to us humans. The Holy Spirit guides out cognitive capacities to think with precision and imagination both when we're at home and when we are away. As signs at railroad crossings said in my youth: "Stop, look, and listen."

God's richest blessings and deep peace be with you. Pastor Craig

## The Ely United Methodist Church

# Prayer Wall

October 21, 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...

- **Isaac** – Pray for Isaac and his mom and dad. Isaac is 16 and struggling with everyday life. He is receiving psychiatric help. Isaac's parents are close friends of Dale & Connie Peterson.
- **Jan Lekatz family & friends** – Jan, who was a teacher in the local school district and who was in hospice care, has passed away. Pray for peace and comfort for her family and friends.
- **Red Nied – Update: Nancy Markwardt's brother is not doing well & the next step is hospice care.** Pray for comfort & peace.
- **Magnolia Raye – Update: Magnolia Raye is doing fine, up to 2 lbs and is eating well, but mom had additional surgery for internal bleeding.** Linda William's grandson, Dylan, and his wife, Mallory, welcomed their new daughter, Magnolia Raye, after a difficult birth born at 25 weeks weighing only 1 lb 12 ounces. She'll be in the NICU for a while. Both mother and daughter are doing fine, but welcome prayers of continued good health and development.
- **Michelle Fairbanks – 2<sup>nd</sup> Update: Michelle is now doing much better with her new knee.** Her surgery went well, but she has much pain. Linda Hane's friend, Michelle, had knee surgery.
- **Nancy** – Butch Diesslin's sister broken her shoulder 3 months ago and it has not healed. She now needs shoulder replacement surgery. Pray for healing and a successful outcome.
- **Linda Fink – Update: Linda is now in a back brace and is doing much better and is thankful for all our prayers.** Lucy Diesslin's friend, Linda, is having back surgery. Pray for healing and successful outcome.
- **Jo** – Linda Hane's sister, Jo, had cataract surgery. Pray for healing and successful outcome.
- **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.
- **Jason King – Update: Jason is improving but now needs to be in a care facility that includes a rehab center.** Jason is out of the ICU & gaining abilities but faces a long recuperation ahead. Lucy Diesslin's cousin, Jason, suffered a brain aneurysm.
- **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.*