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Parish News

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A Note from Pastor Craig

Poinsettias Orders

Poinsettia orders are due several weeks earlier this year than they typically have been. Workforce shortages and availability are the underlying causes, according to Ely Flower and Seed.

Their deadline for ordering is Thursday, November 17th, so we'll have a sign-up sheet in church this Sunday where you will be able to indicate how many you are ordering and who you wish it to be in memory of.

There will also be an envelope where you may put your payment, either in check or cash. The price is \$15.00.

You may continue to sign up to purchase poinsettias through November 28th, however. The church will order a number of plants from Ely Flower and Seed on the 17th based upon past years' numbers and then will pick up the remaining necessary plants from another source.

We'll have a sheet in the bulletin and Parish News listing the names of loved ones you've remembered by purchasing a plant.

I'm writing these words Thursday morning in advance of the Ely volleyball game at the state tournament tonight. This is the first state tournament entry in volleyball for the 29-0 Ely Timberwolves.

The game arrives at the same time as the first winter storm of the season. Early forecast amounts were listed at 5.7 inches Thursday night and 2.3 on Friday, but more recent forecasts suggest less snow, more rain, and what we all love - freezing rain forming ice on the roads. We'll see.

It was obvious even early in the season the Ely volleyball team had more than a handful of talented players, was exuberant, fun to watch, business-like yet relaxed in their approach to each game, and well-coached by Megan Wognum from our congregation.

As fall progressed so did the number of wins. The team finished the regular season undefeated and then moved through a four match playoff series, losing only one game on their way to a section championship.

We're approaching Thanksgiving at the same time, of course, with the four Sundays of Advent immediately following. And then Christmas.

The euphoria surrounding the volleyball team will linger for certain and be remembered with enjoyment and pride for many years to come. Also this fall, Lily Tedrick from our congregation culminated a long, exciting, and brilliant swimming career at Ely with a tremendous senior year.

The deeper truths of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas are the enduring backdrop for wonderful school and community events. They are the deeper foundation, which underlies all that we do. They offer hope when newspaper headlines bring troubling news or when we have a lump in our throat as we see names of people we love on our Prayer Wall.

As the Psalmist reminds us: "The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation." (Psalm 18:46, NRSV)

Pastor Craig

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.

Psalm 17: 6 (NIV)



*“I call on you, O God, for you
will answer me; give ear to me
and hear my prayer.”*

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Delene & family & friends** – Judy Bonderson’s sister-in-law, Delene, just lost her eldest son. Pray for comfort and peace.
- **Steve & Glenda Harbaugh** – Glenda’s husband, Steve, is battling an unusually fast stage 4 prostate cancer which has already spread to bone and lymph nodes. He has a port inserted for chemo treatments. Pray for effective treatments.
- **Peggy Koshak** – Paula Mattila’s sister, Peggy, fell and hurt her shoulder and is still having trouble breathing.
- **Lily Tedrick** – Lily broke her thumb making it hard to compete in Swimming. Pray for her comfort and quick healing.
- **Jack Hautala’s family & friends** – Bill Hane’s brother-in-law, Jack, passed away. Prayers of comfort for family and friends.
- **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.
- **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 still in the hospital.** 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.