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Parish News

December 2, 2022

United Methodist Women Christmas Luncheon

The Ely UMW will be having our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Grand Ely Lodge on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. There is no advanced payment required. We'll each order off the menu and pay our individual bills.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the church through December 4 so that we can let the GEL know ahead of time to arrange for staffing and set-up. Anyone wanting to attend but not able to sign up should call/text Jeanne Tomlinson at 218-235-8470.

A Note from Pastor Craig

Our Thanksgivings were probably a little different for each of us, seeing that the size and proximity of our families are not the same and neither are our respective living situations. But there are similarities, aren't there?

We either were able to see our families or, if not, to take time to remember special family Thanksgivings from years ago. We enjoyed Thanksgiving type foods. Perhaps we watched a football game or a Thanksgiving parade on TV. If we weren't able to see family members we may have given them a call.

My Thanksgiving trip to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania was wonderful in every way. My grandchildren were off from school the entire time and my son was off most of the time. We were homebodies and went on hikes too. It was heartwarming to worship with my family on the first Sunday of Advent.

I arrived home midday on Tuesday and am now happily back in the groove with church activities, goings-on in town, and my routines at home.

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. As Sheri Rue reminded us last week in her remarkable and inspiring sermon, the four Sundays of Advent and the month of December are an opportunity for us to prepare for Jesus' birth and for his Coming-Again at the end of time as we know it.

This takes mindfulness and focus on our part, because the events in our lives work against us. Children are restless for school vacation and discovering what's under the Christmas tree. Adults meanwhile, are busy with a round of Christmas celebrations with friends, school, and community. And checking things off their lists to make sure there's something under the tree!

I know from first-hand experience that our best intentions to take time to open our hearts and make room for Jesus in our lives often fall by the wayside. I don't know any other way to guard against this except to manage the number of things on our calendars and discipline ourselves to take the time each day to be still. It doesn't have to be much; whatever we do will make a noticeable difference. I've found that a handful of minutes each day is better than setting impossible goals. "O Come, O Come Emmanuel!"

Pastor Craig

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

Dec 2, 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.

Psalm 62: 8 (NIV)



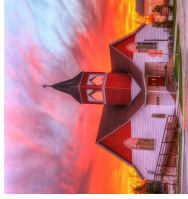
“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Stacy Rowan** – Stacy is a friend of Amy (Richter) McDonald. Stacy lost her two eldest children, Aubrey & Kaden Tuura, in an auto accident. Their little brother, Anthony, is friends with Atticus. Pray for comfort & peace.
- **Reese Scufsa** – Reese was transported to Children’s Hospital in Fargo, ND, for an illness caused by either a virus or genetic condition. He was put on the heart transplant list. They found a heart for him and the transplant surgery took place on Thursday, December 1st. Reese’s grandparents live in Winton and his mother, Denise, is friends with Angie Olson.
- **Toni Dauwalter** – Toni, who works at the hospital, broke her wrist. Pray for healing and patience.
- **Sydney** – Anna Urbas’s roommate, Sydney, tore her ACL in her first season basketball game & needs surgery.
- **Marja Viikinsalo family & friends** – Marja passed away. Pray for comfort and peace for family and friends.
- **Ropey** – Margie Olson’s brother, Ropey, is on hospice care and is in the hospital. Pray for comfort.
- **Sheryl Jarrs** – Linda Hane’s friend, Sheryl, fell and broke 3 ribs. Pray for quick healing.
- **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** – **Update: Isaac is now hospitalized for additional psychiatric help.** 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.
- **Red Nied** – **Update: Nancy Markwardt’s brother is not doing well & the next step is hospice care.** Pray for comfort & peace.
- **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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 PM Choir Practice	2	3
4 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School Holy Communion	5	6	7 12:00 Noon UMW Luncheon at the GEL 2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	8 6:00 PM Choir Practice 5:00 PM Visioning Zoom Committee Mtg	9	10
11 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School	12	13 9:00 AM Ely Ministerial Association	14 2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Church Conference & Confirmation Class followed by Administrative Council	15 6:00 PM Choir Practice	16	17
18 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School	19	20	21 2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	22 6:00 PM Choir Practice	23	24 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service
25 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School Christmas Day	26	27	28 NO Zoom Bible Study	29 6:00 PM Choir Practice	30	31