

ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Parish News

March 31, 2023

A Note from Pastor Craig

Three Ely UMC Notices

Palm Sunday potluck:

There will be a potluck, April 2nd (Palm Sunday) immediately following our 10:00 Sunday morning worship service. Table service will be provided.

Holy Week Service: We will hold a Holy Week service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6th.

The service will combine the events of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and the account of his arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death.

Holy Communion will be served.

Lock Doors, Shut off Lights, and Turn Down Thermostats:

We've had an increase in the number of times doors have been left open recently.

If you are the last person at church, make sure all lights are off, turn down the thermostats in back of the sanctuary and the basement (by the door going to the stairs) to 60 degrees, and lock all the doors.

The thermostat in the sanctuary is on a timer.

Lock Doors - Turn Off Lights - Thermostats

Holy Week Service

No Parish News Next Week

Greetings! What an interesting time of year, where so many things are happening. The NCAA Final Four tournament games are this weekend for both men's and women's teams. The Minnesota Twins opened their 2023 baseball season with a 2-0 win today (Thursday) in Kansas City.

And we have the possibility of another winter storm during the middle of next week; Tuesday into Wednesday. The amount forecasted see-saws from day to day as usual. As I write these words it's saying 10.8 inches of snow, but we won't know until it happens.

What is most on my heart and mind, however, is Lent is drawing to a close. This Sunday is Palm Sunday, followed by Holy Week, and Easter Sunday, the most important day of the Christian year, April 9.

Mark Noll summarizes the Christian story this way. (I know this is long, but it is an immensely profound quote.) *God made the world and everything in it; God revealed himself in a particular manner to Abraham and his descendants (Israel); the culmination of God's revelation to Israel, and through Israel to all humankind, was the incarnation of Jesus Christ as a full human being; Jesus was born miraculously, he lived a perfect life, he was executed, he was raised from the dead; as he ascended into heaven, the resurrected Christ commissioned the Holy Spirit to continue his redemptive work in the world; at the end of time the triune God will renew the work accomplished in Jesus Christ through the restoration of all things."*

Try to say that all in one breath!! I know there is a lot there, but what beauty in it all as an expression of God's love. Maybe let it sit and come back to it a couple times, reading it through slowly. What makes this inspiring to me is its completeness in time and in space.

What God has done, is doing, and will do encompasses all things, all times, and all places. And includes you and me!

The truth of all this is most visible and condensed in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We see the entire sweep of what Mark Noll discusses in the italicized words above encapsulated in what we witness during the upcoming services this week - Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter.

Join us for the celebration! Pastor Crai

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 5: 3 (NIV)



"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice, in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."

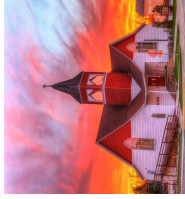
We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Sheri Ann Tessier and Michelle** – Janice Tessier asked for prayers for her sister-in-law, Sheri Ann Tessier, who fell and is being evaluated for a possible broken neck. Prayers also for Janice's daughter, Michelle, who is helping Sheri Ann through this medical issue.
- **Cathy & Dave Zurowski** – Friends of Cathy Aldrich, Dave had kidney transplant surgery on Tuesday and his wife, Cathy, was his donor. Pray for healing and successful recoveries.
- **Laura Larson** – Jaclyn Weidemann's sister, Laura, is struggling with some issues and would appreciate prayers of encouragement and support.
- **Peyton Tyndall Erzar** – Harlee Myers' friend, Peyton, is having some difficulties and would appreciate prayers of support.
- **Steve Urman's family and friends** – Nikki Collins (she is our church custodian) dad, Steve Urman, passed away on Tuesday March 14th. Please for comfort and peace for the Urman family.
- **Mark Olson** – Mark tore his Achilles tendon and had surgery this past Wednesday. Pray for healing and quick recovery.
- **Karen Bialek's family and friends** – Karen passed away. Please pray for comfort and peace for the Bialek family and friends.
- **John Baur's family & friends** – John passed away on March 2nd. Pray for comfort and peace for his wife, Robin, and his family and friends.
- **Nancy Starzecki** – Butch Diesslin's sister, Nan, fell and broke her femur requiring surgery. This was shortly after returning home from the hospital for shoulder replacement surgery.
- **Ted John** – Janice Tessier's daughter, Christie, reported that Ted John is having a biopsy for cancer.
- **Missy Ciriacy Roberts family & friends** – Pam Turnbull reported that Missy passed away.
- **Cole Martin – Update: Cole is seeing a neurologist regarding his headaches and arterial stenosis.** Paula and Nick Mattila's grandson, Cole ho is a college student, is having migraines. He was diagnosed with arterial stenoses (narrowing of the arteries) and is receiving high blood pressure treatments.
- **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.

Ely United Methodist Church Easter Lily List 2023

Doug Williams	Barry and Linda Williams
Liddy and Nick Sheppard (2)	Helen and Nick Sheppard Betty and Bill Minehardt
Norm/Donna Rusco	Our parents and grandson
Lucy Diesslin	Our parents
Keith and Sheri Rue	B.W. and Vi Rue; Terry and Karen Close; Lee Hotaling, Craig, Bruce
Nick and Paula Mattila	Our grandson, Noah
Vicki Wagner (2)	Elmer and Inga Knudtson Laurette and Richard Reinhardt
Bob and Pat Olson (2)	Our son, David, and grandson (Bruce's son), Cody
Jaclyn Weidemann	Patricia Corcoran
Mike/Kathy Brandau (3)	Mike's parents, Lloyd and Marilyn Kathy's father, John Leonas Our nephew, Derek Dean
Bonnie Berglund	In memory of Charles Berglund, Mason DeRosier, Albert and Irene Schorfheide, and Swan and Doris Berglund
Don Ingerson	My sister, Ruth Ford
Craig Haberman	My parents, Dwight and Barbara
Steve/Kathy Nelson	Our parents and grandparents
Derek and Tammy Johnson	Derek's mother, Mary Johnson
Jeanne and Jay Tomlinson	Our parents Kathleen/Lloyd Mulkins



April 2023

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

April 30 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School							1
10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School Palm Sunday Holy Communion <i>All Church Pot Luck following the service</i>	3	4 6:15 – 8:00 PM Women's Bible Study <i>A Journey Into Easter</i>	5	6 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:15 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Holy Week Service	7	8	
9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday school Easter Sunday	10	11 9:00 AM Ely Ministerial Association 6:15 – 8:00 PM Women's Bible Study <i>A Journey Into Easter</i>	12 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting	13 5:00 PM – Visioning Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Choir Practice	14	15	
10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School	17 7:00 AM Pasties Veggie Prep 1:00 PM Dough Ball Prep	18 7:00 AM Pasties Production & Sales	19 10:00 AM UMW Meeting	20 5:00 PM Ad Council Mtg 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting	21	22	
10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School	24 2:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	25	26 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	27 6:00 PM Choir Practice	28	29	