

# ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Parish News**

**April 28, 2023**

## Confirmation Sunday and Personal Dignity Kits

**Confirmation Sunday** is May 7, 2023. Following a two-year confirmation program, Jayden Zemke, Drew Johnson, Wyatt Tedrick, and Blake Hegfors will affirm their faith and be received as members of Ely United Methodist Church.

We invite you to attend in-person or online to celebrate with them and their families. Cake, coffee, and juice will be served following the service.

**Personal Dignity Kits.** Our church will be participating in an Annual Conference Mission Project by assembling Personal Dignity Kits.

A list of what to assemble in the kits is included in this and succeeding editions of Parish News. Items should be new and unused. An example is on the table at the rear of the church. Completed Dignity Kits should be returned to the church by May 21.

## A Note from Pastor Craig

Greetings! The weather forecast for next week is for the possibility of sunshine and temperatures in the 50's. This will be a relief for us, since the weather has been stuck in a pattern of overcast skies and below normal temperatures. What do you think the chances are the ice will be off the lakes by Fishing Opener? Here are items to pass along this week.

**Worship Service Being Filmed in Ely.** An independent film company is shooting a movie in Ely. They have spent much of April scouting around town to find locations to shoot particular scenes and holding auditions for local talent to be background actors.

One scene will be a worship service. The film company is looking for 20 to 30 people to be part of the scene as those attending the worship service. They are inviting people from town in audition for this part.

Peta Barrett, a resident of Ely and casting director, called me this week asking if I would extend an invitation to people in our congregation. They are looking for people of all ages. Those interested can email Peta at [petabarrettinely@gmail.com](mailto:petabarrettinely@gmail.com). Her phone number is 218-235-1994. They would also like you to include your age, height, approximate weight, and a "head and shoulders" picture. I think it would be swell if some people from our congregation auditioned.

**Love Offering.** The Minnesota Annual Conference is collecting a Love Offering at this year's gathering of clergy and laypersons from all the United Methodist churches in Minnesota.

The emphasis is on Mental Health and will be divided among four areas of emphasis. A snazzy, full color, front and back bulletin insert that presents information in both visual and text format for these categories is included as part of this edition of Parish News.

Our Ad Council voted to collect a special offering **on May 21st** to go toward these projects. Our church will guarantee this amount up to \$150, but we're hoping you'll contribute generously so that we exceed this amount. Jay Tomlinson and Pastor Craig will bring our church's Love Offering gift to the Annual Conference gathering in St. Cloud, where it will be presented with those of other churches at our Opening Worship Service.

**May** you continue to be filled with Easter joy as we turn the calendar over from April to May! Pastor Craig

## The Ely United Methodist Church

# Prayer Wall

April 28, 2023

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...

- **Frank Brula's family & friends** – Jesus came for Frank on April 25. He did not suffer. Prayers of comfort and peace for Frank's family and friends..
- **Mike Morrow** – Linda Hane's 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, Mike Morrow, had shoulder surgery on his left shoulder.
- **Patsy Gibney** – Patsy is having some health issues. Pray for healing and recovery.
- **The Pecchia family and friends** – April Lynn Pecchia from Eveleth and her 11 year old daughter were killed in an auto accident on Hwy 169 on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Pray for comfort and peace for family and friends.
- **Betty Rhein** – Betty had surgery on April 24<sup>th</sup> and needs prayers of healing and recovery.
- **Kira Buckawitz** – Jade Buckawitz's aunt Kira was sent to the hospital with pregnancy issues. Mother and baby are expected to be fine. Jade is Linda Hane's granddaughter.
- **Diane Nelmark** – Sheri Rue's friend, Diane, needs prayers of healing and recovery. She was in a head-on auto collision and suffered broken bone, but fortunately, no head injuries.
- **Duane** – Sheila Shultz's friend, Bev, has asked for prayers for her son Duane who has just been diagnosed with cancer. Bev has already lost her husband and a daughter to cancer, so please pray for Bev too.
- **Cheryl Hegman** – Linda Hane's friend, Cheryl Hegman, had hip replacement surgery on Friday. Pray for healing and a successful recovery.
- **Bob Lindholm's family and friends** – Bob passed away. Please be in prayer for Laverne and her family.
- **Judy Bonderson's niece and family** – **Update: Judy's niece's family has great community support & are recovering.** Judy's niece's family home burned down. Everyone is safe but they lost their 5 family pets.
- **Cheryl Nelson** – Cheryl is caregiver to her mother who has dementia and her father is too frail and can't care for her alone.
- **Randy** – Patty Niskala's niece's stepfather, Randy, is fighting a serious infection.
- **Georgiann Ahlstrand** – Elyite, rescued and recovering from a fall and four days without food or water.
- **Wesley Weisinger** – Pray for encouragement, support and healing.
- **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.



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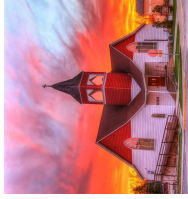
## Items for the Kit

1 Hand towel - no kitchen towels; 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths;  
1 Toothbrush - no multipacks; 1 Bar soap-3to4oz; 1 Shampoo-  
12to19oz; 1 Deodorant - 2 to 3 oz (stick, roll-on, or pump); 1 1-  
gallon resealable plastic bag; \$2 donation for razor and  
toothpaste.

Please add your heartfelt prayers to each kit



For more information on making kits, collecting items for kits,  
and where to take the donations, visit  
[midwestmission.org/collect-donate](http://midwestmission.org/collect-donate)



# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 May 1 - 2 • Pastor Craig Wesley Presentation	2	3	4 6:00 PM Choir Practice	5	6
7 9:30 AM Choir Practice Confirmation Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School Holy Communion	8 9:00 AM Ely Ministerial Association	9	10	11 5:00 PM - Visioning Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Choir Practice May 11 - 12 • Pastor Craig: Wesley Presentation in Northern Pines	12	13
14 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School	15 6:30 - 8:30 PM North Star District Pre-Conference Orientation for the MN UMC Annual Conference	16	17 5:30 PM UMW Friendship Dinner	18 5:00 PM Ad Council Mtg 6:00 PM Choir Practice	19	20
21 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday school	22	23	24	25 6:00 PM Choir Practice May 25 - 27 • Pastor Craig: St. John's Abbey	26	27
28 10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Minnesota United Methodist Church Annual Conference			

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Ely United Methodist Church

**Call To Order:** Chair Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

**Attendees (7):** Craig Haberman, Linda Hane, Margie & Mark Olson, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson and Tiffany Zemke.

**Opening:** Jay Tomlinson talked about the Annual Conference which will be held May 31 to June 2 in St Cloud. He and Pastor Craig are registered at a cost of \$250 apiece. The conference theme is "Encounter / Transform / Respond". The Love Offering focus this year will be projects related to mental health issues. Pastor Craig then opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Minutes:** The February 16, 2023 Ad Council minutes were approved as distributed in the *Parish News*. Motion by Mark Olson, second by Margie Olson. (Ad Council did not meet in March.)

**Treasurer's Report:** The February and March 2023 Treasurer's reports were presented by Mark Olson. Current balances are \$45,347.59 in the General Fund, \$15,859.92 in the Building Fund and \$11,249.46 in the Memorial Fund. The reports were accepted. Motion by Jeanne Tomlinson; second by Linda Hane.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Trustees:** Margie Olson reported that

- Snow shoveling sign-up is not getting enough volunteers so they are discussing possibly hiring a service.
- Our cleaner is discontinuing her cleaning service so we need to find a new cleaner. Tiffany Zemke suggested Emma Debeltz. Margie will contact her.
- The parsonage is getting two new 50 gallon hot water heaters.
- The parsonage garbage disposal is being replaced.
- Summit Fire Protection has contacted us to arrange for an inspection.
- The film company that checked out our church has decided to use a church in Winton.
- The handicap ramp will be redone with treated wood.
- The sliding door in the basement that is currently stuck will be fixed when the ceiling tiles are replaced. This is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 29.
- The front entrance landing is cracking again. We may go back to having outdoor carpeting.

2. **Pastor-Parish Relations:** Pastor Craig reported that the committee had planned to meet at 7 PM but it was postponed to another date and time to be determined. They will work on an updated Church Profile for the new bishop and they will do a brief orientation for the 3 new committee members: Duane Bieber, Liddy Sheppard and Vicki Podominick.

3. **Worship:** Linda Hane reported that

- Palm Sunday, the Holy Week Thursday and Easter services all went well.
  - May 7 will be Confirmation Sunday.
  - The Sunday for honoring our graduating seniors is still to be determined.
  - The multi-church service & picnic will be sometime in July.
  - The next Worship committee meeting will be April 24 at 2 PM.
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4. **Outreach:** Jay Tomlinson reported that we have received generous donations to the Benevolence Fund from one individual. He and Pastor Craig will meet with the person to discuss some possibilities for the growing fund.
5. **Visioning:** Jay Tomlinson reported that the Visioning Committee had met on April 13 and had discussed:
  - Adding more potlucks so that we'll do 4 each year instead of 2: one on the first Sunday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and one on the first Sunday after New Year's Day. The summer one might coincide with the multi-church service that is currently being planned for that month.
  - Possibly adding addresses to Prayer Chain emails that have prayer requests for church members (after obtaining permission). This would enable Prayer Chain participants to send cards if they so choose.
  - Continued planning for the small group study using the *Journey with the Messiah* to happen in the September-October time frame.
6. **Nurture & Membership:** Tiffany Zemke has given Pastor Craig a year's worth of short "health tips" to be included in the bulletin or *Parish News*. She asked if there would be interest in AED training and we agreed that it would be a good idea. She will also check our two first aid kits and update them if needed.
7. **UMW:** Margie Olson reported that the UMW had discussed:
  - The annual UMW Friendship dinner on Wednesday, May 17 at the GEL starting at 5 PM.
  - Possibly reducing pasty-making times to three times a season instead of six. (October, January and April). Final decision to be made in September.
  - Purchasing an additional stainless steel rolling cart to be used with the heavy pasty meat containers.
  - Possibly purchasing a dough rolling machine.
  - Purchasing two small folding tables to use in the kitchen instead of the larger wooden tables currently used.
  - Resuming making UMW mission kits to send to Annual Conference with the pastor and lay leader.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Church Directory Project:** Current plan is to contact local photographer Eric Sherman to work out possible photography dates.

## NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Study Bibles for confirmands:** Pastor Craig reported that Bibles have been ordered. It is a "New Living" translation designed for young adults. Cost will be about \$260 that includes personal embossing of their names. This will be covered by the Memorial Fund.
2. **Love Offering:** Margie Olson moved that we commit to a minimum \$150 for our Love Offering. Jeanne Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion passed. We agreed that May 21 would be the Sunday to take the offering.
3. **Midco cable fiber upgrade:** Mark Olson reported that Midco is upgrading their cables to fiber- optic. There is no installation fee and our monthly cost for their service would remain the same. There was a discussion about how we need to have work done at the same time to change our IP from dynamic to static. Mark will work with Midco on setting a time for a technician's evaluation.

4. **Youth Church/Bible Camp Scholarships:** Pastor Craig reported that we have four youth going to camp for sure, one on a waiting list and two other possibles. Jeanne moved that we spend all of the donated \$1250 and allocate it equally to all the campers. Second by Mark. Motion passed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mark had received a notification from the *Timberjay* that they would be printing their annual *Go Lake Country* magazine that includes information about local churches, but that the church phone number listed is incorrect. He'll contact them to get it corrected.
2. Children's International sent an update on our adopted child that will be posted on the bulletin board.

## Items of Information

1. **Pasty Report:** Made - 816; Total Income - \$6,590; Total Expenses - \$1,812.75; Net Income - \$4,777.25.
2. **Next Ad Council meeting:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM with a group recitation of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary

## The UMW at Ely United Methodist Church Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10-11:25 AM

President Margie Olson opened the meeting at 10:00 AM with a unison reading of the UMW pledge. Ten UMW members were present: Lucy Diesslin, Linda Hane, Gail Haney, Sharon Luthens, Margie Olson, Donna Rusco, Patty Rusco, Janice Tessier, Jeanne Tomlinson and Pam Turnbull. Pastor Craig also attended.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March 15, 2023 meeting were read and approved as read with one date correction. Motion by Lucy Diesslin; second by Janice Tessier.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Luthens reported that she had paid \$320 for March church cleaning and some of the expenses for Bob Lindholm's funeral luncheon. March pasties resulted in \$2,859.35 going to the Building Fund and \$2,655 to UMW. Checking balance is \$6,306.55; savings balance is now \$11,634.61. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted. Motion by Jeanne Tomlinson; second by Lucy Diesslin. Margie reported that she had read that the bank is now offering up to 4% CDs for 9-month and 2 year terms. Jeanne Tomlinson moved we buy a \$10,000 9-month term CD; second by Lucy Diesslin. Motion passed.

## Old Business

- **April Pasties:** Jeanne reported that we made and sold 816 pasties and had good crews on Monday and Tuesday. We did have 17 pasties left that customers hadn't picked up – and we weren't able to sell on Tuesday, but all of those were sold & picked up on Wednesday.

- **Church Camp update:** Pastor Craig reported that there are some kids from the church planning to attend different church camps but the Ad Council needs to discuss how to make use of the \$1300 donation – using it all this year or saving some for use next year. We’ll need more details about who is attending and what the actual costs and needs will be before we make a decision on what we’ll be contributing.
- **Church Supplies Committee:** Jeanne reported that the committee met on March 17 and worked out a process for checking and restocking and/or reordering supplies. There is now a “Supplies Needed” clipboard in the kitchen that can be used for people to make a note of items that need to be restocked. Some items will be restocked from supplies stored in the back closets, others will need to be purchased and/or ordered and the committee will take care of that.
- **Fellowship Hall Ceiling Tiles Project:** Bryan Rusco will be ordering the tiles. Installation is planned for April 22. Bryan Rusco, Pastor Craig, Pam Turnball and possibly Jim Peterson will be doing the work.
- **Friendship Dinner:** Jeanne reported that we are booked for May 17 at the GEL at 5 PM. Jeanne will provide a sign-up sheet starting this coming Sunday, April 23. We briefly discussed having a dessert and decided we don’t really need one. Patty Rusco offered to take care of program, possibly inviting Joanne Larson to do a short talk. She’ll talk to Paula Mattila about possibly doing table favors and the opening prayer.

### **New Business**

- **Letter from Minnesota Conference:** Margie read an article from the *Comment* newsletter about the North Star District disbanding for lack of continuing leadership. We’ll still be able to support missions through the state UMW, which is now calling itself United Women of Faith (UWF).
- **Pasty production schedule:** During the most recent pasty-making a number of us had discussed the possibility of reducing the number of times we do pasties from 6 to 3 given our aging workforce and lack of younger participants. Although not a problem with our April pasty-making, we’ve often been short of workers which makes it harder on those who do show up. It was suggested that we do October, January and April. Margie asked those present to talk to others in the church to get feedback. We can make a decision at our September meeting.
- **Pasty dough rolling machine:** There have been discussions about possibly buying a machine to roll out the pasty dough to get a uniform 10 inch crust and take a big burden off of the rollers. We decided it was worth looking into. Margie, Patty and Craig offered to make use of their contacts to research possibilities.
- **Midwest Mission Kits:** Lucy had asked that we talk about resuming doing an annual mission project as we did in pre-COVID days. After some discussion, Linda Hane moved that we prepare mission kits which are used in disaster situations. Motion was seconded by Gail Haney. Motion approved. We decided to do the “Personal Dignity” kits which provide basic self-care items such as toothbrush & toothpaste, soap & shampoo, etc. in a 1 gallon zip-lock bag. We decided to include the church in this project. Margie will do a write-up for the coming Sunday bulletin and will announce it at church. Jeanne will have bags available, each with a list of the items the bag is to contain. Bags will need to be returned by Sunday, May 21. We’ll meet after church to double check that the bags are completed properly and then ask Craig and Jay to deliver them to the Annual Conference (May 31 thru June 2).
- **Rolling Cart:** Several UMW members had noticed how heavy the pasty meat containers were and how hard it was for someone to carry them from the kitchen to the mixing table. The stainless-steel rolling



cart we currently have is used to fetch & hold the large trays of doughballs and a second would make the meat transfer a lot easier. It would also free up the small table currently in use to hold the meat container next to the mixing table. It could replace the very small typing table currently in use to hold plates at the end of the rolling table. Jeanne checked on-line and found a comparable one for \$265. Lucy moved that we proceed with purchasing one. Second by Jeanne Tomlinson. Motion approved. Jeanne will take care of ordering it.

- **Small folding tables:** Margie & Pam described the problems with funeral luncheons of how crowded the kitchen is with the two added wooden tables and that 2 smaller folding tables would make more room. And during pasties we could use one to be put in the west kitchen doorway where dirty items could be stacked between breaks from making pasties for the kitchen crew to wash instead of people walking into the kitchen with dirty items when pasty trays are going in or out of the oven and having to worry about someone getting burned.
- **Chair Cushions:** Patty Rusco had purchased 18 chair cushions that fit our metal folding chairs and make them much more comfortable. They're stored in the cupboards in front of the organ motor closet.
- **Swinging doors:** We briefly discussed issues with our new swinging doors which do not easily lock open as the old ones did and can be a hazard with people going in and out when they're not propped open. Various suggestions were made. Margie will bring it up with the Trustees.
- **Prayer Shawl Crosses:** Donna Rusco asked us to look out for more of the small crosses that are stitched onto the prayer shawls.

At 11:25 AM we decided to adjourn and skip the devotional time since the business meeting ran so long.

Our next gathering will be Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 5 PM for our Friendship Dinner at the Grand Ely Lodge.

Thank you, Margie Olson for setting up the coffee and for Linda Hane for providing goodies.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Tomlinson Secretary

## Love Offering

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions. The offering is brought to annual conference session—a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state.

The Love Offering provides the opportunity to bring healing in the name and spirit of Jesus. Our offering this year will address the growing mental health needs in Minnesota.

The theme of the 2023 Annual Conference session—taking place in St. Cloud on May 31-June 1—is “Encounter. Transform. Respond. The Emmaus Experience.”

The funds from this year's offering will go to a grant for Minnesota Conference churches to begin or expand a mental health partnership project (60 percent), Mental Health Connect (10 percent), Mental Health Minnesota (10 percent), Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health (10 percent), and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships (10 percent).

## **Mental Health Partnerships Grant for Minnesota Conference Churches (60%)**

Your gift to the 2023 Love Offering will help our churches offer mental health support to their communities.

Congregations receiving funds from this grant will begin or expand a partnership with a local school, food shelf, meal program, shelter, or other entity that provides mental health services to community members. Churches could also become a member of a local National Alliance on Mental Illness organization and host meetings and educational events.

This grant will be coordinated by the Minnesota Conference's Mission Promotion Team. Funds will be distributed beginning in Summer 2023. Grant funds will be seed money for new programs or expansions of existing programs.

## **Mental Health Connect (10%)**

Mental Health Connect is a collaborative of faith-based communities working together to support community-based resources, provide support and education, improve access to mental health services, and connect individuals and families with the services they need. There are now 30 faith communities in the collaborative.

## **Mental Health Minnesota (10%)**

Mental Health Minnesota was founded in 1939 as the state's first mental health advocacy and education organization. This non-partisan organization is an affiliate of Mental Health America. Its mission is to advance mental health and well-being for all, increase access to mental health treatment and services, and provide education, resources, and support across Minnesota.

## **Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health (10%)**

The Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health (MACMH) provides education and resources to professionals, families, and youth throughout Minnesota and beyond. Founded in 1989, MACMH aims to promote positive mental health for all infants, children, adolescents, and their families. Among other things, it offers guidebooks for teachers and free mental health fact sheets.

## **Volunteers in Mission Scholarships (10%)**

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (VIM) participants of every age serve in all 50 states and more than 100 countries. Most teams from Minnesota spend up to two weeks working on hands-on projects in construction, disaster response, teaching, health care, and packing supplies for overseas shipment.

Team members pay their own way, and every year, 10 percent of the Love Offering goes to help offset the cost for first-time participants. Scholarships awarded range from \$100-\$400 per application.