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Parish News

June 30, 2023

Picture Directory and Joint Worship Service

Picture Directory: Our church is going to have another picture directory produced this summer, the first since 2015.

You can sign up for your sitting either at church on Sunday morning or online.

You can also sign up at church for an alternate photo time if you will not be in town on August 11th or 12th.

Questions? Call Jeanne Tomlinson at 218-235-8470.

Semer's Beach Worship:

The joint worship service we share with Grace Lutheran, St. Mary's Episcopal, and Ely Presbyterian will be held at Semer's beach at 10:00 on Sunday, July 16th. (Note: This service replaces our usual Sunday morning service.)

The format will be nearly identical to last year, with one exception. It will be a potluck dinner with hot dogs provided.

A Note from Pastor Craig

Recently I've been drawn to the Colonial and Revolutionary War time periods in our nation's history. Handfuls of books have been written in the past several years that stand alongside classics written in earlier decades. The more video presentations I see and books I read, the deeper my astonishment for the mere existence of our nation and the genius of our founding documents - the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. News stories reporting the suffering of people in so many countries around the world reminds us again of how fortunate we are to live in the United States of America.

I feel the same way the more deeply I immerse myself in the Old and New Testaments (our Bible), study the 2000 year history of the Church, read biographies of the heroes of our faith, and read the writings of faithful Christians. We worship a holy and loving God who has come ever so near to us in Jesus Christ. We are blessed beyond all measure that in Christ we are adopted as God's sons and daughters.

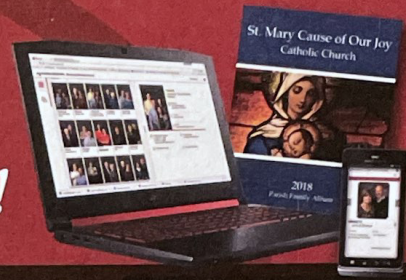
The Fourth of July weekend coincides with the second Sunday we will be reading from Paul's letter to the Romans in Sunday morning worship. Christian faith and being a citizen of the United States share a number of common traits, one of which is liberty.

From the very beginning the first colonists considered themselves to be thoroughly English; it was only when they lost their liberty little by little that they saw independence from England as the only option open to them. Opening our hearts and lives by our faith in God's grace delivers us from the power of sin and opens to our entire being to eternal life, which is life with God and for God, now and for all eternity. As Paul writes: "For freedom, Christ has set us free." Galatians 5:1a (ESV)

This means a double celebration for us this weekend and early next week. Christ has set us free! We also dwell in a land of freedom and aspire to living "with liberty and justice for all."

I hope you have a joyous Fourth of July. And may we rejoice always in the God of our salvation!
Pastor Craig

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

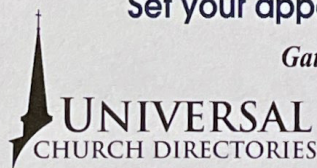
Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Schedule Your Photo Appointment Online! Photo Dates Friday & Saturday, August 11 & 12

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code to the right. Or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button. Enter **mn390** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field. **Note:** The Church Code & Password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 time slots. The online scheduling option may not be available Saturday or Sunday because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church on selected weekends. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**



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.

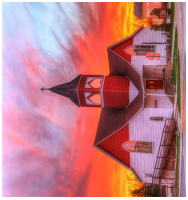
Romans 8: 26 (NIV)



"...We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Ginnie Fierstine** – Ginnie (age 94) is one of our Parish News recipients. She will have a heart procedure done next week. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Joe Nied** – Nancy Markwardt's brother, Joe, received his 84th chemo treatment fighting pancreatic cancer. He was giving 8 months to live at the initial diagnosis and that was 5 years ago. Pray for continued successful treatments and healing.
- **Mel Shikonya's family & friends** – Paula Mattila's neighbor, Mel, passed away. Pray for comfort and peace for Mel's family and friends.
- **Patty Niskala** – **Update: The surgery went well and Patty has moved out of the ICU to a regular hospital room.** Patty received a liver transplant and will remain in the hospital for another three weeks and then in an apartment close to the hospital for the next month for monitoring and recovery. Pray for comfort, healing and a successful transplant.
- **Ropey's family & friends** – **Update: Ropey passed away.** Margie Olson asked for prayers for her brother, Ropey, who is at the end-of-life stage. Pray for him and his family during this difficult time.
- **Jennifer Taylor** – Dick & Mary Taylor asked for prayers for their daughter, Jennifer, who is suffering from kidney stones.
- **Kirk Haberman** – Pastor Craig' son, Kirk, had hip replacement surgery. Pray for healing and recovery.
- **Mike and Lynn Lockhart** – Sheila Shultz used to work with Lynn who was a special ed teacher in the Ely schools. Her husband, Mike, has a stroke. Pray for them and his recovery.
- **Nancy Fredrick's family and friends** – Nancy, Dick and Mary Taylor's daughter-in-law Mandy's grandmother, passed away. Pray for peace and comfort.
- **Andy and Paula Hill** – Andy fell and broke his foot on a portage requiring surgery to insert a plate and pins to aid in healing and recovery. Pray for comfort and patience.
- **Thomas Hane** – **Update: Thomas is still hospitalized and not doing as well as expected.** Bill Hane's brother, Thomas, had emergency heart surgery. Pray for healing.
- **Lisa Diesslin** – Butch Diesslin's sister, Lisa, had back surgery and requires an additional back surgery.
- **Linda Lee Tikkala** – **Update: Linda Lee received a stent, has developed a severe Infection, and is hospitalized.** Linda Hane asked for prayers for Linda Lee Tikkala who is having heart tests done.
- **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**



July 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

30 10:00 AM Worship Service	31 July 31 - August 18 will be on vacation Seattle, Wyoming & South Dakota	• Pastor Craig with family in South Dakota				1
2 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Service Holy Communion	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 6:00 PM Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 10:00 AM Worship Service	10	11	12 10:00 AM Semer's Beach Service Clergy Meeting 5:00 PM / Visioning Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 10:00 AM Multi-Church Worship Service - Semer's Beach Pot Luck meal following the service (Hot Dogs Provided)	17	18	19 6:00 PM Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Service	24	25	26 6:00 PM Choir Practice	27	28	29