

ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Parish News

July 28, 2023

Pastor Craig Traveling Plans

Pastor Craig will embark from Ely following worship Sunday, July 30, driving out to Seattle for a family wedding. On his way home he will spend a week at Ring Lake Ranch, where his Dad spent a week each summer for the last 25 years of his life. <https://ringlake.org/>

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will oversee the worship service on August 6th. Dana Thompson will lead worship and preach on August 13th and August 20th.

Opportunity to Grow in Faith

The Visioning Committee is asking for church members to join our leadership team in hosting study sessions of A Journey with The Messiah. The study group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm for 6 consecutive weeks beginning on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Team leaders may assist in leading one or more of the study sessions. Each study session will be scheduled for an hour in length and may last a bit longer depending on the group. Team leaders hosting a study session will help present the picture and video presentations and initiate discussions of the content. The mission of the study is to explore and uncover how Jesus' teachings and scripture relate to specific situations in today's world.

A bit out of your comfort zone? The Visioning Committee will support you and answer any questions you have. Also, this kind of participation is one of the best ways to grow in our faith.

Interested? You can find more information at <https://journeyswiththemessiah.com/>

A Note from Pastor Craig

Greetings on the beginning of Blueberry weekend in Ely. A fun weekend, with lots of people in town. Parking is at a premium and I don't want to be involved in a fender-bender so I carefully plan my trips around town.

I've found myself being less frenetic and quieter this summer, relaxing more, sleeping better, and not expending as much nervous energy as I'm prone to do - both at home and in my tasks at church. I feel more centered in Christ and within myself *and my tasks seem to be completed with more care (not less) and in the same amount of time.*

This is how Jesus lived from day to day and what all studies in prayer are leading us toward. Our Nominating Committee will proceed in this fashion during the upcoming fall, as I hope other groups in our church will as well. It feels to me as though "A Journey with the Messiah," the study mentioned above, invites us to travel with Jesus in the same manner, which means entering more deeply into his life and our own. Pastor Craig

We received the following thank you card from Linda Tikkala, dated July 20, 2023.



We received the Thank You photo just above these words from Contented Critters, with the following note:

“Thank you so much for your generosity and donation to the critters.”

Contented Critters, Ely, MN

Our children’s Sunday school class had made a donation to Contented Critters.

“Dear Friends! Thank you so very much for all your prayers, well wishes, and much kindness. It has been a long struggle and I still have a ways to go.

My husband and I were married in your church almost 48 years ago, come February 14, 1976, baptized a chilled, informed children. It will always be a place of fondness for us.

We support you in friendship. May God bless each and every one of you!

Sincerely, Linda and Connie Tikkala

This thank you note from Logan Loe arrived at church a month or so ago, following graduation Sunday in May.

“Thank for the kind card. I am thankful I was able to grow up in Ely United Methodist Church. Logan

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Prayer Wall

July 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.

John 6: 27 & 34 (NIV)



"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his (or her) life?... Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Carol Norling's family & friends** – Bishop David Bard was our interim Bishop for two years. His mother, Carol Norling, has passed away. Please be in prayer for his family & friends.
- **Markus Allen's family & friends** – **Update: Markus has passed away.** Marge Forsberg's cousin, Markus Allen, has been waiting for a heart transplant. He developed pneumonia was placed on hospice.
- **Al Soderfelt's family & friends** – Al passed away. Please pray for comfort and peace for his daughter, Heidi, and his family and friends.
- **Helen Huovinen family & friends** – Vicki Podominick's godmother, Helen Huovinen, has passed away. Pray for comfort for the family and friends of Helen.
- **Sarah** – Nancy and Dave Markwardt's daughter, Sarah, is having knee surgery. Pray for successful surgery and quick recovery.
- **Rose Bettcher** – Cindy Bettcher's mom, Rose, is having health issues. Pray that her treatments are successful and for her recovery. Cindy is one of our local hairdressers.
- **Pearl's family & Friends** – Kathy & Mike Brandau lost a close friend, Pearl. Pray for comfort and peace for Pearl's family and friends.
- **Paul Shultz** – Sheila Shultz's husband, Paul, had gall bladder surgery. Pray for recovery.
- **Kimberly Haberman** – **Update: Surgery was a success, but she is in a lot of pain.** Pastor Craig asked for prayers for his daughter-in-law, Kim, who was diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery done.
- **Ginnie Fierstine** – Ginnie (age 94) is one of our Parish News recipients. She had a heart procedure done. 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.
- **Patty Niskala** – **Update: Patty has another month in the apartment near the hospital and is having a little pain, but doing well.** Patty received a liver transplant and was in the hospital for another three weeks before moving to an apartment close to the hospital for the next month for monitoring & recovery.
- **The Russia / Ukraine conflict** – Pray for a world-wide lasting resolution, safety of the people, and peace.

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.

