

ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Parish News

September 29, 2023

Pasty-Making and Christmas Poinsettias

Pasty-making season is upon us once again. There will be three sessions during the 2023/2024 school year: in October, January, and April.

We will gather in the morning on Monday, October 16 for Veggie Prep and early afternoon for Dough Balls. Pasty-making will begin bright and early on Tuesday morning. (The times for each are on your October calendar.)

Pasty calling will begin soon - watch for announcements.

I know, it isn't even October yet and here comes an announcement for ordering **Poinsettias!**

The dreaded "supply chain problem" is behind the early deadline.

Detailed information is included elsewhere in Parish News. The bottom line: You need let us know by Thursday, October 19th. Sign up begins Sunday morning, October 1st.

A Note from Pastor Craig

Driving around Ely, I am both astonished and grateful when I consider the multiple levels of effort involved by an astonishing number of individuals and groups in maintaining a healthy and vital community.

Each building I pass by - City Hall, the Municipal Garage, Post Office, Ely Memorial High School and Elementary School, Churches, a multitude of Businesses, Non-Profit Organizations, our Hospital/Clinic/Care Center/Carefree Living, Parent's Groups, the Library, Utility Companies, and so on.

I know I missed many people and organizations. I apologize, but wanted you to get the picture. I don't think any of us take this activity for granted, yet I suspect the sheer amount of time, energy, and money to keep all this going is generally beneath our awareness.

The same is true for churches. We are the Body of Christ in the world, are infused with his Father's love, and carried by the Holy Spirit. Our life together is primarily about God (what God has done and is doing), but our worship, devotion, and efforts matter a great deal also - they are essential.

It seems to me our church has three seasons: Advent through Pentecost, Summer, and September through the beginning of December. Each season has its own particular emphasis and mood.

Summer is the easiest to visualize and describe - it's when we focus on worship and welcoming our seasonal residents. Our families make yearly "pilgrimages" to Ely to visit, there are local celebrations, and we may travel out of town to destinations on our bucket list. In between we try to find moments to relax and enjoy being together in our corner of Creation.

Between Advent and Pentecost we celebrate the great events on the church calendar: the long-awaited coming of the Messiah, Jesus' birth in a manger in Bethlehem, the coming of the wise men, Jesus' baptism, Ash Wednesday, the church season of Lent, Holy Week, Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday, and the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. I made this list so long to emphasize the blessed inheritance that is ours in Christ.

September through the beginning of December is Church Conference season, the time we do the necessary business of the church. I'll mention more about this next week.

Grateful to be your Pastor - Pastor Craig

Ely Flower and Seed
145 W. Camp St
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Christmas 2023

Good Day everyone please mark the following on all of your calendars:

Each year it is getting harder and harder to be able to find suppliers for the Poinsettias; the earlier you can get your orders in the better chance of availability.

The deadline for placing any orders for your Christmas Plants this year will be October 20th. Due to the workforce shortage we will once again see shortages on the availability and we need to have our order into the Vendor on this day for any orders. Any orders after this date we will attempt to get but will not be able to guarantee.

Prices for the Poinsettias this year will be \$15.99 ea.

Attached you will find your order form.

Thank you for your continued business with Ely Flower and Seed and we all wish everyone a very Happy Holidays.

Ely Flower and Seed and Staff

1. The cost for Poinsettias this year is \$16.00
2. There will be a sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the rear of the church beginning Sunday, October 1, along with an envelope for payment (cash or check).
3. There will also be room on the sign-up sheet to list a loved one(s) you wish to honor.
4. Our preference is you sign up by Sunday, October 15, but the final deadline is Thursday, October 19.
5. You may bring your Poinsettia home following the Christmas Eve Service.

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

September 29, 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.

Philippians 4: 6 (NIV)



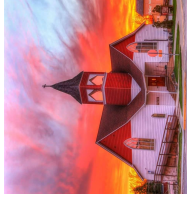
"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Vicki Podomonick** – Please pray for Vicky who is in the hospital in Duluth having tests done for unspecified health issues.
- **Bill Hane's family and friends** – Bill lost two siblings within 24 hours. His older sister, Wanda, and his younger brother, Dicky. Both passed away under different circumstances. Pray for Bill's family and friends.
- **Cheryl Spencer** – Pastor Craig asked for prayers for Cheryl Spencer whose eyesight has greatly diminished. She will have surgery soon. Pray that her surgery improves her sight.
- **Laurie Vaurent** – Kellie Viikansalo asked for prayers for her friend, Laurie Vaurent, who is dealing with kidney issues and may need a transplant.
- **Loren Barnes** – **Update: Loren is back in the hospital. His femur broke at the ball joint while sitting on his bed. Pray that doctors can discover the cause.** Lucy Diesslin asked for prayers for her brother, Loren Barnes, who is transferring from the hospital to a nursing home for rehab as he is treated for blood flow issues to his leg.
- **Tony John** – Janice Tessier asked for prayers for former son-in-law, Tony John, whose pancreatic cancer has returned.
- **Political unrest in Africa** – Pastor Craig asked for prayers for resolution of all the political unrest in Africa.
- **Terry & Joni Bosch** – Paula Mattila has asked for prayers for their neighbor, Terry Bosch, and his wife Joni. Terry has been sent home on hospice.
- **Sheila Shultz** – **Update: Sheila's second surgery went well. Please keep her in your prayers as she fully recovers.** Sheila is in Duluth having 'carotid endarterectomy' surgery.
- **Wes Weisinger** – **Update: Wes has been diagnosed with liver cancer and is struggling with recovering from surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.** Vicki Wagner asked for prayers for her nephew, Wes Weisinger, who is having surgery soon.
- **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. Prayer requests will remain on the Prayer Wall through four weeks unless removed earlier because the prayer is known to be no longer necessary. People may ask that prayers be renewed on the list for subsequent 4-week periods. The Prayer Wall is finalized each Thursday for the Sunday morning service.



October 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM Choir Practice</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p><i>Holy Communion</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 PM Spiritual Inspiration <i>Journey with The Messiah</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Ely Ministerial Association</p> <p>6:00 PM Spiritual Inspiration <i>Journey with The Messiah</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 PM Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:00 PM • Visioning Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 AM Choir Practice</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 AM Pasties Veggie Prep</p> <p>1:00 PM Dough Ball Prep</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 AM Pasties Production & Sales</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM United Methodist Women</p> <p>6:00 PM Spiritual Inspiration <i>Journey with The Messiah</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 PM Ad Council Meeting</p> <p>October 19 - 21 Pastor Craig will be in Sioux Falls with family.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 PM Spiritual Inspiration <i>Journey with The Messiah</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service and Sunday School</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				