

ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"The Little Church With A Big Heart"

Growing In Faith and Sharing Christ's Love with Others

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Parish News

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Worship Services

Sunday, June 30, 11 am:

We will be worshipping at 11:00 am at Whiteside Park for a Community Worship organized by the Ely Memorial All-Class Reunion. There will not be a worship service at the Ely United Methodist Church at 10:00 am.

Sunday, July 7, 10 am:

We will be worshipping at 10:00 am at Semer's Park for a multi-church Ecumenical Worship Service – and subsequent pot-luck – coordinated by our church, Ely Grace Lutheran Church, Ely Presbyterian Church and St Mary's Episcopal Church.

Hot dogs will be provided, but bring your favorite side dish to share with others following the service.

There will not be a worship service at the Ely United Methodist Church at 10:00 am.

Online Viewing.

Neither the June 30th or July 7th worship services will be available on line. Our next online service will be July 14 on YouTube at ElyumcI.

A Personal Note of Thanks from Pastor Craig

I'm sitting at the desk of my den window looking at the small wood-fenced back yard/patio area that faces north at the rear of my townhome. Sadly, there will never be black bear passing through or deer bedding down at night here as there was in Ely, but I am beginning to lure some birds; the large weeping willow tree in a neighboring backyard helps too.

The Metcalf/Mayflower moving van arrived here in Sioux Falls just a week ago today. It seems longer than that. I'm 95% moved in, but as many of you know, the final 5% is the slowest part.

My place is just perfect for me - location, size, and the layout and arrangement of rooms. It's only ten years old, is well-appointed, and has been taken good care of. I am blessed.

I'm checking off necessary items on the list one by one - installation of internet, securing a safety-deposit box at the bank, setting up utility bills for automatic online-payment, and (oh yes!) getting all the cardboard boxes broken down and out to the curb for the those picking up the recycling.

None of this would be possible - beginning retirement and the quarter-time appointment I'll be serving, without the efforts of so many people:

- Social Security, United Methodist pension, and Minnesota Annual Conference benefits personnel.
- Those of you at Ely United Methodist Church who assisted me in packing and preparing for the movers to arrive.
- You, who will complete the cleaning at the parsonage I was only able to just begin.
- My family who has supported me all through the

years, but especially now as I move from being an active pastor to retired (mostly).

Thank you!! Thank you also for the exquisite quilt and lovely retirement celebration/party on June 16th at our church. Both will be reminders for years to come of you and my six years as your pastor at "*The Little Church with the Big Heart.*" My brothers enjoyed meeting you and their Ely-experience during their short time in town. For your heart-warming cards and hand-written notes - thank you. I especially was touched by the personal presentation of their gift bag and note by our boys and girls.

I am holding the Ely UMC congregation in my prayers for the "right" pastor to be appointed soon.

With gratitude and deep affection,
Pastor Craig Haberman

Ely UMC Mission Statement Announcement and Invitation for Feedback

During the Rule of Christ training, it was mentioned our mission statement is not easy to remember and many in attendance didn't know where to find it or what it says. The mission statement is located on our church website and in the new church directory. It says:

Our Ely UMC congregation seeks to add to and pass on the spiritual enrichment and strength for living in Christ that we have received and to share the love of Christ with others.

And as with any organization it is good to periodically review mission statements and update them as needed.

In addition to the adults, we also want our mission to be easy for the children in the congregation to be able to remember. At the last Administrative Council meeting we worked very hard as a team to revise our mission statement into a clear, concise, and easy to remember statement. After very open discussion and suggestions, it was determined:

Our mission at Ely United Methodist Church is: *"Growing in faith and sharing Christ's love with others."*

And we ask you to share your thoughts with members of the administrative council or Pastor Craig on how *Growing in faith and sharing Christ's love with others* captures what we do at Ely United Methodist Church.

Prayer Wall and July Calendar are shown below:

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

June 28, 2024

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.

Matthew 21: 22 (NIV)



(Jesus said), "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer ."

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Janice Tessier** – Janice fell in her garage and broke five ribs and required three staples to close a wound in her head. She was taken to the Trauma Center in Duluth. Please keep her in our prayers.
- **Curt Laine** – **Update: Curt has completed all his chemo and radiation and has been declared cancer free. He and Susan thank everyone for their cards and prayers.**
- **People of Rock Valley** – The town of Rock Valley, where Heather & Marshall Monthei lived before moving to Ely, has been severely flooded after recent rains burst the protection berms.
- **Zeke Urbas** – **Update: Zeke's routine scans to check that he is cancer free were clean.**
- **Craig Frisk** – Linda Hane asked for prayers for Craig Frisk who is having a heart ablation.
- **Sharon & Mark Luthens** – **Update: Please continue prayers for Sharon and Mark Luthens regarding Mark's health issues.**
- **Barb Berglund's family and friends** – Cathy Aldrich asked for prayers for Barb Berglund's family and friends. Barb passed away on June 16th.
- **Betty Rhein's family and friends** – Margie Olson asked for prayers for Betty Rhein's family and friends. Betty passed away on June 14th.
- **Deb Minier's family and friends** – Margie Olson asked for prayers for the family and friends of Deb Minier. Deb and her husband, Mike, had a car accident where Deb died and Mike is still in critical care.
- **Adrienne Dubbin's family and friends** – Sheri Rue asked for prayers for Adrienne Dubbin's family and friends. Adrienne passed away on June 7th.
- **Mike Loisel** – Peggy Koschak asked for prayers for Mike Loisel. Mike was in a car accident several months ago and is now home because he has reached his 100 day maximum for nursing home Medicare-coverage.
- **Arlene Rice family & friends** – Patty Niskala asked for prayers for Arlene Rice's family and friends. Arlene passed away. She was Connie Peterson's mother, and grandmother of Justin Zemke.
- **Glenda and Steve Harbaugh** – **Update: The pathology of the tumor indicated Steve will need to undergo further radiation treatments. They are grateful for your prayers.** Steve has a tumor revealed through an MRI and will consult with a neurosurgeon concerning diagnosis and treatment.
- **Carol Laine** – **Update: Carol returned home with her new pacemaker and is doing well!** Carol was transported to Duluth with heart issues. She received two stints and will be getting a pacemaker as well.

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.



July 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1 12:00 – 1:30 PM Ella Rue Ballet Practice	2 5:30 PM Connections Committee Meeting	3 12:00 – 1:30 PM Ella Rue Ballet Practice	4	5	6
7 10:00 AM Multi-Church Worship Service – Semer's Beach Pot Luck meal following the service (Hot Dogs Provided)	8 12:00 – 1:30 PM Ella Rue Ballet Practice	9	10 12:00 – 1:30 PM Ella Rue Ballet Practice 6:00 PM Trustees Committee Meeting at the parsonage	11 6:00 PM Choir Practice	12	13
14 10:00 AM Worship Service Patty Rusco Worship Leader Jeannie Burlowski Guest Speaker	15 12:00 – 1:30 PM Ella Rue Ballet Practice	16	17 12:00 – 1:30 PM Ella Rue Ballet Practice 6:00 PM Ad Council Meeting	18 6:00 PM Choir Practice	19	20
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