



Knights of Columbus®

TEDDY BEAR DRIVE

Lennon Ludewig - Son of Jeremy & Carly Ludewig

Lennon Ludewig is the charismatic little boy of Jeremy and Carly. In April 2020, at one year old, Jeremy noticed a large hairless bump on his son's head of beautiful crazy hair. Carly knew Lennon had not fallen and took him to Sleepy Eye Medical Center. Lab work showed very concerning signs of cancer. Lennon was immediately referred to Minneapolis Children's Hospital emergency room and by evening had been diagnosed with leukemia. The bump was a group of leukemia cells. They thank God for that bump often because it was a warning of the advancing cancer. In five short days, Lennon went from being a beautiful, healthy little boy to a cancer patient.

Lennon's cancer is high-risk B cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia and had already spread to his spinal fluid, giving him CNS Disease Group 3. He also has a gene mutation called Kmt2a, which can make the cancer more difficult to treat and 40% more likely to return. Lennon is on a very aggressive 2 1/2-year chemo plan. As of the end of February, 2-year old Lennon has endured 145 different treatments and 42 hospital days. His final treatment date is August of 2022, right before his 4th birthday. What a joyous day that will be! Lennon will not be considered cancer free for at least ten years.

Carly is employed at the Sleepy Eye Medical Center Clinic and has been on extended leave since April to care for Lennon. Jeremy works at the Central Region Coop Feed Division and is able to flex his schedule on treatment days. They both look forward to the day Lennon can return to being that beautiful, healthy little boy!

They are facing many unexpected expenses during this very long cancer journey. Please consider a donation to help the Ludewigs so they can keep their focus on Lennon.

Teddy Bear Drive the month of March!



Show you care with a teddy bear!

Show Lennon some love by posting your teddy bear on social media.

Get creative!
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\$20
each



Teddy bears are available to purchase at these locations:

Sleepy Eye

- Ace Hardware
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Select **St Mary's Online Giving**.

Log in, select **Give a New Gift**, then select **KC Benefit**. Enter the teddy bear quantity in the **Special Intentions** comment box.

Pick-up time and location for online teddy bear sales will be determined later.

Cash donations can be made to the KC Benefit accounts for Lennon Ludewig at Americana Community Bank in Sleepy Eye, First Security Bank in Sleepy Eye, and SouthPoint Financial Credit Union in Sleepy Eye, Springfield, or New Ulm.

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