

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Ah yes, time to pull out that old but familiar saying, which goes something like this: “April Showers bring May Flowers”!

Well what are you going to say? There were no “April Showers” unless you include all those pretty little white things drifting down from out of the sky!

Well what are you going to say? We may have some “May Flowers” but they won’t likely be at the beginning of the month of MAY!

Indeed, this may be one of those years when we transition out of WINTER one day and the next day enter into SUMMER without any kind of SPRING to FALL back on!

Yes, we are definitely looking at a little different kind of SPRING this year! As a matter of fact, “ICE OUT” just might impact the beginning of the walleye fishing season here in 2013!

Imagine, “ICE OUT” causing a DELAY in the walleye fishing season here in Ely, Minnesota in 2013! Wow!

Well, there is no need to IMAGINE for there is not any DELAY expected when it comes to each day beginning ANEW!

Well, there is no need to IMAGINE for there is not any DELAY expected when it comes to the challenges of living out our daily LIVES!

Well, there is no need to IMAGINE there is not any DELAY expected when it comes to the “amazing grace” of God’s precious LOVE!!! Indeed, there is no need to IMAGINE there is not any DELAY to be found in God’s LOVE for us, come winter, spring, summer, fall, or any time in between!!!

Yes indeed, when it comes to the wonder of the “amazing grace” of God’s LOVE for us, not only is there no DELAY expected but there is no DELAY to be found!!! Wow!!!

Truly, we ought to pause with thoughtful, thankful, and grateful hearts, when we think about this precious blessing in our lives, the blessing of God’s ever present LOVE for us!!!

Truly, we ought to pause with thoughtful, thankful, and grateful hearts, when we pause to consider that God’s LOVE for us, is not anything like the fickleness of the seasons of the year, winter, spring, summer, or fall!!!

Truly, we ought to pause with thoughtful, thankful, and grateful hearts, when we pause to consider God’s LOVE for us, revealed in the gift of baby JESUS from birth, to life, to death on a cross, to resurrection!!!

Truly, we ought to pause with thoughtful, thankful, and grateful hearts, when we pause to consider God’s LOVE for us, revealed in the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT!!!

Truly, we ought to pause with thoughtful, thankful, and grateful hearts, when we pause to consider God’s LOVE for us, as revealed in the gift of the CHURCH and our CHURCH FAMILY!!!

Love in Christ,

Dana

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Ely United Methodist Church

Number Present: 11

April 17, 2013

Chairman Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought of “*The Upper Room*” message of the day, followed by an opening prayer.

The Minutes of the March 20, 2013 Ad Council meeting were approved as printed in the April 2013 Church Newsletter.

The **Treasurer’s Reports** for February, 2013 was presented by Treasurer Mark Olson. The report was highlighted. The February, 2013 end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$5,152.50; Building Fund: \$5,470.94; Reserve Fund \$5,005.58; Memorial Fund: \$10,492.59

The **Board of Trustees** met on April 1, 2013. Trustee members will be replacing the ceiling above the stairs in the near future. The decision was made to try having volunteers sign up do the sidewalk snow removal in winter, and the church lawn maintenance during the growing season. The Lawn Maintenance Volunteer sign-up sheet and guidelines are posted on the bulletin board. The Ad Council approved the Trustee’s purchase/acquisition of a power lawnmower and string trimmer, to be kept in the Church Garage.

The **Memorial Fund Task Force** will meet on May 7, 2013.

The **Outreach Committee** will serve after Church coffee on Sunday, May 12, in celebration of Church Quilting Group’s 10th Anniversary.

Old Business

1. **Church Insurance Agency Corp (CIAC).** – A multi-peril insurance quote was received from CIAC that was far in excess of our current premium paid to Grinnell Mutual. No change will be made.
2. The Church has purchased two cordless telephones and a new answering machine. The Church telephone number remains the same.

New Business

1. Jay Tomlinson reported the **April Pasty Making** produced 880 pasties, with net income of \$3,956.64.
2. The pay for guest Sunday service leaders was increased from \$50 to \$75. This rate is now comparable with that of other churches in Ely.
3. The Ad. Council authorized the Trustees to purchase a power lawnmower and string trimmer.
4. The Church will be collecting donations for our Minnesota Annual Conference “***Love Offering***” on Sunday, May 26, 2013 for the Minnesota Annual Conference. Lucy Diesslin, Lay Delegate, requested the Ad. Council guarantee our Church’s annual Conference “Love Offering” will be at least \$150.
Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A ‘Thank You’ letter was received for the Church’s Lenten Supper proceeds donation to The Ely Food Shelf.
2. A ‘Thank You’ letter was received for the Church’s Lenten Supper proceeds donation to Northwoods Hospice Respite Partners.
3. A ‘Thank You’ letter was received for monetary support pledges to Ely Young Life members participating in the city-wide clean-up and attending Young Life Camp.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Church members are invited to a farewell gathering for retiring District Superintendent Allen Bolte, at Grand Rapids UMC on Sunday, May 18, 2013, 2-4 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM. The meeting was closed by those attending reciting “***The Lords Prayer***”.

Respectfully Submitted,
Blaine “Butch” Diesslin

INSPIRATION:

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

“For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.”

SAY WHAT ???
CAN YOU IMAGINE ???

We here in the Ely U.M.C. will be CELEBRATING yet again this coming November.

SAY WHAT ???
CAN YOU IMAGINE ???

This seems all so ... this seems all so BAZAAR !!! Ah yes, every other year we have a fund raising event that we call our Ely U.M.C. Bazaar !!! This is the year 2013, so lets get ready to CELEBRATE:

Crafts, crafts, crafts,
Bake table, bake table, bake table,
Coffee ands, coffee ands, coffee ands

This is just a little reminder to those of you who may be crafty or can be helpful or who can help out in other ways. The Bazaar is Saturday, November 9, 2013.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A NEW: “Matter of Balance” Class
SPONSORED BY: “Northwoods Hospice Respite Partners”
HELD AT: ”Ely United Methodist Church”
(basement)

BEGINS ON: “May 8, 2013” ...8 weeks
TIME OF: 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM
COST OF: \$20.00 – Scholarships available

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday May 19 at 2:30 P.M.
“Boundary Waters Care Center”
Wednesday May 22 at 1:00 P.M.
“Care Free Living” Facility

BIBLE STUDY: “Sermon on the Mount”

May 2013
Thursdays at 2:00 PM

Thursday, May 2 Matthew 5: 1-48
Thursday, May 9 Matthew 6: 1-34
Thursday, May 16 Matthew 7: 1-29

UMW FRIENDSHIP DINNER MAY 8, 2013

The UMW annual Friendship Dinner will be held May 8, 2013 in the church fellowship hall. Ely Northland Market will cater the chicken and/or ham dinner. Social time begins at 5:30 with punch and the dinner will be served at 6pm. After the dinner we will proceed to the church sanctuary for the entertainment. The cost for this wonderful evening is \$10.00. Bonnie Berglund and Lucy Diesslin have tickets. Mark your calendars now and plan to get your ticket soon. You’ll enjoy great food and great fellowship.

LOVE OFFERING MAY 26, 2013

Each year Minnesota Annual Conference churches take a LOVE OFFERING for missions. This is one way that we can participate in ministries that support emerging leaders in the world and in Minnesota. The offerings benefits international, national, local mission projects and helps fun volunteer in mission Scholarships. This year’s Love Offering will be allocated in the following way:

1. **25% WOMEN and COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**
This is an ecumenical ministry that serves approximately 12,000 people in a large impoverished rural county in Nicaragua
2. **20% RED BIRD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE**
This will help pay the conference pastors in impoverished areas in Appalachia
3. **20% EMMA NORTON SERVICES**
This is the only United Methodist national mission institution in Minnesota. Emma Norton Services supports women and children and gives them hope for a brighter future
4. **25% NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES IN MINNESOTA**
All Feathers Ministry Inc. is a ministry located in Cass Lake. The In-dah-so Gwaa-nib Spiritual and Community Center provides worship and youth and children’s ministry.
5. **10% VOLUNTEERS in MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS**
These scholarships provide for people serving in short term mission projects and support for training leaders.

Please join United Methodists across the state by supporting the **LOVE OFFERING** generously.

DECEMBER – MAY !!!
(2012-2013)

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Well, what a **JOY** to report,
we originally thought we would
try to run a before church
worship service Sunday School
from December 2012 through
February 2013.

Well, what a **JOY** to report,
We are now running this new
Sunday School Program through
May 2013!!!

Now, what we have been doing in this Sunday School Class is
discussing the Scripture Reading for our morning worship service
each Sunday.

We have been **JOYFULLY** celebrating the gathering of about
5-9 people per Sunday sharing their thoughts and ideas with regards
to the morning worship service Scripture Reading.

We would like to encourage others to try joining us for these
discussions. We meet from 9:00-9:30 A.M. when the Choir sings
and from 9:00-9:40 A.M. or so on non-Choir Sundays.

Presently, we will meet as a group through May and then we
will start up again in **SEPTEMBER** of 2013!!!

We **JOYFULLY** welcome you to consider joining us, either this
May or this coming September!!!
WHAT---SNOW???

WHAT---GRASS???

DID YOU KNOW???

A new day is upon us, here in the Ely U.M.C.!!! Yes, we have
decided to try taking care of our sidewalk snow removal in the
same manner we take care of our parking lot snow removal,
through volunteers!!!

A new day is upon us, here in the Ely U.M.C.!!! Yes, we have
decided to try taking care of our lawn areas, those areas of grass,
with volunteers!!!

A new day is upon us, here in the Ely U.M.C.!!! Yes, we will be
looking for a group of **VOLUNTEERS!!!** Yes, we will be looking
for a group of volunteers who are willing to try and learn about the
business end of a snow shovel. Yes, we will be looking for a group
of volunteers who are willing to try and learn about the business
end of something called a lawn mower and a lawn trimmer.

The Trustees have decided to place a month by month sign-up
sheet on the bulletin board in the overflow room, providing each
and every one of us the opportunity to volunteer for a month at a
time for whatever occurs. Indeed, if you volunteer you may have

the wonderful opportunity to mow lawn and shovel snow all in the same day!!!

Please consider volunteering to help your Ely U.M.C. Family with these two outdoor tasks!!!

PASTY REPORT:

April 2013

880 Pasties Made

\$5,205.00 Deposited

\$1,248.36 Product & Supply Costs

\$3,956.64 Net Income

ALPHA---AGAIN !!! Coming this Fall--- 2013

Some of you may remember “Alpha” and Nicky Gumbel, who provides the presentations by way of DVD!!! This is an enjoyable, enriching, educational, and thought provoking PROGRAM!

Some of you may remember “Alpha” and Nicky Gumbel, we ran the “Alpha” Course twice in 2005, early and late. We would like to offer it again in 2013 possibly beginning in September, for those who have gone through “Alpha” before it can be a refresher and for those who have never gone through an opportunity for a rich new adventure in **“FAITH”** reflection with the potential for **“FAITH”** growth!

The topics covered in 10 or 11 weeks are these:

Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?

Who Is Jesus?

Why Did Jesus Die?

How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?

Why and How Should I Read the Bible?

Why and How Do I Pray?

How Does God Guide Us?

3 Lessons in 1 Day---

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

How Can I Be Filled With the Spirit?

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

How Can I Resist Evil?

Why and How Should We Tell Others?

Does God Heal Today?
What About the Church?

Study, Coffee, and Discussion: 1 and ½ Hours per Session
except for the 3 Lessons in 1 Day section. We would ask you to
begin thinking about participating in “Alpha” 2013!!!