

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here is a question for you:  
which month is it that can claim  
to have 28 days?

Well, November can't, June  
can't, and August can't, make  
the claim for 28 days!

Let's take a look, April,  
June, September, and yes  
November, can all claim 30  
days!

While January, March,  
May, July, August, October,  
and yes December, can all  
claim 31 days!

All in all, let's take a little closer look, November can't but can,  
June can't but can, August can't but can, claim 28 days!!!

Indeed, there are 12 months in the year and each and every one  
of them can claim 28 days!!!

However, one month, February, is the only month of the 12  
which can claim to have only 28 days!!! However, one month,  
February, is the only month of the 12 that can claim to add an  
additional day every 4 years going from 28 days to 29 days!!!

Yes, 12 months a year can claim 28 days and every fourth year  
12 months a year can claim 29 days!!! However, aside from  
Valentine's Day, aside from Washington's Birthday, aside from  
Lincoln's Birthday, **FEBRUARY** can lay claim to being very  
**UNIQUE**, for it is the only month during the year which can claim  
to have only 28 days or every fourth year 29 days!!!

People are people, just like months of the year are months of the  
year. People are similar, just like months of the year are similar.

People are **UNIQUE**, just like months of the year are unique;  
for example the month of February!!!

Yes, we are all **LOVED** by **GOD!!!** Yes, because we are all  
**LOVED** by **GOD** we have the opportunity to experience **GOD'S**  
**GRACE** and **FORGIVENESS** and **RENEWAL!!!** Yes, because we  
are all **LOVED** by **GOD** we have the opportunity to celebrate what  
it means to be the Family of God!!!

There are 12 months in a year, every month has 28 days, and  
every fourth year every month has 29 days, and we are all loved by  
our gracious and forgiving God!!!

**FEBRUARY** is a **UNIQUE** month; and yes, we as people are  
**UNIQUE!!!**

Let's see, one of the things that makes February unique is that  
special day which is called Valentine's Day!!! Ah, Valentine's Day  
is a "matter of the heart"!!!

It is a "**MATTER of the HEART**" which makes each of us  
**UNIQUE** when it comes to God's grace, forgiveness, and love!!!

People are people; yet, each and every one of us has the  
opportunity to enter into a **PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP** with our  
**GRACIOUS, FORGIVING, and LOVING GOD!!!** Yes, it is our  
personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ empowered by  
the Holy Spirit which creates for us a **UNIQUE** relationship with  
**GOD!!!** This **UNIQUE** relationship grows, when we turn to **GOD**  
with an open **HEART** rooted in **LOVE!!!**

Love in Christ,  
Dana

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Ely United Methodist Church                      Number Present: 7  
January 16, 2013

Chairman Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought from “Why Did God Make Bugs And Other Icky Things”, followed by an opening prayer.

The Minutes of the December 19, 2012 Ad Council meeting were approved; with two typographic corrections; as printed in the Church Newsletter.

The **Treasurer’s Reports** for December, 2012 was presented by Treasurer Mark Olson. The report was highlighted. The August end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$5,935.42; Building Fund: \$4,567.92; Reserve Fund \$5,002.49; Memorial Fund: \$10,691.98

The **Board of Trustees** met January 7, 2013. The tax-exempt form for the parsonage completed and sent. A third handicapped parking sign has been ordered. Repair of the water damage in the stairwell, sanctuary basement will be repaired when it is warmer outside. Other items discussed included replacement of the stairs to the Pastor’s Office/Study and what should be done to keep the lawn in front of the Church more presentable. The Trustees are investigating the pay rate for guest pastors/speakers. The next Trustee meeting is April 2, 2013.

### Old Business

1. **Church Insurance** – The Church received the multi-peril insurance renewal notice and premium notice from Grinnell Mutual Insurance. Jay will follow up on a quote request from Church Insurance Agency Corp. before renewal payment is made to Grinnell.

### New Business

1. **January Pasty Report** – Made 687 pasties, gross net sales \$4,112, costs \$1,289 and gross sales \$2,822. We are seeking orders for 100-150 additional pasties. Potential new customers should contact Jeanne Tomlinson.
2. **Wheeled Chairs** – Dana recommended the purchase of two wheeled chairs for the Pastor’s Office/Study, to reduce potential

scratching and damage to the floor from sliding chair feet. The purchase of 3 matching chairs for the office/study was approved. The Memorial Committee will be approached for funding.

3. **Photo Board Display Tripods** – Dana recommended the purchase of two display tripods for photo display boards for use at funerals to replace broken ones. The purchase was approved and the Memorial Committee will be approached for funding.
4. **Air Compressor and Shop Vac** – The cooling fins on the refrigerator-freezer condenser need to be cleaned with a compressed air on a monthly basis. The Church does not have a vacuum cleaner in the lower level. The Ad Council approved the purchase of a small compressor and small shop vacuum cleaner. The Memorial Committee will be approached for funding.
5. **Pasty Advertising** – Jeanne Tomlinson requested permission and funding to advertise for additional pasty sales. The Ad Council approved the request, if the UMW will fund the request from pasty sales.
6. **Pasty Clean-Up Checklist** – Butch raised a safety and liability concern if the Fellowship Hall floor is not mopped the night after pasty making, due to slippery places. It was also pointed out that some additional ending tasks had not been completed. After discussion, the Ad Council agreed to try having a “**To Do List**” for the entire pasty making process. Butch volunteered to write the Checklist.

### ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **Pasty Making - February 18-19, 2013.** Order callers are reminded to contact Jeanne Tomlinson [(218) 235-8470] by Friday February 15 with counts. Jeanne is accepting new customers – contact Jeanne with names and phone numbers. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. The meeting was closed by those attending reciting “**The Lords Prayer**”.

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine “Butch” Diesslin



Go Red for Women, a national movement founded by the **American Heart Association**, is raising women's awareness of the #1 killer of women, heart disease. Yes, that's right—*heart disease!*

Go Red celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of reminding women they can lower their risk and live longer, more active lives. Check out **GoRedForWomen.org** for more information.

### **Celebrate National Wear Red Day**

Each year on the first Friday in February, thousands of women wear RED or the Red Dress Pin (do you have one?) to help raise awareness.

The Ely United Methodist women have for the last 2 years gone to lunch at the GEL and learned how to lower their risks.

**This year we will dine at UMC at 12:30 pm on February 1. Reservations Required. Please Contact Toni Floyd 365-7420**

### **Celebrate GO RED Sunday**

February 10<sup>th</sup> is a special day, Faith in Heart Sunday. Don't forget to wear RED, both women and men, for this very special event at church.

### **INSPIRATION: I Corinthians 13: 1-13**

“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all knowledge and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophecy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, Even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**LET'S TALK**  
**BAZAAR:**

**LENTEN SUPPERS**  
**BEGIN:**

Yes, we will yet again be participating in the Ecumenical “Lenten Suppers” hosted by the churches of the Ely Ministerial Association !!!

What a wonderful opportunity is afforded us through these Ecumenical “Lenten Suppers”; the opportunity to share food, to share in fellowship and to share in worship with brothers and sisters in the Family of Good from throughout the community of Ely !!!

The Ecumenical “Lenten Suppers” will be hosted on Thursday nights by various churches within our community. The suppers will involve food, fellowship and worship from 5:30 – 6:30 PM, February 21 through March 21. The cost of the meal is a recommended DONATION of \$3.00 per person or \$6.00 per family !!!

The schedule follows:

February 21	First Presbyterian & St. Mary’s Episcopal Church at First Presbyterian Church
February 28	First Lutheran Church
March 7	Ledgerock Community Church & Grace Lutheran at Ledgeroc k
March 14	Ely U.M.C. at St. Anthony’s Church
March 21	St. Anthony’s Church

Yes, as we enter 2013 we are entering yet another BAZAAR year!!! Now, some may not consider this to be a very GOOD thing, but for the Ely U.M.C. a BAZAAR year is a very GOOD thing !!!

Why ??? Why is having a BAZAAR year a GOOD thing for the Ely U.M.C.???

The answer to this question is found in the REALIZATION That the BAZAARNESS of 2013 for the Ely U.M.C. is really all about an every other year fund raiser for the church hosted in NOVEMBER one Saturday during deer season !!!

Our Bazaar involves crafts, baked goods and a coffee and...!!! Our Bazaar is a very GOOD fund raiser when we pause to remind people of its COMING well in advance of the EVENT !!! An early announcement gives people plenty of time to consider how they might participate in the Bazaar with crafts, baked goods and desserts for coffee and...!!!

Please begin thinking about our Bazaar. It has often provided a wonderful boost to our budget in BAZAAR years !!!

2013 BAZAAR

Fun, fellowship, Fruits of Labor

**WELL - WELL - WELL:**

December 2012 Come and Gone !!!

January 2013 Come and Gone !!!

Here we are FEBRUARY 2013, and for yet another month we will be holding a Sunday School Class focusing on our Scripture Reading for the Sunday morning worship Service.

First, this Sunday School class meets at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings with coffee available during class.

Second, this Sunday School class is for anyone who is interested in spending more time with God's word.

Third, this Sunday School class is NOT meant to be a pastor talk on how the morning sermon came to be! NO, not at all, our Sunday morning Sunday School class hopefully develops into a discussion group which at this time is focused on the Scripture being used for Worship. YES, the questions used to encourage discussion have been developed by the pastor but the conversation arising from the questions is a GROUP EFFORT !!!

Fourth, the bigger the GROUP the more avenues down which the discussion can potentially travel !!!

Fifth, WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME !!! Please consider joining us for Sunday School in FEBRUARY !!!

**ASH WEDNESDAY :**

“Season of Lent begins”

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

As in other years, we here in the Ely U.M.C. will provide an open Communion table on “Ash Wednesday” for anyone wishing to take time with God in Communion, as preparation for entering the “Season of Lent”, as preparation for beginning the journey towards a CELEBRATION of EASTER !!!

The Communion table will be open to all from 3:00 – 6:00 PM in the Church Sanctuary for a time of Personal prayer and fellowship with God and sharing the Communion Meal !!! We invite you to come in and begin the “Season of Lent” nurtured by the wonder of God's gracious love, by pausing to commune with God !!!

OPEN COMMUNION TABLE

3:00 – 6:00 pm

**BIBLE STUDY**

February 2013

Thursdays at 2:00 PM

- Thursday, Feb. 7 I Corinthians 12:12-31
- Thursday, Feb. 14 I Corinthians 13: 1-13
- Thursday, Feb. 21 John 3: 1-17
- Thursday, Feb. 28 I John 4: 1-21

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**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has been a huge success since we began in 2008. Our knitters and quilters deserve a special thanks.

Right now we have several shawls, so if anyone knows of a friend or relative in need of a little comfort, please let us know.

During the winter months contact Joyce Mattila 365-4283

TO MY ELY U.M.C. FAMILY:

Thank you very much for the wonderful Christmas gift certificates !!! I will truly enjoy using them. Your thoughtfulness is something that warms by heart. Thank you for caring!

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Dana

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**B.W.C.C – WORSHIP SERVICE**

Our worship services have been well attended by residence and our helpers. The choir is very much appreciated.

Anyone is welcome to join us. You don't even need to know how to sing. This is another way for God to bless the residence and you.

Thank you to all who take part!!!

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**JANUARY PASTY REPORT:**

Pasties made	687
Gross sales	\$4,112.00
Costs	\$1,289.00
Net Sales	\$2,822.00

Next pasties: February 18-19, 2013