

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, it has been said that there are those people out there who tend to, "MARCH to the beat of a different drummer"!!!

Well, if you have ever been to a parade or a high school football game you may have seen a "MARCHing band" in action!!! You may even enjoy listening to a "MARCHing Band" play on!!!

At some time you may see a group of people going forth as if on a mission; you may say they look like they are going forth as if they are "MARCHing in lock step"!!!

Now, we have not even begun to consider the command to "forward MARCH"!!!

Say, what do you think we are fast approaching something called "MARCH Madness", which has something to do with college basketball!!!

Indeed, "in like a lamb and out like a lion" or "in like a lion and out like a lamb" and the month of MARCH seems to have run amuck!!!

Say now, it seems as though we have pushed this MARCH and MARCHing thing to the limit!!!

So, what at all, if anything could this MARCH and MARCHing thing have to do with our walk with GOD???. Well, let's take a couple of minutes and think about it.

As Christians, as brothers and sisters in the Family of God, we are called to "MARCH to the beat of a different drummer"!!! The drummer whose beat we are to march to is none other than the Son of God and our Savior Jesus Christ!!! The beat we are to MARCH to, has at the Bass Level a predominance of LOVE!!!

As Christians, as sisters and brothers in the Family of God, we are called to become a part of the "MARCHing Band" that plays on!!! Further, we are called to be a part of the "MARCHing Band" that is found trumpeting the joyous sounds of, and melody of, GOD'S gracious LOVE!!!

As Christians, as brothers and sisters in the Family of God, we are called upon to "forward MARCH" and we ought to do so as though we are "MARCHing in lock step with faith, hope, and love; and as the Apostle Paul has stated in his First Letter to the church at Corinth the greatest of these is LOVE!!!

As Christians, as sisters and brothers in the Family of God, this MARCH we will "come in like lambs and go out like lions" who are found ROARING with joy filled hearts as we celebrate the CROSS and the RESURRECTION and the blessings of GOD'S promises fulfilled through the wonder of EASTER!!! Jesus, the Cross, and the Resurrection, the ultimate statement of GOD'S LOVE!!!

Actually, it seems reasonable to suggest that this MARCH and MARCHing thing has a great deal to do with our walk with GOD as we celebrate what it means to be the Family of God!!! As Christians, as the Family of God, as we celebrate GOD'S LOVE let us grow as a people grounded in LOVE!!!

Love in Christ,

Dana

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:

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| 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 boast to our budget in BAZAAR years !!!

2013 BAZAAR

Fun, fellowship, Fruits of Labor

FEBRUARY PASTY REPORT:

Pasties made	753
Gross sales	\$4,535.00
Costs	\$1,274.04
Net Sales	\$3,260.96

Next pasties: March 18 and 19, 2013

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday

2:00 P.M.

- Thursday March 7- Genesis 22: 1-19
- Thursday March 21- Exodus 3:1-4:17
- Thursday March 28- John 20:1-18

MAUNDAY-THURSDAY

COMMUNION SERVICE:

7:00 P.M.

Service of Lights and Scriptures

INSPIRATION: John 20: 1-18

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned to him and said in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.”