

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

For many folks  
**TURKEY DAY** means  
**TURKEY DINNER!!!**

For many folks  
**TURKEY DAY** means  
**FOOTBALL!!!**

For many folks  
**TURKEY DAY** means  
**FAMILY, FRIENDS,** and  
hopefully a little bit of  
**FUN!!!**

Ah, **TURKEY DAYS** of old would have meant, Pilgrims and Native Americans gathering to celebrate around a setting of food from the harvest and hunting.

Ah **TURKEY DAYS** of old would have meant, Pilgrims and Native Americans gathering to celebrate together in a spirit of appreciation for the bounteous blessings they had received.

Ah, **TURKEY DAYS** of old would have meant, Pilgrims and Native Americans gathering not only in a spirit of appreciation but also in a spirit of generosity sparking a willingness to share.

Ah, sometimes looking back at the “good old days” we might want to say that they weren’t all the “good”.

Think about it, would we really want to give up, our cell phones, our laptop computers, our remote control TV’s, our

garage door openers, not to mention cars, stoves, electricity, indoor plumbing and all the rest.

Well, I think not; therefore sometimes it is hard to make a strong case for the “good days” and longing yet again to return to the “good days”!

So, **TURKEY DAY** with turkey, football, family, friends, and fun, on the one hand; and **TURKEY DAY** with food and celebration from the harvest and labors of the day, in a spirit of appreciation, and generosity nurturing a spirit of sharing with others on the other hand; just what kind of **TURKEY DAY** will we be celebrating this year???

Here is what **GOD** might want to suggest to us, for this coming year as we prepare for **THANKSGIVING DAY**, **GOD** might suggest that we **CELEBRATE** in the midst of all of our **GADGETS** from cell phones to electricity but that we do so in a spirit of **KINSHIP** with the “good old days” in a spirit of **APPRECIATION** and **THANKSGIVING** for the rich bounty **GOD** has provided to us!!!

Indeed, **GOD** has provided us with rich and precious gifts, such as life, love, family, and friends, each one of these precious gifts, and all of them, ought to nurture within our hearts a spirit of appreciation and thanksgiving unto our gracious and loving **GOD!!!**

**THANK YOU GOD** today, tomorrow, and always, for all you have done, for all you are doing, and for all you will do, for each of us as children within your **FAMILY!!!** May we as children within your family be found to celebrate **THANKSGIVING DAY** 2014 wrapped in wonder of loving gratitude for you our **GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD!!!**

Love in Christ,

Dana

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES October 15, 2014**  
**Ely United Methodist Church Number Present: 11**

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

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought from Hooked For Life, by Jimmy Houston, followed by an opening prayer.

The minutes of the September 19, 2014 Administrative Council meeting were approved as printed in the Church Newsletter for September 2014.

The Treasurer's report for September, 2014 was accepted as presented. The September end of the month General Fund balance of \$2,291.20, a Building Fund balance of \$22,474.03, and a Memorial Fund balance of \$10,650.57.

**Committee Reports**

The **Board of Trustees** met in October. Winterizing the Church has begun, The fire extinguishers in the parsonage have been updated, Winter Sign-up Sheet for Sidewalk Snow Shoveling volunteers has been posted, volunteers with Snowplows are being sought to plow the Church Parking Lots for parts of November, December, January and February when Butch will be gone.

**Memorial Committee** – No report.

**Education Committee** – No report.

**Finance Committee** – will meet October 30, 2014, 7:00 PM to set the Church's 2015 Budget.

**Nurture and Membership Committee** – Received pictures of some of the infants wearing the knit hats made by church members.

**Outreach Committee** – Hearts-2-Hands Quilters made and donated 100 pillow cases to St. Mary's Con/Kerr Cancer program. "**Stanley The Scarecrow**" will in the back of the Church and collecting monetary donations for the Ely Food Shelf October 19 – November 2. Make checks payable to Ely UMC, memo food shelf. "**The Giving Tree**" with gift tags will be set up in the back of the Church November 16 – December 7.

**Worship Committee** – The committee is speaking with our youth about producing a Christmas program for the Church.

**Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** – Met October 8. Discussed the annual pastoral evaluation. Set the Pastor's salary for 2015.

**Parish Health Ministries** – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice Potluck and Presentation October 13, 2014.** Rev. Mickie Olson, Virginia UMC, gave a presentation on the goals and objectives of the **Reach, Renew Rejoice**, a 5 year initiative of the Minnesota Annual Conference. The request is for each church to contribute funds for increasing UMC membership in Minnesota. Request for our Church is \$2,020/ year.

Motion by Lucy, Second by Jeanne: Our Church will participate in the **Reach, Renew, Rejoice** growth initiative in 2015-2019, with a 2015 goal of \$2,020. The Ad Council will review program participation annually.  
Motion Passed

2. **Parsonage Propane Furnace Vent Replacement** – Repair Technician from Edward's Propane made measurements, will order parts and install.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Pasty Making Filming for Ely TV.** Jeanne Tomlinson was approached by the Ely community TV cable channel about videotaping pasty making for use on the channel. Agreed the publicity would be good, however concerns were expressed relating to the need for individual releases, etc. Jeanne will follow up.

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

1. **Church Men's Group – Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 6 or 7 PM, Prehistoric Native American Tools** Jay Tomlinson coordinating.
2. **Pasty Making – October 20-21, 2014.** New Workers are needed with many 'regulars' not being available.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was closed by those attending reciting "**The Lords Prayer**".

Respectfully Submitted,  
Blaine "Butch" Diesslin

**CONFIRMATION**

**CLASSES:**

Yes, it is time to consider offering our 7-9 grade **YOUTH** the opportunity to---

---thoughtfully spend **TIME** participating in the process of---

**---CONFIRMING THEIR BAPTISMAL VOWS!!!**

We are looking at offering Confirmation Classes in the coming two years if there are enough of our youth who are ready to participate in the process of “Confirming their Baptismal Vows”.

The class schedule is at this time:

January 2015 through May 2015  
1<sup>st</sup> Two Wednesdays of each month  
6:15-6:55 P.M.  
Ten Classes

September 2015 through March 2016  
1<sup>st</sup> Two Wednesdays of each month  
6:15-6:55 P.M.  
Fourteen Classes

All young people and parents **PLEASE** give thoughtful consideration to this important step in our “***FAITH JOURNEY***” and our “***WALK WITH GOD***”!!! Please begin thinking about confirming Baptism vows!!!

**INSPIRATION: Psalm 111: 1-10**

“Praise the Lord!  
I will give thanks  
to the Lord with  
my whole heart,  
in the company  
of the upright, in  
the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He has sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.”

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**SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**“Boundary Waters Care Center”**

Sunday November 23  
2:30 P.M.

**“Ely Care Free Living”**

Wednesday November 19  
1:15 P.M.

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**SPECIAL REMINDER:**

**2014 is A Non-BAZAAR Year!!!**

Begin thinking

**BAZAAR Year 2015!!!**

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**BIBLE STUDY:**

November 2014 Thursday 2:00 P.M.

Thursday November 6, John Chapter 9

Thursday November 13, John Chapter 10

Thursday November 20, John Chapter 11

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**YOUTH GROUP:**

Many of you may recall last spring when our Ely U.M.C. Youth Group led one of our worship services.

Well, we are trying to coordinate another worship service with the Youth Group leading us in worship for this fall.

Tentatively we are looking at **Sunday December 14, 2014**

We would ask our Church Family to be in prayer for our youth and for this special effort in ministry with God as we begin preparing for this special moment in time for worship and for fellowship.

**\*\*\*Yes, this is a re-scheduled Event\*\*\***

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**ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE PREP**  
**IN PROCESS:**

Yes, we are at that time of year yet again, when we need to begin thinking about closing out our 2014 year of ministry together with God in **ANTICIPATION** of beginning our **2015** year of ministry together with **GOD!!!**

- Nominations Committee-Happening
- Staff Parish Relations Committee-Done
- Finance Committee-Coming Soon

---will all be handling their various tasks to make it possible for us to hold our Annual Church Conference (No Date Set as of Yet), in joyful **ANTICIPATION** of moving into a new year of ministry with **GOD** in 2015!!!

THANKS for GIVING  
From  
ELY UMC OUTREACH

Our Church Family has the opportunity again this year to join in sharing with the Ely Area Food Shelf.

It is wonderful to see Stanley Scarecrow reminding us of the need for food in the Ely area.

The checks should be made out to EUMC and memo Food Shelf.

As of October 31, 2014 \$150.00 has been donated!!!

Again, this year, Ely UMC has shown its love and concern for our community during this Thanksgiving season.

MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED  
THANKSGIVING

THE GIVING TREE IS GOING UP!!!

Ely United Methodist Church has an opportunity again this season to make Christmas special for children in our community.

By Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, our Giving Tree will be decorated with Children's Christmas wishes.

Each tag has suggested items as gifts to choose from. Please select a tag and enter your name and phone number on the list next to the tag's number.

You may join someone else when selecting a tag if you wish.

All gifts need to be under the tree, unwrapped by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

They will be picked up by December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ely UMC Outreach again thanks you for the generosity and love you share with those in our community.

May the spirit of giving to God's children be with you always.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**“3 SIMPLE RULES”:**

Yes, coming, in the New Year, 2015 we will be having a follow-up study program to piggy-back on and off of our 2014 “ALPHA” program of 2014.

The study will be based on the book “3 Simple Rules” written by Rueben P. Job. We have ordered 20 books to hand out to those who have not received them through other avenues (Patty Rusco has donated a number of books to ongoing groups within the church), plus 30 study guides to be used during the program (we will hopefully need to order more).

We will be running the program on Sundays like we did “Alpha” from 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.---with adjustments on Nursing Home Sundays (One or Two).

“Alpha” is **NOT** a requirement for “***3 Simple Rules***” we were just looking for a means to expand and enhance our potential for growing as a Church Family! This new **STUDY** is for everyone!!!

This is a 6 week course starting Sunday February 1, 2015 through Sunday March 8, 2015. The study focuses on living life with three basic rules:

1. Do no harm
2. Do all the good you can
3. Stay in love with God

Yes, we hope to see “YOU ALL THERE”!!!

**“HEARTS TWO HANDS”**

**QUILTING GROUP:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Ely U.M.C. “Hearts Two Hands” Quilting Group

**100---pillowcases made**

The 100 pillowcases made by the Ely U.M.C. “Hearts Two Hands” Quilting Group were given to “ConKerr Cancer” and the children’s ward at Essentia in Duluth.

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**MEN’S GROUP:**

Two up and coming events-

1. Men will led a worship service
2. December gathering on Tuesday December 2, 2014 6:00 or 7:00 P.M. Depending on whether or not we have a meal  
Focus---“Prehistoric Native American Tools” as presented by Jay Tomlinson---An amazing collection of samples will be shown

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**PASTY REPORT OCTOBER:**

**Pasties Made----803**  
**Total Deposit-----\$4,818.00**  
**Total Cost-----\$1,634.06**  
**Net Gain-----\$3,183.94**