

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*So, there goes a turkey walking down the street; you don't see that every day.*

*So there goes a Mr. and Mrs. Native American walking down the street; you don't see that every day.*

*So, there goes a Mr. and Mrs. Pilgrim walking down the street; you don't see that every day.*

*So, there goes a big bowl of cranberries walking down the street; you don't see that every day.*

*So, there goes a crock pot full of dressing walking down the street; you don't see that every day.*

*So, there goes a big platter of glazed sweet potatoes walking down the street; you don't see that every day.*

*So, there goes a pecan pie followed by an apple pie walking down the street; you don't see that every day.*

*So, there must be some kind of big convention going on because this seems to be an odd assortment of characters gathering together!*

*Well, it could be that another **THANKSGIVING DAY** is about to make an appearance on the horizon of our lives!*

*Well, of course, turkeys, Native Americans, Pilgrims, cranberries, dressing, glazed sweet potatoes, pecan and apple pie all uniting together, it has to be **THANKSGIVING DAY!!!***

*Yes, a feast of epic proportions, family coming together from hither and yon, fellowship around the dinner table while catching up on the latest news and happenings, and football, football, football!!! Indeed, **THANKSGIVING DAY** is about to **GOBBLE-UP** some of our very valuable time. Hopefully, the feast, the family, the fellowship, and the*

*football will all be celebrated with a great deal of special **FUN, FUN, FUN!!!***

*Hopefully, the feast, the family, the fellowship, and the football will all be celebrated with a great deal of special **FUN, FUN, FUN** wrapped in a spirit of some very special **APPRECIATION!!!***

***APPRECIATION???** Yes, **APPRECIATION!!!** Why **APPRECIATION???***

*Well, every day ought to be a day on which we prayerfully share in a spirit of appreciation; every day includes this unique day we call **THANKSGIVING DAY!!!***

*Well, every day ought to be a day on which we prayerfully share in a spirit of appreciation for our **GRACIOUS** and **LOVING GOD** who has **BLESSED** us with the gift of life and the wonder of love!!!*

*Actually, every day ought to be a day on which we prayerfully share in a spirit of appreciation for our gracious and loving **GOD** who has **BLESSED** us with the gifts of life and love; but then we could include many other precious gifts **GOD** also offers us, gifts like compassion, guidance, understanding, forgiveness, comfort, and **HOPE** through **JESUS CHRIST** and the **HOLY SPIRIT!!!***

*Yes, every day ought to be a day on which we prayerfully share in a spirit of appreciation for our **GRACIOUS** and **LOVING GOD**; may every day of prayerful appreciation include **THANKSGIVING DAY** with all the feasting, family, fellowship, football, and fun!!!*

Love in Christ,

pastor Dana

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**BIBLE STUDY:**

Yes, we will try to hold a Bible Study this Fall for all those interested in spending time together in God’s Word, sharing our thoughts and ideas with the possibility of learning from one another. The focus will be on a series of the “Parables” as told by Jesus and recorded in the Gospel of Matthew except for the final “Parable”, which will be out of the Gospel of Luke. Here is the tentative schedule for this fall:

- November 2- “The Parable of the Wicked Tenants”  
Matthew 21: 31-46
- November 9- “The Parable of the Talents”  
Matthew 25: 14-30
- November 16- “The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant”  
Matthew 18: 21-35
- November 30- “The Parable of the Prodigal Son”  
Luke 15: 1-32

All are welcome, all are welcome to each study, please come and join us for one or all eight.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOONS**

2:00 P.M.---done by 3:00 P.M. (LATEST)

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**“BOUNDARY WATER CARE CENTER”**

***WORSHIP SERVICES:***

**Sunday 2:30 P.M.**

Sunday November 12

Sunday December 10

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**“CARE FREE LIVING”**

***WORSHIP SERVICES:***

**Wednesday 1:15 P.M.**

Wednesday November 1

Wednesday December 6

Wednesday January 10, 2018

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***SPECIAL THANKS:***

**LIDDY SHEPPARD**

Coming up the church walk during the summer months it is easy to see the loving care provided by Liddy for our small but very beautiful little front door garden!!! We your church family thank you very much for your “Labors of Love”!!!

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***SPECIAL THANKS:***

**MARK LUTHENS, JER NISKALA (3X),  
JUSTIN ZEMKE, MARK OLSON**

Yes, we your church family thank each of you for your “Labors of Love” caring for the church lawn during this past summer with mower and weedwacker.

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“REACH, RENEW, REJOICE”

“Reach, Renew Rejoice” is the Special Campaign Drive set up by our Annual Conference to nurture the growth of the United Methodist Church here in the Minnesota Annual Conference. At the beginning of the campaign, we pledged to raise \$2,020 in 2015, which we accomplished. In 2016, we set a goal of raising \$1,000 toward the campaign, and we reached that goal by early October, raising \$1,015. We decided to set that same goal (\$1,000) for 2017, and once again by early October, we have reached our goal, raising \$1,016.

CONGRATULATIONS ELY U.M.C.  
WELL DONE !!!

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**THANKS for GIVING**

From EUMC  
**OUTREACH**

Stanley the Scarecrow has done a great job!  
Our Church Family joined in sharing with the Ely  
Area Food Shelf.

We collected \$443.00 this year to help feed families  
in Ely.

Again, this year, you have shown love and concern  
for our community during this Thanksgiving season.

**Have a very  
Blessed Thanksgiving!**

**THE GIVING TREE IS GOING UP!!**

Our Church Family has an opportunity to make  
Christmas special for families with children in our  
community.

By November 5th, our Giving Tree will be  
decorated with  
Children’s Christmas Wishes.

This year each tag will have 3 gift items to choose  
from.  
Please select only **1** tag and share it with a friend to  
buy all the items.

Place your names and phone numbers on the  
clipboard  
next to the tag’s number you have taken.

You may choose to buy all the gifts on a tag if you  
wish.

All gifts need to be under the tree, unwrapped by  
November 19th.

The EUMC Outreach thanks you for your  
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!!!**

The **Guild/UMW** on Wednesday September 27, 2017 2:10-4:05 pm

The Guild/UMW met at the Church with 7 people in attendance. President Bonnie Berglund opened the meeting at 2:10 pm with a prayer by Pastor Dana and unison reading of the UMW Purpose. The minutes from our May 24, 2017 meeting were read and approved as read.

Bonnie Berglund gave the Treasurer's Report: checking \$1,459.36 after all known expenses have been paid; savings \$7,514.68, CD \$10,765.31.

### Old Business

- **2017-18 Hostess Schedule:** Lucy and Tootsie each volunteered to take a month so our remaining hostess schedule for the year is as follows.
  - Oct 25 – Tootsie Loe
  - Nov 15 – Lucy Diesslin
  - Jan 24 – Jeri Walburn
  - Feb 28 –
  - Mar 28 – Janice Tessier
  - Apr 25 – Donna Rusco
  - May 23 – Bonnie Berglund
- **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** We briefly discussed how successful this event proved to be and expressed our appreciation for those who had helped put it all together.
- **Breakthrough Renewal Institute:** This event was held on Sept 14-15 in Hubbard (near Park Rapids) and was attended by Pastor Dana and 5 other church members: Lucy Diesslin, Jan Rue, Sheri Rue and Jeanne Tomlinson. Those attending felt it was very well done and definitely worthwhile in attending. Dana reported that they are already planning another to be held in 2019 and strongly recommend that we once again offer scholarships to encourage more church members to attend.
- **"Comfort Boxes:** Dana reported that the Visioning committee is looking into the development and distribution of "comfort boxes". These would go to persons/families who have experienced a loss or major health issue or something comparable. The contents would be custom tailored to the recipients. Keith & Sheri Rue are working on more detail planning for this. UMW may be approached to help out financially with this mission/outreach project.

- **Relay for Life:** This year's walk brought in over \$27,000 from the community with just 11 teams. The M&M's was one of only two teams that brought in over \$5,000 each.
- **Multi-Church BBQ/Picnic:** This event was held on Sunday, August 13 from 12 noon to 2 pm at Semer's Park and was deemed a success. The committee met afterwards to discuss changes/improvements and had received enough positive feedback for the location that they've already booked the Semer's Park building for August 12, 2018.

### New Business

- **Parsonage Inspection:** Bonnie shared information from the Trustees report that was given at the Ad Council. They had inspected the Parsonage and developed a detailed list of all the work that needs to be done to prepare it for a new minister. The UMW has been asked to cover the cost of new carpeting in the three bedrooms and drapes in the master bedroom as well as helping with some of the cleaning. No figures are known at this time. The Trustees are currently pursuing bids for the painting and window/wood trim refurbishing.
- **2017 Bazaar on Nov 4:** We read through some notes from the 2015 event and then decided on the following:
  - We will stick with the 1-3 pm timeframe again.
  - Jeanne will take care of getting ads into the Echo, Timberjay and Shopper
  - Bonnie will call (1) Chris Urbas to see if she'll be willing to do posters again; (2) Patty Rusco to see if she'll take care of the "Coffee ands" again and (3) Marge Olson to see if she'll be willing to be in charge of table decorations.
  - Donna will take care of the bake table again and will recruit whatever help she needs.
  - Jeanne will coordinate the cardamom bread baking on Nov 3.
- **Kid's Club:** Dana reported that our new after-school Kid's Club will be starting up on Wednesday, October 4. He asked if UMW would be willing to cover the cost of the refreshments since we had been paying for the Youth Group Wednesday night meals and that won't be needed anymore. Lucy moved that we do that, second by Donna. Motion approved.

- **Knitted Preemie Hats:** Lucy reported that the conference has an ongoing mission project of providing knitted preemie hats where needed and that we should spread the word to church members who knit. We can just collect them at the church and then take them to the annual conference next year.

**Correspondence:** The following items were passed around for members to read:

- UMW Newsletter
- The *Contact* – the North Star District UMW newsletter
- Reading Program catalog

We adjourned the business meeting portion at 3:05 pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

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***PASTY REPORT:***

**OCTOBER 2017**

**PASTIES MADE-     823**

**TOTAL SALES-     \$4,954.00**

**COSTS-             \$1,473.82**

**NET INCOME-     \$3,480.18**

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***THANKSGATHERING:***

**NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

**PRELUDE 6:00 P.M.---START TIME 6:30 P.M.**

**LEDGEROCK COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES**

**October 18, 2017**

**Ely United Methodist Church**

**Call To Order:** Vice-Chair Keith Rue called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Attendees (8):** Dana Thompson, Bonnie Berglund, Butch & Lucy Diesslin, Mark & Marge Olson, Keith Rue and Jeanne Tomlinson  
**Opening:** Dana provided the “Opening Thought” from *The Upper Room* (October 18, 2017 entry) followed by prayer.

**Minutes:** The September 20, 2017 Ad Council minutes were approved as printed in the October 2017 *FISH*. Motion to approve/Lucy Diesslin; Second/Bonnie Berglund. Approved unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The September 2017 treasurer’s reports were presented and highlighted by Mark Olson. Receipts & disbursements were \$6,377.74 & \$8,036.80. End of month balances: Building Fund \$23,786.91 (with \$13,000 Undesignated); Memorial Fund \$11,098.45; Parish Health Ministries \$400, R3 Project \$990, Safe Gathering \$387, available General Fund \$3,531.46. Motion to approve/Jeanne Tomlinson; Second/Marge Olson. Approved unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Board of Trustees:** Marge Olson reported that the Board met on October 2. Mark Luthens will be replacing the wooden ties on the stairs going down to the lower parking lot. Bids were received for painting, garage doors replacement and carpeting. Details were discussed further under Old Business. Marge reported that normally they would next meet in April, but with all the parsonage work, they will probably be meeting some time prior to that.

**Finance:** Butch Diesslin announced the Finance Committee will meet some time in November to work on the 2018 budget.

**Outreach:** Dana replayed a report from Toni Floyd: Stanley will be taken down after October 22. So far \$388 have been received. The Christmas Giving Tree will go up on November 5 with 12 tags again. Toni will be keeping closer tabs on the sign-up sheet to make sure the donor names are matched up properly to the tags. Toni is also requesting mailing address information for the 6 youth group members who graduated last May and are now in college. She would like to prepare Valentine Boxes for each of them and could use additional items. Dana also reported that \$766 had been received for Hurricane Harvey relief. He considers it phenomenal how the congregation donated over \$1000 for the two October special fundraisers. (Stanley & Hurricane Harvey relief).

**Pastor-Parish Relations:** Jeanne Tomlinson reported that the committee met on Oct 4 to complete Dana's annual evaluation which was then sent to the district office. They also started work on the Church Profile, incorporating information received from 8 members of the congregation. The work was completed on a second meeting held on Oct 11 and is currently being typed up for final PPR committee review. The committee will meet again in the next few weeks to finalize the Profile and to also determine the pastor's salary for 2018. There was some discussion about the impact on the budgeting process because of having to set the salary for Pastor Dana for the year knowing it's only for 6 months and then setting a different salary for the new pastor. It was suggested that the Finance Committee may want to meet in mid-year and develop a revised budget. The District Superintendent, Mark Miller, is coming to our church on Saturday, October 21 to meet with the PPR at 12 noon. Questions about the salary setting process could be address to him at that time.

**Parish Health Ministry:** Marge Olson reported that they will not be taking blood pressures on the second Sundry during the winter. They will resume in May.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. **Parsonage Projects - Updates:**

- **Painting:** A bid was received from Brett Porthan for painting the exterior and preparing & painting the interior of the parsonage. Ger Niskala volunteered to power-wash the exterior of the parsonage prior to Brett painting it. Brett's bid was \$1488 for materials and \$7040 for labor for a total of \$8,528. Half of this is required in order to get the job on the schedule, remainder to be paid upon completion. Marge Olson moved that we accept the bid and pay the required deposit and that we used the monies in the Building Fund for this work. Second/Butch Diesslin. Approved unanimously.
- **Garage Door Replacements:** Marge reported that Ely Garage Door Services quoted two different doors - one being about \$280 less than the other but with a lower quality door. The higher quote was for \$2134.18 but included sales tax of \$102 which should not have been included. Marge moved that we accept the higher bid, less the sales tax, and use the monies in the Building Fund to cover this expense also. Second/Butch Diesslin. Approved unanimously.

- **Carpeting:** The UMW has agreed to cover the cost of the new carpeting for the bedrooms, the drapes designated for replacement and will take care of the window washing.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Kid's Club:** Dana reported that the first two weeks have gone well. There were 11 children the first week and 15 the second. There have been 5 adult helpers each time. UMW is covering the cost of the refreshments. They are hoping for more children over time as word spreads. They could use more adult helpers.
2. **Corrections to August Treasurer's report :** Mark Olson reported that there had been a couple of errors on the designated/undesignated balance figures in the August report. Income for Safe Gathering and Reach-Renew-Rejoice had been listed in the detail lines but had not been included in the balances. He distributed a corrected report.
3. **Reach-Renew-Rejoice:** Jeanne Tomlinson reported that we had met our goal for 2017 with total donations of \$1,016. She moved that we process with send a check for \$1000 to the district. Second/Butch Diesslin. Approved unanimously. Jeanne then suggested we go ahead and set our goal for 2018 with the understanding that the extra \$16 from this year's drive be the start of next year's campaign. Lucy Diesslin moved that we set our goal for \$1000 again. Second/Marge Olson. Approved unanimously. Jeanne will take down the current sign at the end of October and we'll start up promoting our 2018 goal early next year.

#### ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. Pasties made: 823; Sales: \$4,954; Cost: \$1,473.82 ; Net Income: \$3,480.18.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM with a unison reciting of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary

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