

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

So, on the “Home Remodeling Shows” they often talk about adding a “**POP**” of color to dress things up in a room! So, on the “Home Remodeling Shows” they often talk creating an accent wall to add a “**POP**” of color so as to dress things up in a room which previously seemed somewhat bland!

Now, I love **SPRING**, that special season of the year when all that bland, or all that drab brown receives a “**POP**” of color as the buds on the trees pop open and the grass turns green. Ah, what a wonderful “**POP**” of color!!!

Now, I love **FALL**, that special season of the year when the trees and the leaves on the trees begin to provide us the opportunity to witness a “**POP**” of color which we might describe as a kaleidoscope of color!!! Indeed, so far this **FALL** there have been some wonderful changing colors!!! Ah, what a wonderful “**POP**” of color!!!

When pausing to consider spring, or when pausing to consider fall, it is possible to conclude that our gracious and loving **GOD** was aware of the value in a “**POP**” of color long before any “Home Remodeling Show” came along!!!

Indeed, **GOD** through the gift of nature has richly blessed us with many different kinds of “**POPS**” of color, from peacocks to tigers in the animal world, from the deep blue sea to the clear blue sky, from the wild flower to the precious

butterfly, and also from sunrise to sunset!!! Ah, what a wonderful “**POP**” of color!!!

Perhaps there is yet another “**POP**” of color provided by our gracious and loving **GOD** which you may recall it is the “ROY G. BIV” “**POP**” of color, or the “Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain.” “**POP**” of color which is red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet; ah yes that ever familiar “**RAINBOW**”!!! Ah, what a wonderful “**POP**” of color!!!

I have seen rainbows in waterfalls, rainbows which are faint and rainbows which are very brilliant, rainbows which are singles and rainbows which are double, rainbows which reach up into the sky and rainbows that touch the ground; ah, what a wonder “**POP**” of color provided in nature by our gracious and loving **GOD**!!!

Actually, the rainbow is something more than a little “**POP**” of color provided by our gracious and loving **GOD**, the rainbow is a reminder from **GOD** to us!!!

The rainbow is a sign of a covenant made by **GOD** with the whole world that there would never again be the like, of a devastating flood, such as occurred in the days of Noah. Indeed, the rainbow is a “**POP**” of color provided by **GOD** which highlights that **GOD** does **CARE**!!! Ah, what a wonderful “**POP**” of color!!!

Yes, there are many different “**POPS**” of color providing by our gracious and loving **GOD** which we can enjoy but real **JOY** is nurtured in our hearts when we are mindful of the reality that **GOD** truly does **CARE**!!!

Love in Christ,

Dana

MEN'S GROUP GATHERING:

Well, this last spring we began trying to get a Men's Group going here in the Ely U.M.C.

Over this past summer we have tried to keep the seeds germinating by having a couple of Men's Breakfast gatherings at the Grand Ely Lodge which were well attended.

"MANWICH NIGHT"

"NATURE AND PHOTOGRAPHY NIGHT"

COMING!!!

Yes, we are moving into the fall of 2014 and we would like to continue to see the men of the Ely U.M.C. coming together for a variety of functions.

Dana Thompson will provide "Manwich" Sandwiches and potato chips for an evening gathering of the men; Dana has also contacted Rich Floyd about hosting a nature and photography program for **Tuesday Night October 7, 2014!!!** (Dinner at 6:00 P.M.—Program Following)

**DATE IS SET
MEN'S GROUP MEETING**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2014

P.S. RICH IS AN AWESOME PHOTOGRAPHER!!!

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

"Boundary Waters Care Center"

Sunday October 19
2:30 P.M.

"Ely Care Free Living"

Wednesday October 15
1:15 P.M.

SPECIAL REMINDER:

2014 is A Non-BAZAAR Year!!!

Begin thinking

BAZAAR Year 2015!!!

BIBLE STUDY:

October 2014 Thursday 2:00 P.M.

Thursday October 2, John Chapter 4

Thursday October 9, John Chapter 5

Thursday October 16, John Chapter 6

Thursday October 23, John Chapter 7

Thursday October 30, John Chapter 8

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES
September 17, 2014

Ely United Methodist Church Number Present: 7

Chairman Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought entitled “Love Beyond Measure”, followed by an opening prayer.

The minutes of the May 21, 2014 Administrative Council meeting were approved as printed in the Church Newsletter for May 2014. The Treasurer’s reports for May, June, July and August, 2014 were accepted as presented. The August end of the month General Fund balance of \$1,953.19, a Building Fund balance of \$22,515.06, and a Memorial Fund balance of \$11,198.22.

Committee Reports

The **Board of Trustees** met in July, reporting completion of a number of projects: replacing the carpeting of the Church entryway, repair of stairs to the Pastor’s Study door, Sealing of the parking lot, lawn maintenance and Flower garden planting and maintenance.

The **Memorial Committee** met in August. The Committee planned and led the annual memorial recognition service. Memorial Funds were used to purchase the Church’s new multi-function digital projector.

Education Committee – No report.

Finance Committee – will be meeting in October to set the Church’s 2015 Budget.

Nurture and Membership Committee – No report.

Outreach Committee - No report.

Worship Committee – No report.

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee – members will be meeting with District Superintendent Mark Miller on Sunday September 21, following the worship service. Committee members and 3 additional church members are completing Staff Clergy Evaluation forms prior to the committee meeting in October.

Parish Health Ministries – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Church Stationery – New Church stationery has been designed and printed by The Ely Echo. The new stationery is in use.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Petty Cash Fund – Dana requested \$200 be transferred into the Church’s Petty Cash Fund from the General Fund. (Jeanne Tomlinson/Keith Rue) Approved.

2. “Reach, Renew, Rejoice” Campaign – The Minnesota Annual Conference will have a conference-wide 7-year program starting in 2015. The goal is \$3.7 Million - for starting new churches in developing areas and for revitalization grants to existing churches. Church giving goals are based upon 10% of each Church’s 2014 budget, payable over 5 years. Campaign information person for this area is Rev. Michelle Olson, Virginia, UMC. A visit by Rev. Olson is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2014, will begin with a Pot-Luck Supper, followed by Rev. Olson’s informational presentation. All members are invited.

3. Parsonage Propane Furnace Vent Replacement – A routine inspection of the parsonage’s propane furnace revealed that the exhaust venting pipe is not up to standards. It was agreed to have Edwards North Country Propane replace the exhaust vent. (Mark Olson/Lucy Diesslin) Approved.

4. Propane & Carbon Monoxide Detector – The furnace inspector strongly recommend the purchase of a Propane leak detector and a carbon monoxide leak detector. Motion to purchase. (Keith Rue/Jeanne Tomlinson) Approved.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. Church Men’s Group – October 7, 2014, 6:00 PM, A Sloppy Joe Feed followed by a nature photography slide show by Rich Floyd. All men are welcome.

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 8:07 P.M.

The meeting closed by 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
1st Two Wednesdays of each month
6:15-6:55 P.M.
Ten Classes

September 2015 through March 2016
1st 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:

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14

“For everything there is a season, and 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 beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God’s gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken away from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.”

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK:

Monday October 13

6:00 P.M.

“Reach, Renew, Rejoice”

Well, some of us may recall a special campaign which will come to a close this year (2014) which is called “Imagine No Malaria”. This special campaign was sponsored by the United Methodist Church as a Denomination; the Minnesota Annual Conference took part, as did our local Ely U.M.C. Indeed, we set a goal of \$7,000.00 and reached it during the first year.

Well, “**Reach, Renew, Rejoice**” is a new special campaign beginning this year (2014) which is **not** a denominationally sponsored special campaign but a **Minnesota Annual Conference** special campaign. The focus of this new campaign is developing alive, vital, congregations and starting new churches.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

We are having an all-church potluck so all of us will have the opportunity to learn much more about “**Reach, Renew, Rejoice**”. Following the potluck Rev. Mickey Olson from the Virginia U.M.C. will be sharing information with us on behalf of the **Minnesota Annual Conference**.

COME & FELLOWSHIP

COME & LEARN !!!

PASTY TIME

Hip, Hip, Hooray!!!

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Yes indeed, can't you just feel the **EXCITEMENT** building, the **BUZZ** is all around us here in the Ely U.M.C. as we prepare to enter into yet another fun filled season of pasty making!!!

Yes indeed, it would seem as though Monday October **20** and Tuesday October **21**, 2014 just can't get here soon enough for some, fun, fun, fun, and a pinch of fellowship thrown in for good measure!!!

Yes indeed, we **HOPE** that many of you will find a way to contain the **EXCITEMENT** and keep the **BUZZ** to a dull roar until 7:00 A.M. Monday October 20th and 7:00 A.M. Tuesday October 21 while also encouraging each other to take advantage of the **OPPORTUNITY** to help with fun, fellowship, and finances here in the Ely U.M.C.!!!

PASTY MAKING

COMING SOON !!!

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 October 26.

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.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE PREP BEGINS:

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!!!

Soon---

Nominations Committee
Staff Parish Relations Committee
Finance Committee

---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!!!

VISIONING COMMITTEE:

We in the "Visioning Committee" are continuing to look for ways to enrich our vitality as the Family of God, while being in ministry with God here in the Ely U.M.C.

An idea which has been discussed often in the "Visioning Committee" is beginning to take shape. We would like to try setting up a sign-up sheet to encourage members in our Church Family to become Sunday Morning Readers. Our hope is to try having a different Church Family Member read the Sunday Morning Scripture Reading prior to the Sunday Morning Message/Sermon.

Our hope in the "Visioning Committee" is that we will begin to ENCOURAGE a fuller and richer encounter of GOD as we worship together.

Please give thoughtful consideration to whether or not you might be interested in trying to help us enhance our worship experiences by becoming a Sunday Morning Scripture Reader!!!

We are anticipating that the sign-up sheet for this new avenue of our ministry together with GOD will be coming out very soon and we are hopeful that many of you may want to participate in this new effort to make our worship experiences into a fuller and richer encounter with GOD!!!