

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have you ever noticed? Have you ever noticed, that every once and a while you find something which ultimately has a **DUO-PURPOSE???**

Playing Outside--- **DUO-PURPOSE**
Exercise and Entertainment
Pens at Christmas---**DUO-PURPOSE**
Letters and Light
Pumpkins--- **DUO-PURPOSE**
Pies and Pumpkin Carving
People--- **DUO-PURPOSE**
??? and ???

Have you ever noticed? Have you ever noticed, that every once in a while you find something which ultimately has a **DUO-PURPOSE???**

Actually, we could make a case that there are many things which may be found to not only have a **DUO-PURPOSE**, but ultimately numerous purposes.

Indeed, we could make a case that each of these items, Playing Outside, Pens at Christmas, Pumpkins, and People, could all be included in a list of things with numerous purposes.

However, for today let's stick with the concept of having a **DUO-PURPOSE** and **PEOPLE!!!**

Have you noticed? Have you noticed, that although we mentioned a **DUO-PURPOSE** for Playing Outside, Pens at Christmas, and Pumpkins, the People category has a series

of question marks for each section, of purpose one and of purpose two?

As children in the Family of God, purpose one and purpose two have the exact same foothold. The foothold with regards to the **DUO-PURPOSE** of people in the Family of God is in purpose one **LOVE!!!** The foothold with regards to the **DUO-PURPOSE** of people in the Family of God is in purpose two **LOVE!!!**

The case for this **DUO-PURPOSE** for the **PEOPLE** of **GOD** is found in the words of **GOD'S SON JESUS**:

Matthew 22: 34-40

“When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second one is like it: ‘ You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Yes, for us, as Children in the Family of God, **LOVING GOD** is not merely one of many high priorities it is the **HIGHEST** priority!!! Yes, for us, as Children in the Family of God, **LOVE** for **ONE ANOTHER** is like unto the **HIGHEST** priority, or a kind of **DUO-PURPOSE!!!**

Love in Christ, Pastor Dana

“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.

Last year (2015) we *pledged* to raise \$2,020.00, which we accomplished. A very well done job!!!

This year (2016) we set a *goal* of raising \$1,000.00 to go toward “Reach, Renew, Rejoice” and here is a recent update:

Beginning 2016 we had already set aside \$	56.00
We have Received 3 gifts of	\$ 250.00
Received in September/October to date-	\$ 204.00
Total Received through 10-2-16	\$1,015.00
Needed to reach <i>goal</i> set for 2016	\$ 0.00

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

“CARE FREE LIVING”

Worship Service

Wednesday October 5, 2016

1:15 P.M.

**“Stanley the Scarecrow”
is back!**

He will be arriving Sunday, October 9, 2016, to encourage us to remember all the people who rely on the Ely Food Shelf to help feed their families. The Food Shelf can use any canned goods, but they often run out of peanut butter and powdered milk. Please make sure you check that the dates on any food have not expired.

Don’t forget that for every \$1 donated the Food Shelf can purchase \$10 worth of goods. Let’s try and see how full we can fill Stanley’s basket this year before he leaves us on Sunday, October 23, 2016.

Ely UMC Outreach

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Ely United Methodist Church

September 21, 2016

Number Present: 7

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

Attendees: (7) Jay Tomlinson, Margie Olson, Mark Olson, Butch Diesslin, Lucy Diesslin, Dana Thompson, Bonnie Berglund.

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought from “The Upper Room” devotional for September 21, 2016, followed by an opening prayer.

The **Minutes of the May 18, 2016 Ad Council** meeting were approved as printed. (M/Margie/S/Bonnie)

The **Treasurer’s Report for May, June, July and August, 2016** were presented by Treasurer Mark Olson and accepted. The August end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$8,223.50; Building Fund: \$14,117.25; Memorial Fund: \$11,127.02; Parish Health Ministries 400.00; Undesignated Funds \$7,012.50. (M/Lucy/S/Margie)

The **Board of Trustees** will be meeting **Monday, October 3, 2016**. Replacement siding for the bell tower has been ordered, to replace the wind damaged pieces.

The **Memorial Committee** held the Church’s Annual Remembrance Sunday on August 21, 2016.

The **Finance Committee** has been informed that the tentative apportionments information for 2017 is available online. Butch will download the information and schedule a meeting of the Committee.

Old Business

1. **Joint Church Picnic – Follow-up Meeting Furnace Project – Update.** Margie reported that the picnic coordinators had met to critique this year’s picnic. The 2017 Joint Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 13, 2017. The musicians will be assemble in a shaded area. Meat to be grilled will be thawed before cooking.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **125th Anniversary of Ely United Methodist Church.** An Ad Hoc planning committee for the Church’s anniversary recognition will be formed.

Congregation members interested in joining the committee should contact Bonnie Berglund, Lucy Diesslin, Jay Tomlinson or Pastor Dana Thompson. Jay Tomlinson will contact Mark Miller; District Superintendent; about his availability to attend on a Sunday in June or July, or August 2017.

1. **Refrigerator Maintenance Plan.** The Warranty of the Church’s two refrigerators requires a periodic cleaning of the condenser coils. The Church has a Shop Vacuum and a portable compressor to do the lint removal. Cleaning instructions and a Cleaning Date recording chart will be placed the side of each refrigerator.
2. **Children's Bibles for “Bring a Child to Church Sundays in September”.** The Visioning Committee decided to purchase 40 children's Bibles to give to the children and guest children who come to church in September. Of the \$400 cost, \$200 was donated and the Ad Council approved reimbursing Rich Floyd and Keith Rue \$100 each from the Outreach Budget.
3. **Advent Study.** Pastor Dana Thompson requested funds to purchase study materials for an Advent Study - outside of worship services - on 4-5 Sundays in Advent. The Ad. Council approved up to \$500 from the Education Committee budget. (M/Mark/S/Bonnie)

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. **District Superintendent Visit – Saturday, October 8, 2016, Afternoon.** District Superintendent Mark Miller will be visiting our Church – to meet with our **Pastor-Parish Relations Committee**, and for an open meeting with congregation members to hear hopes and ideas.
2. **Pasty Making –October 17-18, 2016.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM. The meeting was closed by those attending reciting “*The Lords Prayer*”.

Respectfully Submitted,
Blaine “Butch” Diesslin, Administrative Council Secretary

MOW SEASON---

SNOW SEASON !!!

Well, it may be fairly safe to suggest “Mow Season” is over for the Ely U.M.C. Family and “Snow Season” is about to begin!!!

To the Ely U.M.C. Family we say ***GREAT JOB*** with “Mow Season 2016” with a ***SPECIAL THANKS*** to:

- MARK LUTHENS
- ZEMKE FAMILY
- PATTY & JER NISKALA
- BRYAN RUSCO
- PORTHAN FAMILY

AWESOME EFFORTS “One and All” !!!

Well, it may be fairly safe to suggest “Snow Season 2016-17” will soon be upon us here in the Ely U.M.C.. Please give some thought to signing-up for one of the Winter Months in which we need to take care of snow removal from our sidewalks so our Church Family can enter the Church Building, to worship, to fellowship, and to serve God!!!

ADVENT STUDY:

Sunday November 6 & 13
Sunday December 4 & 11
1:00 – 2:15 P.M.

Our 2016 “Advent Study” will be based on a book by Max Lucado “Because of Bethlehem”. The four Study Sessions are titled---God Has a Face---Worship Works Wonders---God Guides the Wise---and Every Heart Is a Manger.

We will have 15 of the Hardcover Books upon which the study is based available for reading---we will need to share some on this.

We will have 25 of the Study Guides so that each person can have their own. What a ***JOY*** if we need to order more!!!

This Study is for “One and All” consider taking this journey with your brothers and sisters here in the Ely U.M.C.!

Our Study will be similar to others we have had. There will be a DVD session followed by a time of discussion and sharing with one another.

Yes, we will also have coffee and some sort of simple refreshments available.

LOOKING FORWARD---SEE YOU THERE !!!

MEN'S GROUP

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Last year it was our "Youth Group" who took the lead in guiding our congregation into a shared worship experience led by the laity! Yes, our "Youth Group" was **AWESOME** in leading the way!

Following the "Youth Group" both the "Guild" or "Women's Group", and the "Men's Group" provided **AWESOME** worship experiences for our Church Family!

Yes, the "Youth Group" is again preparing to lead our Church Family in worship at some point!!! However, this year it will be the "Men's Group" who are first out on the trail guiding our Church Family in worship!

Hum, possibly the "Guild" our "Women's Group" will be first out on the trail in 2017-2018 with regards to laity led worship?

First out this year, blazing a trail of **PRAISE** and **THANKSGIVING** unto **GOD** through **WORSHIP** will be our "Men's Group" on Sunday October 9.

What an exciting **ADVENTURE** in **WORSHIP** we hope that you can all be there to share in the experience!!!

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"BOUNDARY WATERS CARE CENTER"

Worship Services

Sunday October 30, 2016

2:30 P.M.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

MEET & GREET

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 2016

2:00 P.M.

***DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
MARK MILLER***

Our District Superintendent Mark Miller will be spending some time with us to hear about our Church Family and our Ministries with God, we look forward to seeing you there for a time of sharing around being the people of God in Ely, Minnesota and in the Ely U.M.C. serving God!

***HOPES, DREAMS, CONCERNS, JOYS,
AND THANKSGIVING UNTO GOD !!!***

PASTY TIME

Yes indeed, let's all "give a cheer again" for "Pasty Time is here again"!!!

There are three big reasons that "***Pasty Time***" ought to inspire a bit of "***Cheer***" among us even though it involves a great deal of hard work:

First- is all the **hard work**---no that is not it!!!

First- for real is the **JOY** of our **FELLOWSHIP** as we work side by side and elbow to elbow.

Second- for real is the **AWARENESS** of what we as Family of God can do when we work **TOGETHER**.

Third- for real is the **BENEFITS** for **SERVING GOD** here in the Ely U.M.C. and beyond, which are created by the financial funds raised.

Yes indeed, let's all "give a cheer again" for "Pasty Time is here again"!!! More joy through fellowship, more awareness of the things we can accomplish together, and more opportunity for serving God created!!!

AWESOME

Coming Soon---Monday & Tuesday
October 17 & 18, 2016

BIBLE STUDY:

October 2016
Thursday 2:00 P.M.

Thursday October 6- Matthew 6

Thursday October 13- Matthew 7

Thursday October 27- I Corinthians 13

SUMMER GARDEN:

Our Ely U.M.C. garden looked **AWESOME** this past summer!!!

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** goes out to LIDDY SHEPPARD who was responsible for helping our garden grow this summer!!! Yes, there may be something to the notion of the "green thumb" but the "green thumb" may be more about providing **SPECIAL CARE**, and for that special care we your Church Family say thank you Liddy!!!
