

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Well, it will not occur until the first weekend in November and we are just now beginning to move into October, but the transition of that ever famous “Daylight Savings Time” and its’ end is coming.

Wow who would have think it Fall going all the way into November but as the old saying goes “Spring Ahead and Fall Back” when it comes to that hour hand on “Ye Old Clock”!

So, even though we are just now moving into October the idea of “Daily Light Savings Time” came to mind.

Supposedly, we lost an hour when we had to “Spring Ahead” or did we gain it? Supposedly, we will be gaining an hour when we have to “Fall Back” or will we lose it? Ummm!

Regardless, of whether or not we “Spring Ahead” or “Fall Back”; in either case, we really do not lose or gain an hour here or an hour there except maybe in virtual time. In real time when it comes to “Daily Light Savings Time” all we are really doing is “Re-arranging the Deck Chairs”!!!

Yes indeed, 12 months, 365 days, make up our year, at least as a close approximation because we can’t forget about “Leap Year” and that adjustment day found in February, yes February 29th!

Yes indeed, 24 hours, make up our days, at least as a close approximation because we can’t forget about “Leap Year” and that adjustment day found in February, yes February 29th!

Yes indeed, 60 minutes make up our hours and 60 seconds make up our minutes, at least as a close approximation because we can’t forget about “Leap Year” and that adjustment day found in February, yes February 29th!

“Daylight Savings Time” aside the precious gift of **LIFE** is a very gracious gift from our **LOVING GOD!!!**

Each and every moment is **PRECIOUS** because of the **LOVE GOD** has for us and because of the **LOVE** we can share with each other as brothers and sisters in the Family of God!!!

Here is some **WONDERFUL** news, when it comes to **GOD’S** gracious **LOVE** there is absolutely no need for a kind of “Leap Year” adjustment; **GOD’S** gracious **LOVE** for us is available “In Season and Out” without **LIMIT** if we will simply open our hearts!!!

LIFE is not only a precious gift blessed by the **WONDER** of **GOD’S** gracious **LOVE** for us, but **LIFE** is also blessed when we as God’s Children follow the example of **GOD’S SON JESUS** and share the **WONDER** of **GOD’S** gracious **LOVE** with one another!!!

Indeed, two very **AWESOME** gifts from God, **LIFE** and **LOVE**, two **AWESOME** gifts for which we ought to give our **THANKS** and **PRAISE** unto our gracious and generous **GOD!!!**

Love in Christ,

pastor Dana

CHURCH BAZAAR:
2017

Yes, this is the year 2017 when we again hold a **BAZAAR** event, during the month of **NOVEMBER!!!**

Our Ely U.M.C. **BAZAAR** is an every other year, very, very **SPECIAL EVENT** sponsored by and hosted by our Ely U.M.C. Women's Group the **U. M. W.!!!**

This very **SPECIAL BAZAAR** is a great help in the financial support of our participation in God's Ministries here in the Ely U.M.C.---it has been a very **RELIABLE FUND RAISER** for many years now!!!

We **INVITE EVERYONE, WOMEN** and **MEN** to take some time and consider how they can enhance our 2017 **CHURCH BAZAAR!!!**---This is one of our **last** promotional plugs!!!

We **INVITE EVERYONE, WOMEN** and **MEN** to think about:

BAKED GOODS---to be sold

CRAFT GOODS---to be sold

COFFEE ANDS---to be shared

1 MONTH TO PREPARE

READY, SET, GO!!!

November 4, 2017

“Hearts 2 Hands”:

Our annual “Pillow case Parties,” made pillow cases again this year for St. Mary’s pediatric ward. Our members had a little help from friends this year and made **138**, bringing us up to a grand total donated of **900** pillow cases since we started in the fall of 2010.

Congratulations to all that helped this year!!!

“Stanley the Scarecrow” is coming back!

He will be arriving Sunday, October 8, 2017, to encourage us to remember all the people who rely on the Ely Food Shelf to help feed their families.

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 22, 2017.

Ely UMC Outreach

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:

- October 5- "The Parable of the Sower"
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
- October 12- "The Laborers in the Vineyard"
Matthew 20: 1-16
- October 19- "The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids"
Matthew 25: 1-13
- October 26- "The Parable of the Wedding Banquet"
Matthew 22: 1-14
- 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)

"SAFE GATHERINGS":

So, "Safe Gatherings" is a background check and training program recommended by the Minnesota Annual Conference to enhance our potential for providing a safe and fun kind of learning and growing in faith environment for the young people of our church family. (Insurance companies are having more and more to say about churches providing this kind of thing as well.)

As we begin a new after school program and a renewal of our Sunday School program we are asking that all people working with our youth will go through this program.

The Ely U.M.C. will cover the cost which is \$32.25. All you need to do when you sign-up is do so with the Ely U.M.C.---no cost to you.

This program requires computer and Internet access. If you do not have this please let us know and we will make the church computer available.

While on the Internet you can Google Safe Gatherings, click on log in Safe Gatherings, you will need to log in by setting up a username and password, then follow the bouncing ball or instructions and give required information.

The study program takes about 2 hours and 15 minutes in total including the test at the end. There are about 14 mini-sessions to complete before the test. Once your are logged in with a username and password you can come and go on the training sessions as you wish---total time is about 2 hours and 15 minutes.

If you need help see pastor Dana. Three of us have completed the course, Rich Floyd, Jay Tomlinson, and Dana Thompson, you can ask any of us about it.

<https://safegatherings.com/app/registration>

“KIDS CLUB”:

“Kids Club Kick-Off Event!”

WHO- We want to invite YOU to join us for games, crafts, a snack and growing together in our faith and friendship!

WHEN- Wednesdays, Starting October 4th, we will meet at the Washington Elementary School Playground afterschool and walk to the Ely United Methodist Church!
(There will be at least 2 adults walking with the kids but feel free to join us if you can! Look for Dana and Jan that FIRST day!)

TIME- 3:00 P.M. (or after school) – 5:00 P.M.

PICK-UP- at the Ely United Methodist Church

“The foundation of faith children build early in life strongly influences who they’ll become and what they’ll believe as adults-“

Hands-On Bible Curriculum

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

September 20, 2017

Ely United Methodist Church

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

Attendees (7): Dana Thompson, Bonnie Berglund, Toni Floyd, Linda Hane, Mark & Marge Olson and Jeanne Tomlinson

Opening: Dana provided the “Opening Thought” from *The Upper Room* (September 20, 2017 entry) followed by prayer.

Minutes: The May 17, 2017 Ad Council minutes were approved as printed in the June-July-August 2017 *FISH*. Motion to approve/Margie Olson; Second/Bonnie Berglund. Unanimous.

Treasurer’s Report: The May, June, July, August 2017 treasurer’s reports were presented and highlighted by Mark Olson. Each month’s report was approved separately with unanimous votes. Motions/Seconds for May: Jeanne Tomlinson/Linda Hane, June: Jeanne Tomlinson/Marge Olson, July: Marge Olson/Linda Hane, August: Bonnie Berglund/Linda Hane. May receipts & disbursements were \$11,447.60 & \$8,119.92; June receipts & disbursements were \$6,954.12 & \$9,032.33; July receipts & disbursements were \$10,925 & \$7,769.13; August receipts & disbursements were \$9,291.24 & \$10,437.51. End of month balances at the end of August: Building Fund \$23,782.19 (with \$11,000 Undesignated and \$2,000 designated to the 125th Anniversary Celebration); Memorial Fund \$11,171.23; Parish Health Ministries \$400, R3 Project \$490, 125th Anniversary \$684.57, General Fund \$5,392.95. Mark commented that this was an unusual summer with exceptional giving leaving us with a nice balance in the General Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Trustees: Marge Olson reported that the Board met on July 10 and scheduled a Parsonage Inspection for Sept 11. Results of the inspection were shared later in the meeting (see New Business). Other items discussed at their meeting may be found in the Trustee’s minutes.

Outreach: Toni Floyd reported that Hearts Two Hands did their annual pillowcase project in August and, thanks to friends & church members, were able to donate 138 pillowcases this year. This makes 900 pillowcases contributed since 2010. Toni also reported that Stanley will arrive on Oct 8. We’ll be placing more emphasis on monetary donations this year since much of the food that has been donated in the past has been out of date and had to be discarded.

Pastor-Parish Relations: Jeanne Tomlinson reported that the committee will be meeting in early October to continue work on the Church Profile, incorporating whatever has been received from the congregation. To date, only 3 completed “Congregation Input” forms have been turned in. The deadline for submittal is Sunday, Sept 24. The committee will also be doing Dana’s annual performance review. The District Superintendent is coming to our church on Saturday, October 21 to meet with the PPR at 3 pm.

Worship: Linda Hane reported that the committee is working on some worship items, including the Christmas service.

Visioning Committee: The committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 21.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **125th Ely UMC Anniversary:** The responses from various attendees were all very positive. Kudos to the committee and the various helpers for coordinating an excellent celebration. Mark Olson presented a report of the receipts & disbursements for the event. Excluding the shirts, the receipts (designated donations) came to \$3,300; the disbursements totaled \$2,615.43. The balance remaining was \$684.57. The shirts had receipts of \$1,029 with only \$848 paid out to date leaving a current balance of \$181. There will be at least one more bill coming from *Hands Done* but there will probably still be a balance remaining. We discussed what to do with the remaining balances and approved moving them into the General Fund. (\$684.57 plus remaining shirt balance). Motion to approve/Marge Olson, second Bonnie Berglund. Unanimous.
2. **Summer 4 Church BBQ:** Marge & Jeanne reported that this event proved to be a success in spite of participation sign ups totaling less than 70 from the 4 churches prior to the date. We estimated between 110 to 120 actually attended. Having it at Semer’s Park was warmly received. The committee had met after the event to discuss possible improvements and decided to go ahead and set a date for next year (Sunday, August 12, 2018) and went ahead and booked Semer’s Park for that date. This year, our church paid both of the bills for the Semer’s Park building rental and the Northland Market food and other 3 churches are paying their share to our church. Mark reported he’d just received the 3rd payment. Each church’s share came to about \$65.
3. **Break Through Renewal Institute:** We had 5 people from our church attend this event in Hubbard, MN on September 14-15: Dana

Thompson, Lucy Diesslin, Jeanne Tomlinson, Sheri Rue and Jan Rue. It was definitely inspiring and worthwhile. Numerous ideas were gathered to help our own church in numerous areas. These ideas will be shared primarily through various committees.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Background Check Renewal Timeframe:** Keith Rue brought up the issue of how often we should require a background check to be done for people working with children in our church. The Visioning committee had initially thought that having it repeated every 5 years would be adequate but the “Safe Gathering” program offered through the conference indicates each background check is only good for 3 years. Motion by Linda Hane to make our timeframe 3 years. Second/Bonnie Berglund. Approved unanimously. We briefly discussed who should be monitoring and notifying people as their time for renewal approaches. Toni offered to have Rich check to see if the “Safe Gathering” program provides any sort of automatic notification process.
2. **Relay for Life Report:** Bonnie Berglund reported that the community raised over \$27,000 this year. The Methodist Milers did well, being one of only two of the eleven teams to each raise over \$5,000 and achieving Gold level.
3. **Parsonage Inspection:** Marge reported on the September 11 inspection of the parsonage. She listed a number of items for both the exterior and interior that will require painting, refurbishing or replacement: exterior wood surfaces, storm window tabs, all room walls painted and carpets in the 3 bedrooms replaced, interior wood trim sanded & re-varnished, broken pocket doors taken care of. Windows all need to be washed. A dehumidifier is needed in the basement which also needs new carpeting. And we should look at perhaps adding A/C to the forced air system. The Trustees determined that the Trustees will handle a lot of the work, the UMW will be approached to cover some of the costs and perhaps provide some help with the cleaning. The Trustees will be getting bids for the painting that needs to be done.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mark read a thank you note from the school for the \$95 that the Sunday School children had collected and donated to the school playground fund. Mark will give the letter to Chris Urbas to share with the children in Sunday School.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Pasties will start up again on October 16 & 17, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with a unison reciting of *The Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary

***“BOUNDARY WATER CARE CENTER”
WORSHIP SERVICES:***

Sunday 2:30 P.M.

Sunday October 15

Sunday November 12

Sunday December 10

***“CARE FREE LIVING”
WORSHIP SERVICES:***

Wednesday 1:15 P.M.

Wednesday November 1

Wednesday December 6

Wednesday January 10, 2018

PASTY TIME:

**“PASTY TIME IS HERE AGAIN,
LET’S ALL GIVE A CHEER AGAIN,
PASTY TIME IS HERE AGAIN!!!”**

Yes, I have already seen the “Caller Lists” going out so that must mean that a brand new “Pasty Season” is quickly approaching.

Yes, I know that “Pasty Season” requires a great deal of work on the parts of a great many people. I give **THANKS** for each and every one of **YOU** who can be counted among those great many people doing that great deal of work!!!

What I would like to share about “Pasty Season” as we prepare to enter yet a new season is the **JOY**, yes the **JOY** to be found in our working together as brothers and sisters in the Family of God!!!

What I would like to share about “Pasty Season” as we prepare to enter yet a new season is the sense of **WONDER**, yes the **WONDER** at how all the moving parts come together to make a whole as the last pasty goes out the **DOOR!!!**

Indeed, I look forward to seeing **YOU** for yet another **WONDERFUL** and **JOY** filled “Pasty Season” knowing that we will also face a variety of challenges in the process, but with **GOD’S** gracious **HELP** it all comes together!!!
