

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Ah yes, with August coming to a close and as we begin to prepare to move into the month of September, it is time to start thinking about the six walleyes which will be identified as my "**WINTER FISH**".

Now, these "**WINTER FISH**" have nothing to do with an ice house or fishing through a hole in the ice. These six walleyes are the ones that will be frozen and placed in the freezer for a once a month delicious meal of walleye during the winter months.

Indeed, winter walleye fishing is something I just don't get even though when growing up dad took us often. Why would someone want to sit around looking at a bobber waiting, and waiting, and waiting, for a walleye to possibly swim by either in an ice house or not.

However, walleye meals are delicious thus the need to collect a limit of "**WINTER FISH**" prior to hanging up the fishing rods for the summer season. Now, in order for a limit of walleyes to last through the winter they must be frozen, kept in the freezer and savored sparingly. Thus, the once a month concept helps with the savoring sparingly.

Ah, here is something even more delicious than a walleye dinner_____.

What do you suppose that might be? Fill in the blank with an answer_____.

Well, I would like to suggest that this something more delicious than a walleye dinner, from the stash of "**WINTER FISH**" in the freezer is the awesome wonder of **GOD'S** gracious **LOVE** for us as children in the Family of God!!!

Thanks be to **GOD!!!** The wonder of **GOD'S** gracious **LOVE** for us as children in the Family of God is **NOT** something we are limited to savoring sparingly!!!

Actually, **GOD'S** gracious **LOVE** for us as children in the Family of God could be described as **OVERFLOWING!!!** Indeed, just think about **GOD'S** gracious gift of **JESUS** and the wonder of the **CROSS** enabling forgiveness and renewal of relationships with God over and over again!!! Yes, the **CROSS** and **JESUS** truly do highlight the **OVERFLOWING** nature of **GOD'S LOVE** for us as children in the Family of God!!!

The beautiful thing about **GOD'S** gracious **LOVE** for us as children in the Family of God is that we are **NOT** tied to a **LIMIT** which we must savor sparingly once a month, nor even merely once a week on Sundays, but **GOD'S** gracious **LOVE** for us has been made available to us more than even every day Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, **GOD'S** gracious **LOVE** for us as children in the Family of God has been made available to us through **JESUS** and the **HOLY SPIRIT** moment by precious moment, "day in and day out"!!!

Yes, everyday of our lives and every moment of our lives is an opportunity to open our hearts, minds, and spirits, to the awesome wonder of **GOD'S** gracious **LOVE** for us as children in the Family of God, through our prayer lives, through our time of reflection in God's Holy Word, and through our fellowshiping with each other as brothers and sisters in the Family of God all wrapped in our weekly Sunday celebration in **WORSHIP** unto **GOD** we can experience the **OVERFLOWING** and far from sparing wonder of **GOD'S LOVE** for us as children in the family of God!!!

Love in Christ, Pastor Dana

“BOUNDARY WATERS CARE CENTER”

Worship Services

Sunday September 25, 2016

2:30 P.M.

“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

Total Received through 8-16-16 \$ 811.00

Needed to reach *goal* set for 2016 \$ 189.00

“CARE FREE LIVING”

Worship Service

Wednesday October 5, 2016

1:15 P.M.

**Ely United Methodist Church
125th Anniversary**

The Ely United Methodist Church was founded in 1892, so will reach the ripe old age of 125 years of existence in 2017.

Some members feel there should be some form of recognition of the longevity of our Church.

I have agreed to seek a group of members of the Church to meet, share ideas, plan and coordinate – how we - as a congregation - should recognize and advertise the longevity and vitality of the Ely United Methodist Church. Please contact Butch Diesslin [(H) 365-6904, (C) 235-1031, butchdiesslin@gmail.com] if you are interested in participating in planning the recognition of the 125th Anniversary of the Ely United Methodist Church.

September is

Bring a Kid to Church Month

Our church is instituting “**Bring a Kid to Church Month**”. The very first one is this September. You won’t want to miss it. Each child (or group of siblings) will get a copy of *The Jesus Story Book Bible*. But that’s not the main reason for participating. Having more children than usual attending service presents a wonderful opportunity to start, or further, children on their spiritual journeys. We sure hope to see you and your child or children there.

We will start “**Bring a Kid to Church Month**” on Sunday **September 11, 2016** which coincides with the beginning of our Youth Sunday School for 2016-2017.

Before Worship

Sunday School:

Our before “Worship Sunday School” will also begin on Sunday September 11, 2016 along with our Youth Sunday School. **EVERYONE is WELCOME!!!**

As in prior years we will begin at 9:00 A.M. and spend time in study of our Scripture Reading for the Sunday morning worship Service until 9:30 A.M. or 9:35 A.M.

“GUILD” MINUTES:

May 25, 2016

The **Guild/UMW** at Ely United Methodist Church on Wednesday May 25, 2016

The Guild/UMW met at the Church with 8 people in attendance. President Bonnie Berglund opened the meeting with a prayer by Pastor Dana and a unison reading the UMW Purpose.

The minutes from our April 27, 2016 meeting were read and approved with one correction: the ad hoc committee for our 125th Anniversary celebration committee “is being formed”.

For the Treasurer’s Report, Sharon Luthens had informed Bonnie Berglund that we have \$5,203.55 in checking, \$7,506.68 in savings and a CD of \$10,729.09. Several bills have not yet been paid, many because a bill has not yet been received such as the Northland Market catering bill for our May 17 Women’s Friendship Dinner; the bill for the 9 youth Bibles that Pastor Dana ordered, and the dehumidifier which has been purchased and installed in the parsonage.

Old Business

- We briefly discussed the **May 17 Women’s Friendship Dinner** and all agreed that it was a success. We had 41 attendees and many commented on how good the dinner was and how enjoyable Jess Edberg’s talk was on “Hiking the Appalachian Trail”.
- Someone asked about the Aug 7 **Side Street BBQ**. Jeanne Tomlinson reported that there’s a meeting scheduled for June 3 and she’ll be attending.
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New Business

- By way of information, Bonnie Berglund announced that Jay Tomlinson will be the Lay Delegate substitute for Lucy Diesslin at the annual conference.
- Bonnie Berglund also reported that she hasn't learned anything about the Fall District Conference yet.

We distributed a **Hostess** Sign-up Sheet for our **2016-17** year and have the following so far:

- Sept 28 – Bonnie Berglund
- Oct 26 – Lucy Diesslin
- Nov 16 – Jeanne Tomlinson
- Jan 25 – Jeri Walburn
- Feb 22 –
- Mar 22 – Janice Tessier
- Apr 26 – Donna Rusco
- May 24 –

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS H-2-H!!!

100 pillowcases have been sewn by Hearts 2 Hands members:

Lucy D., Kathy G., Jeanne T., Jeri W., Donna R., and Toni F.

Extras Included: Sheila Matthews, Linda Barnhill, and Desi Dunstan.

Bonnie Curnow stopped to help while visiting from Pennsylvania.

All 100 pillowcases were washed and bagged by Toni Floyd.

Next they will be given to Pam Iverson and taken to St. Mary's pediatric ward.

What a wonderful team of hard working ladies this year.

Thanks for all you do to make a child's hospital stay a little brighter!!

“Stanley the Scarecrow” is coming 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

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:

LUKE OLSON & LAUREN PORTHAN

Sunday September 11, 2016

BIBLE STUDY

September 2016-17
Thursday 2:00 P.M.

Thursday September 22- Matthew 5

Thursday September 29- Matthew 6