

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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Here is a little tidbit of information some of us may already know, here is a smidgen of knowledge some of us may already have, and it could be described this way, there are at least a few of us as we live our lives, who are “people with patience problems”.

Ah yes, that dilemma I sometimes face, oops did I say I? Ah yes, “hurry up and wait” are not my favorite words because I may in fact be one of those very few “people with patience problems”.

Well, it is over, we have arrived, the time (a big, big factor in patience) has come, --- we can now “wet-a-line” if we so desire without having to drill or chop through a couple of feet of **ICE** !!! Indeed, following a long hard winter, the snow is gone and “ice out” has occurred leading to the reality that even though the temperatures remain cooler the winter “wait” is over.

Patience and waiting compounded by lines and or time can be a challenge for “people with patience problems”, the checkout line, the return phone call, a promise fulfilled, a commitment made, a catalog delivery, and so it goes.

Actually, patience and waiting can become issues in our **WALK** with **GOD** !!!

Here is a little tidbit of information some of us may already know, here is a smidgen of knowledge some of us may already have, “But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day” (II Peter 3:8).

Here is a little tidbit of information some of us may already know, here is a smidgen of knowledge some of us may already have concerning **PATIENCE** not our level of patience but **GOD’S** level of patience, “The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance” (II Peter 3:9).

Yes, I am a person in worldly situations who could be called someone who fits the bill as one of those “people with patience problems”. However, in the Scriptures, in God’s Holy Word, in the Bible, we find that it clearly highlights that patience in our **WALK** with **GOD** is a **TREASURE**!!!

Indeed, **GOD TIME** is quite different from my time, your time, our time. Case in point, when I prayed to God about becoming a minister during my teenage years God’s answer seemed to be no, which was a misread of the answer to wait. **GOD’S TIME** with regards to my prayer about becoming a minister was **WAIT** have **PATIENCE**, about eleven years of patience is a good guess.

THANK YOU GOD for your very gracious and loving patience with us, as we grow our patience we will find it to be a **TREASURE** in our **WALK** with **GOD**!!!

Love in Christ,

Dana

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

May 21, 2014

Ely United Methodist Church Number Present: 7

Vice-Chairman Keith Rue called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought entitled “No Two Days are Alike”, followed by an opening prayer.

The minutes of the April 16, 2014 Administrative Council meeting were approved as printed in the Church Newsletter for May 2014.

The Treasurer’s report for April was accepted as presented, with an end of the month General Fund balance of \$1,811.14, a Building Fund balance of \$22,086.47, and a Memorial Fund balance of \$11,393.90.

The **Board of Trustees** next meeting will be in July.

The **Memorial Committee** will not meet until August

Education Committee – No report.

Finance Committee had nothing to report.

Nurture and Membership Committee – No report.

Outreach Committee - No report.

Worship Committee – No report.

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee had nothing to report.

Parish Health Ministries had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lenten Supper Proceeds. The proceeds of \$237 from our Lenten Supper will be: Northwoods Care Partners \$137, Mind Our Future \$50 and Northern Lights \$50. (Margie Olson, Jeanne Tomlinson) Approved.

2. Grinnell Mutual Insurance - Multi-Peril insurance compliance. Margie Olson reported that two fire extinguishers have been ordered for the Parsonage – one 5 pound for the house and one 10 pound for the attached garage.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Large Old Wood Table in Fellowship Hall. Some members of the Church have questioned the need/value of keeping the table. After a divided discussion, those present agreed to do nothing. (Mark Olson/Jeanne Tomlinson) Approved.

2. Church Stationery Update. The current Church letterhead is the letterhead designed in conjunction with the Church’s Centennial celebration in 1992. The information on the letterhead needs updating. Mark Olson agreed to contact the Ely Echo to have new letterhead designed and printed. (Lucy Diesslin/Jeanne Tomlinson) Approved.

ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Children’s International requested the annual support payment for parasite pills. Payment will be sent.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. Church Treasurer Mark Olson informed those present that he has established an account for the Church to order office supplies online.

2. Lucy Diesslin informed those present that the free-will Love Offering to be taken on Sunday, May 25, 2014 for our Church. This offering will be taken to the Minnesota Annual Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

The meeting was closed by those attending reciting “The Lords Prayer”.

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine “Butch” Diesslin

INSPIRATION: John 10: 1-18

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run away from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal, and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because the hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’”

LIBRARY REMINDER

Just a reminder, our Ely U.M.C. Library Has recent gone through an extensive revamping And revitalization. We would like to share a Special word of APPRECIATION and also THANKSGIVING with LUCY DIESSLIN for the MARVELOUS efforts she has provided in making this update happen.

We would like to encourage you to check out the revitalized library, many new books were added thanks to the Memorial Committee helping out. One idea that was flooded about promoting the library had to do with occasionally sharing a book review.

Well, Jim and Joan Nicholas provided a guide book to the library titled “Reflections-A Guide to End of Life Issues for you and your family written by Roger C. Bone, M.D.

Roger C. Bone was a doctor who was dealing with cancer and end of life. The “Guide Book” is a good read with many valuable suggests about “End of Life” issues both practical and relational and spiritual.

We would recommend this “Guide Book” as a thoughtful way of pre-planning-planning-or experiencing in the moment realities of “End of Life” issues. This book/guide is for those who have questions or who would like to be prepared.

P.S. We would even recommend recording in writing and notifying family about hymns, scriptures, poems and the like with regards to a persons Memorial/Funeral Service. This is very helpful to family members when loved ones end thir earthly journey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

YOUTH SERVE

BY

LEADING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 18,2014

Providing Sunday School to the YOUNG PEOPLE Of our Ely U.M.C. Family remains of VITAL importance. A we come to the close of yet another Sunday School year (runs during school year) we give a HEART FELT word of Appreciation and THANKSGIVING for each and every person who has shared in this VITAL ministry with our YOUNG PEOPLE !!!

Yet, again we share a HEART FELT word of appreciation and THANKSGIVING with CHRIS URBAS who has taken on the vast majority of this very important aspect of God's Ministry during this past year !!!

Yes, CHRIS has continued again during this past year with DEDICATION and LOVE while sharing of her time, energy, gifts and skills to enhance our ministry with our young people and nurturing a JOY FOR GOD'S GRACIOUS LOVE !!! Chris, your Church Family says THANK YOU !!!

Our YOUNG PEOPLE are VITALLY important to GOD !!! We need to nurture the growth of the relationship between GOD and our YOUNG PEOPLE as the Family of God, Sunday School is one of the ways we as God's Family can participate in nurturing that RELATIONSHIP !!!

AWESOME was the effort put forth by our Ely U.M.C. Youth Group while leading our worship service on Sunday, May 18,2014!!! Yes, AWESOME sprinkled with HEART WARMING was the witness provided by:

ZACH DEAN

AUGIE RICHTER

IZAACK NOBISCH

ANNA URBAS

ADAM PORTHAN

EVAN WOGNUM

We THANK each and everyone of these YOUTH for the way they BLESSED our worship experience on Sunday, May 18,2014. Yes, young people serving GOD and serving others through leading in WORSHIP !!! Let us go back yet again to AWESOME !!!

We would also like to THANK Sheri Rue and Keith Rue for proving the dedication, to providing leadership to our Youth Group and for organizing, coordinating and nurturing the many practice sessions necessary to help our Youth Group provide this AWESOME witness !!!

Further, we THANK Marshall Monthei and our Ely U.M.C. Choir for their AWESOME participation and contribution through music in this service !!!

SNOW-GRASS-SNOW-GRASS:

A year ago we went to a VOLUNTEER SYSTEM with regards to our sidewalks and snow Removal. We also went to a VOLUNEER SYSTEM with regards to our grass and lawn maintenance.

One year plus in and our Church Family has RESPONED with a TREMONDOUS effort with regards to snow and grass !!!

Last spring Mark Luthens got our front lawn looking better than it has in years and years and years and YEARS !!! Mark is again trying to get our front lawn perked-up again this spring. THANK YOU MARK !!!

Now, we have another summer coming, hopefully without snow and we will need VOLUNTEERS for mowing grass or lawn maintenance. There is a sign-up sheet located in the overflow room of the sanctuary. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and is arranged on a months designated , not for snow removal, but LAWN MAINTENANCE !!!

We have a lawn mower and a weed wacker located in the garage on the lower parking lot. Yet, another UNIQUE way to serve GOD and the Church Family !!!

SNOW – GRASS – SNOW – GRASS TIME !!!

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to take a moment To say THANK YOU to Jim Nicholas for Sharing his SPECIAL woodworking skills With his Church Family.

We were in need of coming up with A new “Upper Room” magazine rack because we are ordering more of them than we used to. The “Upper Room” magazine rack we had just couldn’t hold all the “Upper Room” Devotional Booklets. So, Jim as asked and he responded by building us a new magazine rack patterned after our Hymnal racks on the backs of the pews.

THANK YOU Jim, the new “Upper Room” Devotional booklet rack is JUST RIGHT for what we need ! We appreciate your efforts on this special project very much!

PLEASE CONSIDER!!!!

We have three upcoming Opportunities to participate in Worship with our brothers and sisters at the:

“Ely Boundary Waters Care Center”

Sunday, July 6, 2:30 PM

Sunday, August 10, 2:30 PM

Sunday, September 7, 2:30 PM