

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*Well, it has happened; but did you notice?*

**ICE OUT** has happened; but did you notice?

**SPRING** has happened; but did you notice?

**WALLEYE SEASON** has happened; but did you notice?

**SUMMER** has happened (soon); but did you notice?

Speaking from my own experience there is a great deal of planning that goes into those summer **WALLEYE** fishing trips into the “Boundary Waters”, whether they are for the day or overnight!

Actually, simply focusing on day trips for **WALLEYES** in the “Boundary Waters” requires a bit of planning and preparation in order to maximize the experience---would you really want to get caught out in the “Boundary Waters” in a rain storm without a raincoat or rain gear? This would be just one example of the importance of preparation!

Things, I have forgotten, while preparing to head out on a day trip of **WALLEYE** fishing in the “Boundary Waters” would include things like:

- a yoke to carry my canoe across the portages
- a life jacket
- a canoe paddle
- a stringer for the walleyes caught
- a number of other less vital pieces of equipment  
(possibly even lunch)

Needless to say; some of these forgotten items have required a return home, a do-over, or a fresh start (canoe paddle and life jacket, for sure)!

**DID** you **NOTICE???**

**IT** has **HAPPENED!!!**

Let us pause and consider whether or not we are planning for it and are we getting preparing for it? No, we are not talking ice out, or spring, or walleye season, or even the coming of summer; what we are talking about is **GOD’S** providing us a way to be prepared for the rest of our lives!!!

Indeed, just like I have found the need for a return home, for a do-over or a fresh start because of some forgetfulness with regards to walleye fishing in the “Boundary waters”; **GOD** has provided us with a **HOME** which we can return to week after week with the hope of experiencing anew, the opportunity to participate in a do-over or a fresh start in our **WALK** with **GOD!!!**

The **HOME** we are talking about is the **CHURCH** and the do-over or fresh start grows out of our taking the time to **WORSHIP** our gracious and loving **GOD!!!** Indeed, our **GOD** is so **GRACIOUS** and **LOVING** that even when we become a bit forgetful we can still return **HOME** and participate in a do-over or fresh start in our **DAILY WALK** with **GOD!!!**

Indeed, we have been given the opportunity to participate in planning and preparing for our walk with God each and every week as we gather together as the **FAMILY** of **GOD** to **WORSHIP GOD** and to fellowship with one another!!!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Dana

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**“BOUNDARY WATERS CARE CENTER”**

*Worship Services*

*Sunday June 26, 2016*

*Sunday July 24, 2016*

*Sunday August 21, 2016*

*Sunday September 25, 2016*

*2:30 P.M.*

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**“CARE FREE LIVING”**

*Worship Service*

*Wednesday June 29, 2016*

*Wednesday August 24, 2016*

*1:15 P.M.*

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**“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 5-21-16	\$ 811.00
Needed to reach <i>goal</i> set for 2016	\$ 189.00

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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

New Photo Directories are Available in Church Office

We would like each Church Family Household to Pick up a Directory

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## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES

Ely United Methodist Church

May 18, 2016

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* from **Hooked For Life**, followed by an opening prayer.

The minutes of the April 20, 2016 Administrative Council meeting were approved as corrected. The Pasty Report was for April not March.

The Treasurer's report for April 2016 was accepted as presented (M/Jeanne/S/Bonnie), with an end of the month General Fund balance of \$4,618.24, a Building Fund balance of \$28,469.99, and a Memorial Fund balance of \$11,283.19. Treasurer Olson noted that the Church's monthly expenses exceeded the monthly giving by about \$2,700 in April.

The **Board of Trustees** met on April 4, 2016. During the month of April, a member of the Trustees replaced the float and flushing mechanism of the toilet in the basement, and have also resealed two leaking sink drain baskets of the kitchen's 3-bay sink.

Volunteers are needed for Church's summer lawn mowing and trimming. The Sign-up Sheet is on the Church Bulletin Board.

The **Memorial Fund Task Force** met and approved the funding for:

1. Replacing the computer printer in the Church office;
2. "*Worship and Song*" booklets; and "*Written in Red*" sheet music for the Choir.
3. The Church's **Memorial Sunday** will be **August 21, 2016**

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Handicapped Ramp – Safety Concerns.** The Board of Trustees will be discussing at its July meeting.

2. **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition.** Butch Diesslin will be writing a newsletter article seeking interested volunteers for an Ad Hoc committee to recognize the Church's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017.
3. Jay Tomlinson will be the Church's Lay Representative at the **2016 MN UMC Annual Conference** in St. Cloud, MN, June 21-23, 2016.
4. **New Parsonage Dehumidifier.** A new dehumidifier has been purchased and installed in the basement of the Parsonage. Funding was provided by UMW.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Annual Conference Love Offering.** Every Church in the MN UMC Conference is requested to collect and bring the Church's contribution to the Annual Conference "*Love Offering*". The funds collected will be used for 3 UMC mission projects: **Refugee Response, International Child Care-Dominican Republic, and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships.** Motion: To collect our Church's free-will Love Offering on Sunday June 12, 2016, and guarantee the Church's donation to be at least \$100. (M/Margie/S/Bonnie) Motion Approved.
2. **Three Church Pot-Luck Picnic. First Presbyterian Church, Grace Lutheran Church and Ely United Methodist Church** have agreed to hold the three church pot-luck picnic again this summer on **Sunday, August 7, 2016**. Margie Olson will contact Chris Norman; Coordinating Rep of First Presbyterian for a planning status update.

### ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. Northwoods Partners – Letter of appreciation for our donation of \$100.
2. Children's International – Annual letter from our Church's sponsored child, describing her life, interests and thanking us for our sponsorship. The letter is posted on the bulletin board

### ITEMS OF INFORMATION

**The Guild/UMW**  
**at Ely United Methodist Church**  
**Wednesday March 23, 2016**

1. Jay and Jeanne Tomlinson had a very nice visit with Jim and Joan Nicholas in Cincinnati, OH; bringing Greetings and Best Wishes to everyone. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. The meeting was closed by those attending reciting “*The Lords Prayer*”.

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine “Butch” Diesslin  
Ad Council Secretary

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**Ely United Methodist Church**  
**125<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ely United Methodist Church.

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The Guild/UMW met at the Church with 8 people in attendance. At 2 pm, Vice President Lucy Diesslin opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from our February 24, 2016 meeting were read and approved as read; motion by Tootsie Loe and second by Janice Tessier.

For the Treasurer’s Report, Lucy reported that she had talked to Sharon and learned we currently have \$3,078.70 in our checking account. We still have over \$7000 in our savings and over \$10,000 in a CD. We should have about \$4000 in the checking account after the April pasty sales. The monthly bills that are paid by UMW come to about \$350 a month.

**Old Business**

- For the **Reach-Renew-Rejoice 2016** campaign, Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we donate \$250 this year. Second by Janice Tessier. Motion passed.

**New Business**

- Lucy reported that we only brought in \$196 from the **Lenten supper** on March 10 and that the Ad Council wanted to know if we’d be willing to **donate \$104** to the general fund so that the church can give \$100 each to the 3 charities we normally support with the Lenten supper income (Ely Food Shelf, Northwoods Partners and Northern Lights). Jeanne moved that we make that donation; second by Tootsie Loe. Motion passed.

- Lucy brought up the idea of our doing the **UM Health Kits** again this year since the need is so great with all the refugees and other catastrophes around the world. They'd like to have about 10,000 made for distribution. We agreed that we'd gather the supplies and put 15 bags together at our April meeting. Jeanne will donate the 1 gal zip lock bags; Lucy will donate the bars of soap; Jeanne, Jeri & Lucy will donate the toothbrushes - all from extra supplies they already have at home. Lucy will purchase the remaining supplies (towels, washcloths, nail file/clippers etc) and will submit the bill for reimbursement at the April meeting. Pastor Dana has agreed to deliver the kits to the conference in June (if he attends) since Lucy will not be attending this year.
- We talked about the **May Friendship Dinner** and decided to hold it again this year since we had a good turnout (46) last year. We discussed the date and agreed on May 17 as the tentative date. We also agreed that we'll limit the individual cost to \$10 again with UMW funds to cover the balance.
- Pastor Dana asked if the UMW would be willing to cover the cost of 10 Bibles that he could hold to handout to any child in the church (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up) who requests a Bible. He'd recently had a child ask him for one and he didn't have any to give out. The cost would be about \$200. Tootsie Loe moved that we pay for the 10 Bibles. Second by LaVerne Lindholm. Motion passed.

Our next meeting will be April 27. Donna Rusco will be hostess.

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## Side Street BBQ coming again!

We'll be joining up with the First Presbyterian and Grace Lutheran churches again on Sunday, August 7 for another fun *Side Street BBQ*. This is a joint-church potluck picnic held on the street between the First Presbyterian Church and Grace Lutheran right after church on Sunday. We'll grill up some hamburgers and hotdogs and enjoy some music from some local talent. It's a great time to fellowship and eat great food! We'll announce some more details and have sign-up sheets at the church a few weeks before the event.

Come join us!

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## The Guild/UMW at Ely United Methodist Church on Wednesday April 27, 2016

The Guild/UMW met at the Church with 9 people in attendance. Prior to the official start of the meeting, we put together 16 UMW Health Kits which Pastor Dana will take to the annual conference. For the record, there were 8 washcloths left over that can be used for kits when we do them again.

At 2:20 pm, President Bonnie Berglund opened the meeting with a unison reading the UMW Purpose and a prayer by Pastor Dana.

The minutes from our March 23, 2016 meeting were read and approved as read; motion by Lucy Diesslin and second by Janice Tessier.

For the Treasurer's Report, Sharon Luthens had informed Bonnie Berglund that we have \$3,954.85 in checking, \$7,506.68 in savings and a CD of \$10,729.09.

### Old Business

- Lucy Diesslin reported that Jess Edberg will do a talk on "Hiking the Appalachian Trail" for the program at the **May 17 Women's Friendship Dinner**. Lucy passed around the menu options from Northland for the dinner. She'll still have to check on Northland's availability since the person to speak with wasn't there when she stopped by, but their calendar looked like May 17 was open. We all agreed that we'd just go with broasted chicken this time instead of having two different meats. We selected the sides (roasted red potatoes, steamed mixed vegetables, broccoli & cauliflower salad and fruit salad). Jeanne Tomlinson will contact Jan Rue about doing the dessert again. Tootsie Loe is donating African violets for the table

centerpieces. Jeanne also commented that she'll bring a lot of Glad disposable plastic containers for left overs and we'll ask the Northland staff to divide up the leftovers into those for folks to take after the dinner.

- Pastor Dana reported that he still hasn't ordered the **Bibles** that we approved at the March meeting but will be doing so soon.
- For the **UMW Health Kit** expenses, Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we reimburse Lucy for the items that she had purchased for the kits (hand towels, washcloths, combs, and nail clippers). Donna Rusco seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### New Business

- Lucy Diesslin reported that a **dehumidifier** is needed for the parsonage since the old one is no longer working. The cost for a replacement will be about \$240. Jeanne Tomlinson moved that we purchase a new one. Lucy Diesslin seconded. Motion passed.
- Pastor Dana reported that it will be our church's **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** in 2017 and that an ad hoc committee has been formed to decide on activities to celebrate it next year.
- Someone brought up the August 7 **Side Street BBQ** that we'll be doing again this year with the Presbyterian & Grace Lutheran churches. Jeanne Tomlinson offered to write an article for the June/July/August FISH about it so folks could plan on attending.
- Bonnie Berglund reported that she never heard back from Hibbing about our helping them with hosting the **fall district conference** so it looks like we won't be doing anything with that.

Our next meeting will be May 25. Lucy Diesslin will be hostess.

## “LOVE OFFERING”: 2016

This year Annual Conference is from June 21-23 in St. Cloud. Each year the churches in the Annual Conference take a “Love Offering” which is to be brought to Annual Conference by our Lay Representative. This year Jay Tomlinson will cover this responsibility for Lucy Diesslin.

We here in the Ely U.M.C. will take a “Love Offering” for Annual Conference on Sunday June 12, 2016. We will have a basket located under the light switches in the sanctuary.

The theme of this year’s Annual Conference is “Living Generously: Unleashing God’s Gifts” and this year’s “Love Offering” is targeted for three areas of missions:

- \*Refugee Response (50%)
  - Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services (40%)
  - United Methodist Committee on Relief (10%)
- \*International Child Care, Dominican Republic (40%)
- \*Volunteers in Mission Scholarships (10%)

Please give thoughtful consideration to giving to our 2016 “Love Offering” for Annual Conference Missions on Sunday June 12, 2016.

## “LAWN MOWING FUN”:

Well, summer is finally upon us. Thusly, the “Trustees” are looking for a few good folks who like to participate in having some “Lawn Mowing Fun”!

The “Trustees” have set up a monthly schedule for those interested in participating in having some “Lawn Mowing Fun” here at our church. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the overflow room next to the sanctuary.

Some of the fun times have already been taken up but there are still a number of opportunities, by a number we mean four, July, August, September, and October. Now, if you would really like some fun October may provide you the opportunity to combine both “Lawn Mowing Fun” and also a wee bit of “Snow Shoveling Fun”.

Yes, we really do need some volunteers for the mowing of the church lawn. We like to see it get mowed toward the end of each week so it looks crisp and clean on Sunday morning as folks come in to worship. For some reason, a crisp clean lawn is “**INVITING**”!!!

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## ***CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:***

**LUKE OLSON, LAUREN PORTHAN**

Keep Luke and Lauren in your ***PRAYERS*** they have completed their class time and are working on final assignments as we look toward September for celebrating Confirmation Sunday!!!

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