

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, as we come to the close of August 2015 and begin to anticipate the beginning of September 2015, I see the summer months “slip sliding away”.

Well, as we come to the close of August 2015 and begin to anticipate the beginning of September 2015, I see the summer walleye fishing season “slip sliding away” or in other words **WINDING DOWN!!!**

Well, as the summer of 2015 walleye fishing season is “slip sliding away”, and as September of 2015 begins coming into focus there are numerous opportunities to celebrate not the wrapping up but the **WINDING UP** like a “Grandfather Clock” or “Grandmother Clock” many Ely U.M.C. activities which have been in hiatus for the summer.

Now, when I pause to think about the reality of the summer walleye fishing season **WINDING DOWN** I am saddened by the idea that there will be, fewer and fewer delicious walleye dinners, fewer and fewer moments out in the B.W.C.A. enjoying the peace and quiet, fewer and fewer sightings of eagles and or other wildlife while spending time in God’s creation, and fewer and fewer moments spent with friends during play time with fishing rod in hand.

However, just as the summer walleye fishing season is **WINDING DOWN** joyfully we can announce that the Ely U.M.C. fall ministries are in the process of **WINDING UP** just like a “Grandfather Clock” or “Grandmother Clock”!!!

Indeed, where the **WINDING DOWN** of activities may spark some sense of sadness the **WINDING UP** of activities here in the Ely U.M.C. sparks a sense of **JOY!!!**

Yes, **SUNDAY SCHOOL** is about to bloom and I look forward to seeing all our wonderful young people yet again. God has truly blessed us with some very **AWESOME** young people and I look forward to seeing them more often yet again. Let us hope that they will again bless us with praiseful singing in worship!!!

Yes, **SUNDAY SCHOOL** is about to bloom and I look forward to the **WONDERFUL** discussions we share with one another in our before worship Sunday School Classes, while focusing on our Scripture Reading for that morning’s Worship Service.

Yes, **BIBLE STUDY** is about to bloom and spending time with brothers and sisters in the study of God’s Word is a **PRECIOUS** use of one’s time, time which sparks the potential for our growing deeper relationships with God and with one another.

Yes, **PASTY TIME** is about to bloom and what a **JOY** there is when we as brothers and sisters in the Family of God work, and work, and work together to complete a task which nurtures our potential for being in ministry with God and deepens our relationships with each other as the Family of God. There is much to be said for not only walking arm in arm but working arm in arm.

Yes, **YOUTH GROUP** is about to bloom yet again as our older youth continue to gather for fellowship and support of each other while living their **FAITH** within the community of Ely, **AWESOME**.

Yes, we can now begin to anticipate the women’s group which is called the **GUILD**, and the un-named men’s **GROUP** will yet again gather together for fun and fellowship as we seek to become more **PRESENT** for one another as brothers and sisters in the Family of God.

WINDING DOWN bumper, **WINDING UP** with **JOY, JOY, JOY**, as we celebrate renewed opportunities to **WALK** with **GOD** and **WORK** with **GOD**, and as we celebrate renewed opportunities to **WALK** with one another and **WORK** with one another!!!

Love in Christ,

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