

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Now, there are some **SPECIAL WORDS** which we can use with each other, when we interact with each other and when we participate in each other's lives as brothers and sisters in the Family of God.

Now, these **SPECIAL WORDS** are words which in days gone by seemed to be used much more frequently than they are today. The words we are referring to can be used by parents and children, students and teachers, brothers and sisters, co-workers, teammates, retailers and customers, Church Family Members, and anyone at all who is involved in interaction with others or relationships with others.

Dare, we suggest that these **SPECIAL WORDS** are amazingly **VERSATILE!!!** Dare, we suggest that these **SPECIAL WORDS** need not become **ARCHAIC**, but rather ought to continue to **BLOOM** within our interactions with each other and in our relationships with each other!!!

Well, what are these **SPECIAL WORDS???**

Please, please, please, share these words right here, right now and there you have it **PLEASE!!!**

Thank you, thank you, thank you, and see there were the other words right there on the tip of your tongue **THANK YOU!!!**

Indeed, if we are honest with ourselves we may have noticed that these very special words **PLEASE** and **THANK YOU** have tended to be used less frequently as we interact with each other and as we participate in our relationships with each other.

PLEASE and **THANK YOU** are amazing words which can add so much to our relationships with each other and our interactions with each other.

During the coming month we will be celebrating a day which has been set aside, this day has been given a special name, it is called **THANKSGIVING DAY!!!** Since we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day this month we will remain focused on those special words **THANK YOU** while acknowledging that **PLEASE** is also an extremely special word.

Yes indeed, **THANK YOU** these are two very special words which we ought to use in our interactions with each other and in our relationships with each other. However, beyond ourselves what about our interactions and our relationships with our gracious and loving **GOD???**

Yes indeed, there much that each one of us owes unto **GOD** in a spirit of **THANKSGIVING**, there is much for which we ought to simply say **THANK YOU GOD!!!**

Yes indeed, we will but mention two of the many things for which we ought to regularly say **THANK YOU GOD**, they are two of the **L** words **LIFE** and **LOVE!!!**

Life and love are two very precious gifts which come from our gracious and loving **GOD!!!** Each and every breath of life and all the love we share with **GOD** and with each other are precious gifts from God and we should never let it become archaic to say **THANK YOU GOD!!!**

Love in Christ,

Pastor Dana

ALL CHURCH BAZAAR:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2015

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Ah Yes, our every other year Ely United Methodist Church Bazaar is fast approaching.

Even with the frequent reminders, it is likely some of us have left the Bazaar on the back burner---**NOW** yes now--- is the **TIME** to bring our every other year Bazaar up to the front burner.

Our Ely United Methodist Church Bazaar consists of a variety of things, such as:

A CRAFT SALE
A BAKED GOODS SALE
A COFFEE AND...

Crafts are crafts, which are many and varied in nature and hopefully some of you are crafty enough to provide a good supply of crafts for sale, sadly I am not.

Baked Goods are Baked Goods, which are many and varied in nature and hopefully (well I know in truth many of you have **GREAT SKILLS** in this area) and hopefully you will be able to bake providing a good supply of baked goods for sale, sadly I am not.

Crafts are crafts and baked goods are baked goods, but what of this thing called “Coffee and...”? This is the area of the sale which includes providing a cup of coffee and an extra special kind of dessert. Hummm maybe I can make the coffee.

ADVENT STUDY:

“Under Wraps”

The Gift We Never Expected

Our 2015 Advent Study is again a **Four Week Course**, which we will divide into two parts seeking to provide all of us the opportunity to participate while staying away from the two big holidays Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We will do this by using Sunday afternoons in early November and early December for the study meeting from 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. (plus if needed) on

Sunday November 8- “God Is Expectant”
Sunday November 15- “God Is Dangerous”
Sunday December 6- “God Is Jealous”
Sunday December 13- “God Is Faithful”

We have purchased 30 of the books “Under Wraps” and will make these books available in Mid-October free of charge, we want you to participate.

So now, the Study will involve a short DVD presentation followed by questions and discussion triggered by the book as we share our thoughts and ideas, seeking to grow and learn from each other.

***This Advent Study and the Study we will offer after the first of the year have originated out of the efforts of our very own **“Visioning Committee”** as we continue to seek out ways to nurture spiritual vitality and growth among us, both in our individual lives and in the life of the **“CHURCH”!!!**
We **welcome one and all**, please **participate!!!**

MINUTES FOR GUILD/UMW AT ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23, 2015

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

The minutes from our May 27 meeting were read and approved as read. For the Treasurer's report, Bonnie Berglund had balances for our accounts from Sharon Luthens: Checking \$2,269.68, Savings \$7,501, CD \$10,716.98.

Old Business

- The **Habitat for Humanity lunch** on July 22 went well. Four of us put lunch items together at the church and then set up a sandwich buffet inside the new house. We fed about 12 workers, most of whom were men from our church.
- The **Relay for Life** walk on August 21 went very well. We had over 30 team members participating and raised over \$7300 – which was about 20% of the total amount raised from the event. We earned a Gold for our giving level
- We discussed a possible **Ghana Challenging Heights** mission project. Lucy had talked to Caroline Owens who's thinking about going again perhaps next year. It would be nice to do something to help out with her next trip.
- For the **Reach-Renew-Rejoice** campaign, Jeanne reported that we have \$1542 towards our \$2020 goal for 2015. The Ad Council will be discussing setting a goal for 2016 and Dana suggested our group be thinking about possibly helping with another donation like we did this year.
- Our first participation in the multi-church **Side Street BBQ-Potluck** with the First Presbyterian Church and Grace Lutheran church on August 9 went fairly well. There are still some billing issues on the shared expenses but those are in the process of being resolved. In general it was felt it was a good thing to participate in.
- Work on our **2015 Directory** is on schedule. We have church family photo sessions on Oct 5 and Oct 12 and could always use more photos of church activities.
- As a follow up on the May discussion about **church finances**, we learned that the summer giving has been much better than expected. Especially since we have the

bazaar coming up, UMW will probably not need to do a special donation to help the general fund this year.

New Business

- **North Star District** will be holding their 2016 Fall District event in Hibbing the 3rd week of September (September 17). We had indicated we might be willing to help if the event were held somewhere within 2 hours drive so Hibbing will probably be calling us for help.
- Our **Bazaar** will be held on November 7. We decided we'll stick with 1-3 pm as the time. We're having another "Bazaar Project Day" on Saturday, October 3 from 10-4. We'll be doing the cardamom bread on Friday, Nov 6. Jeanne will be coordinating that with LaVerne consulting.

Correspondence

- The Northwoods Partners **Festival of Trees** sent their usual form asking if we'd like to participate by being a sponsor or make a donation of either cash or ordering and decorating a wreath or tree. Jeanne moved that we participate again with the \$30 purchase of a 30" wreath. Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jeanne will take care of the paperwork and contact Sharon to send in the check. She'll also talk to Jan Rue about decorating the wreath again.
- Jeanne reported she'd be gone for the next Guild/UMW meeting on October 28 and asked for someone to take minutes. Lucy offered to do that.
- Lucy mentioned that pasty callers should be reminded to make their calls by Wednesday since school will be out for MEA on that Thursday & Friday and families might be headed out of town for the 4-day weekend.
- We discussed the hostess schedule for the year; we still need someone for January and February.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES October 21, 2015

Ely United Methodist Church **Number Present: 9**

Vice Chairman Keith Rue called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pastor Dana Thompson began the meeting with an Opening Thought from “The Upper Room”, followed by an opening prayer.

The Minutes of the September 16, 2015 Ad Council meeting were approved as printed.

The **Treasurer’s Report** for September, 2015 was presented by Treasurer Mark Olson and accepted. The September end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$3,675.32; Building Fund: \$21,294.07; Memorial Fund: \$11,478.91; Parish Health Ministries 516.66; Undesignated Funds \$3,000. M/Lucy/S/Bonnie

The **Board of Trustees** Margie reported that the Trustees met October 5, 2015.

- The Calendar for Winter Sidewalk Snow Shoveling is posted on the Bulletin Board – volunteers urged to sign up
- The two dehumidifiers at the parsonage need to be replaced for next summer
- The Church’s propane cost is \$1.09/gal. for 2015-16
- BJ Rusco will clean, check and make necessary repairs to the Church furnaces

The **Pastor Parish Relations Committee** will meet November 11, 2015. They will begin working on the salary related material for the 2016 Church Budget prior to 2016 Church Conference.

The **Finance Committee** will meet in mid-November to develop the 2016 Church Budget.

Parish Health Ministries – Reminded everyone that we are in the “Cold and Flu Season” and recommended that non-touching greetings be exchanged at church. *File of Life magnetic refrigerator pockets* – for emergency medical information are available for anyone.

The **Visioning Committee** will be sponsoring 4 sessions on *Advent Preparation*. Dates and times (mid-November, early December) of the sessions will be in the Sunday service bulletins.

Old Business

1. **Church Directory** – The 4 scheduled photo sessions have been completed. Additional photos of the Church will be taken, address information will be verified & updated. The new directory should be completed in early 2016.
2. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice Conference Asking Donations** – To date our church members have contributed \$1,575.20 of the requested \$2,020 for 2015.
3. **Side Street BBQ 2015** – The joint gathering on south 3rd Ave. East of members of Grace Lutheran, First Presbyterian and Ely United Methodist Church drew 150-160 people. Costs were higher than estimated due to the city’s street closing fee. Balance due to be paid.
4. **Reach, Renew, Rejoice – 2016 Church Commitment** – The Ad Council tabled discussion to the November Ad Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Church Tables** – The Trustees determined that the old folding tables in the garage are beyond safe use and have recommended to the Memorial Committee

- A) All of the old tables in the garage be disposed of as a safety liability, B) Six new 8’ long resin topped tables be purchased (~\$80 each) with memorial funds, C) Six of the ‘most worn’ current basement tables be stored in the garage for church member and offsite church function use. M/Lucy/S/Toni/ Approved.
- 2. **Communion Table Glass Replacement** – The glass top on the Church’s Communion Table has chipped corners and is a safety hazard. Those present approved a motion to replace the existing glass and recommend purchase by Memorial funds. M/Lucy/S/Toni/ Approved
- 3. **Church Bazaar – Saturday, November 7, 2015** – The Women of the Church reported on the planning progress for the upcoming Bazaar.
- 4. **“Stanley the Scarecrow” – “Stanley”** will be in the back of the Church – Through October 26 - collecting canned goods and monetary donations for the Ely Food Shelf. Please make Checks payable to the Church and the Church will send one check to the Food Shelf.
- 5. **Giving Tree Outreach** – The Giving tree will be in the back of the Church - November 15-December 6. The gifts will be picked up December 7.
- 6. **Church Large Refrigerator Maintenance** – The large refrigerator at the Church needed for adequate storage of meat and dough balls during pasty making; required a maintenance call to replace a temperature controlled switch. The maintenance man recommended not operating the refrigerator with a small amount of things in the refrigerator. The near-empty refrigerator will turn on and off more often – wearing out the switch more frequently. Either we empty and turn off the refrigerator or place jugs of

water in the refrigerator to hold cold temperatures longer.

- 7. **North Star District Fund** – Our Church’s share of this fund for 2016 will be \$175.75 up from \$109. /M/ Lucy/S/Bonnie/ Motion Approved.
- 8. **Budgeted 2015 Support Payments** – Those present approved the payment of our 2015 budgeted support to Ely Young Life and to Northwoods Partners.
- 9. **Church Support of ‘Hearts 2 Hands’ Quilter Ministry** – The quilting group has been a strong ministry of outreach of our church without financial support from the church. /M/Margie/S/Lucy/ to support ‘Hearts 2 Hands’ at \$200 in the 2016 Church Budget. Approved.

ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. **Northern Lights Clubhouse** – Thank you letter for our monetary support donation.
- 2. **News Service 2000** – Thank you letter from ‘Pastor Pat’ for allowing her to visit and talk about persecuted churches in the World.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- 1. **October Pasty Report – Made 804 Pasties.**
- 2. **November Pasty Making – November 16-17, 2015.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine “Butch” Diesslin

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REACH, RENEW, REJOICE !!!

“Reach, Renew, Rejoice” is a 5 year campaign of the Minnesota Annual Conference to help establish new churches and revitalize others.

Our Ely U.M.C. commitment for 2015, the first of 5 years is \$2,020.00-

To date 1027-15 we have raised a fair share of our committed total \$1,720.20-

To reach our commitment to the Annual Conference as set be the Administrative Council we need to raise another \$299.80-

It ***would be nice*** if we could reach this “Reach, Renew, Rejoice” commitment of \$2,020.00 by-

Sunday December 20, 2015

BIBLE STUDY:

November 2015

Thursday 2:00 P.M.

“Sermon on the Mount”

Thursday November 4- Matthew 5: 1-48

Thursday November 11- Matthew 6: 1-34

Thursday November 18- Matthew 7: 1-29

STANLEY SPEAKS:

“Stanley” would like to **THANK** all of his friends in the Ely U.M.C. who participated in our “Food Shelf” Drive for 2015.

Bags of groceries were given and will be delivered as quickly as possible. Yes, there are people within our community who really need a little help.

The Food Shelf often promotes the idea that they can spend a \$1.00 on food making it go further than we can, and in that spirit we the Ely U.M.C. Family raised \$345.00 in funds which will be sent on to the Food Shelf.

Yes indeed, our annual “Stanley” adventure has been very fruitful.

GIVING TREE COMING:

November 15 – December 6

This “Outreach Program” will operate much as it has in the past-

We will have a Christmas Tree up with **TAGS** for Christmas Gifts for some of our Ely children-

All we do is take a **TAG** arrange for the gift on the **TAG** and return it to the Christmas Tree by December 6, 2015-
