

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Wow, “summertime, summertime, summertime” and we can feel close to comfortable in saying it is almost here! As a matter of fact, it was time to get “**READY**”; yes, it was time to “**GET READY**” for the fishing season. May has almost come to an end and June marks the time for getting serious, at least for me, about doing some walleye fishing.

Wow, “summertime, summertime, summertime” and getting “**READY**” for the fishing season. Now, another way of saying that a person needs to “**GET READY**” for this or that or the other thing, is to say they need to be “**PREPARED**”!!!

Wow, “summertime, summertime, summertime” and getting ready for the fishing season involves getting the canoe license updated because it had expired, getting the new fishing reel handles switched to left handed because that is the best way to fish, putting the new reels on the new rods because of equipment breakdowns which occurred at the end of last “summertime, summertime, summertime”, then there is putting the new line on the reels which ought to be done whether the reels are old or new, don’t forget to check the tackle box for depletion of gear such as sinkers and hooks, don’t forget to check on canoe paddles, lifejackets, fishing markers, depth finder/fish locator batteries, and with any luck the need for a stringer and flay knife, with ice cooler. Well, no wonder we can’t “**GET READY**” for the fishing season until almost the end of May even though the season begins in mid May.

Did we forget anything, anything at all? Well, what about a fishing license. Ah yes, “summertime, summertime, summertime”, “**GET READY**” and be “**PREPARED**”!!!

Wow, “Saturday, Saturday, Saturday” and we are reminded that “**SUNDAY**” is almost here!!!

Well, it takes some time and energy to “**GET READY**” to become “**PREPARED**” for the beginning of the upcoming fishing season what about “Saturday, Saturday, Saturday” and our upcoming “**SUNDAY**” morning “**WORSHIP SERVICE**”???

Wow, “Saturday, Saturday, Saturday”, “**SUNDAY**” is coming; “**SUNDAY**” is here, and it is time to quite our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we can be “**READY**”, so we can be “**PREPARED**” to focus on our gracious and loving “**GOD**” as we celebrate through “**WORSHIP**”!!!

When we worship God we are given the opportunity to “**PRAISE GOD**”; in our getting ready, in our getting prepared for the worship experience, have we paused to consider the reasons we have for “**PRAISING GOD**”???

When we worship God we are given the opportunity to “**THANK GOD**”; in our getting ready, in our getting prepared for the worship experience, have we paused to consider the reasons we have for “**THANKING GOD**”???

When we worship God we are given the opportunity to seek “**GOD’S**” “**FORGIVENESS**”, “**GUIDANCE**”, and “**HELP**”, through the wonder of “**PRAYER**”; in our getting ready, in our getting prepared for the worship experience, have we truly paused to consider what a blessing these precious opportunities for “**PRAYER**” are to us as children in the Family of God???

When we worship God we are given the opportunity to “**COMMUNE**” with “**GOD**” wrapped in the wonder of God’s gracious “**LOVE**”; in our getting ready, in our

getting prepared for the worship experience, have we paused to consider the **“JOY”** to be found in our **“COMMUNING”** with **“GOD”**???

When we worship God we are given the opportunity to **“FELLOWSHIP”** with one another as brothers and sisters in the Family of God; in our getting ready, in our getting prepared for the worship experience have we paused to consider just what a precious gift this **“FELLOWSHIP”** time can be for us as God’s children???

Wow, “Saturday, Saturday, Saturday”, **“SUNDAY”** is coming; as God’s children let us invest the time and energy to **“GET READY”** and to be **“PREPARED”** to fully celebrate with joy filled hearts, minds, and spirits, the wonder of **“GOD’S** gracious **“LOVE”** for us through worship!!!

Wow, **“SUNDAY”** and the opportunity to **“WORSHIP”** our gracious and loving **“GOD”** is something of a treasure chest overflowing with **“BLESSINGS”**!!!

Love in Christ,
Dana

PRAISE GOD
THANK GOD
SEEK GOD
COMMUNE WITH GOD
FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER

GET READY
GET PREPARED

WORSHIP GOD remember **SUNDAY** is coming

BAZ...BAZ...BAZ...AAR !!!

“AAR” we ready???

“AAR” you ready???

Well, our every other year Ely U.M.C. “Bazaar” is coming and the answer to the above questions is likely not quite yet.

Wonderful, yes wonderful, because we are only just now entering June and our “Bazaar” does not occur until November 2015!!!

We have time to become ready. Actually, it may be important to remind each other of how valuable of a Fund Raiser our Church Bazaar is, providing a push forward with our General Fund Budget needs.

“AAR” you thinking Crafts???

“AAR” you thinking baked goods???

“AAR” you thinking coffee and...???

Well, it sounds like we may have a start on our Ely U.M.C. 2015 “Bazaar” add enough steps together and you will have traveled a mile or more.

Minutes for the Guild/UMW at Ely United Methodist Church on Wednesday April 22, 2015

At 2:05 pm President Bonnie Berglund opened the meeting and we read the UMW Purpose together. The minutes from our March 25 meeting were read and approved as written. There was no Treasurer's Report.

Old Business

- **May 19 Friendship Dinner.** We reviewed the dinner choices from Northland Market catering and decided on the two entrée buffet choice for \$12.95 a person. We selected Broasted Chicken and Roasted Pork Loin for the entrees, Au Gratin Potatoes and Wild Rice for sides, Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad and Creamy Fruit Salad. Jeanne Tomlinson will contact Jan Rue about doing some sort of dessert (cookie/cupcake).
- **Women's Worship Service on April 26, 2015:** Jeanne Tomlinson, Lucy Diesslin, Bonnie Berglund and Linda Hane had worked on most of the worship service details prior to this meeting. We will be doing a sequence of inspirational readings. The worship service theme will be about being a good neighbor based on the story of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke. We will have a practice run-through on Friday, Apr 24 at 7 pm.

New Business

- Jeanne Tomlinson reported that **Habitat for Humanity** will be building a house in Ely and has requested help from church members. The Men's Group will probably be putting a crew together and set a day to work during the summer. She

suggested we could provide lunch for the crew that day. Lucy Diesslin moved that we do that and Donna Rusco seconded it. Motion passed.

- Lucy Diesslin is scheduled to be **hostess for our May 27** meeting but will be at the Annual Conference. She'll prepare something for the meeting but will need other members to come to do the setup & serving. Those present agreed that would not be a problem.
- Pastor Dana announced that we were invited to join Grace Lutheran and the Presbyterian Church in hosting a **Block BBQ** on August 9. We'll be helping pay for some of the costs as well as participating on the planning committee.
- Dana also announced that we'll be doing a **new directory** this year since it's been 5 years since the last one. Jeanne announced that we have July 31 & Aug 1 currently booked for the first set of photo sittings. That will only accommodate 50 family/individual units so we'll need additional dates since we had 80 when we did our 2010 directory. It was stated that we really need to set up the second set of dates for early October since those with the seasonal businesses will be too busy to do the summer dates.
- Lucy reported that we'll have a team again for **Relay for Life**. That event will be August 21. They are talking about possibly shortening the walk to 6 hrs instead of 12 so that it would end at midnight. We'll have a fund-raising luncheon like we did last time.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES May 20, 2015
Ely United Methodist Church Number Present: 10

Chairman Jay Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 15, 2015 Ad Council meeting were approved as printed.

The Treasurer’s Report for April, 2015 was presented by Treasurer Mark Olson and accepted. The April end of the month account balances - General Fund: \$535.02; Building Fund: \$21,915.35; Memorial Fund: \$11,472.75; Parish Health Ministries 516.66; Undesignated Funds \$3,000. Mark was authorized to move any or all of the Undesignated Funds into the General Fund, if needed during the summer to cover any cash flow shortfall. M/Jeanne/S/Margie

The Board of Trustees Margie reported that the Church water filter cartridge had been replaced and two replacement doors for the Church had been ordered. The doors will be installed,

The Memorial Committee met on May 5, 2015 approving funds for purchasing children’s books for the Church Library. The annual Memorial recognition service will be August 16, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Church Directory – A meeting with the directory printer representative on June 8, 2015, 1:00 P.M. Persons interested in assisting are invited to attend or contact Jeanne Tomlinson. Picture sittings will be July 31 and August 1, with a later date to be scheduled in October for those missing the early dates.
2. Reach Renew Rejoice – Donations have reached \$1,250 of our pledged \$2,020 for 2015. The donation basket will be by the door at the back of the Sanctuary.
3. Side Street Barbecue – August 9, 2015 – No new information on this Ecumenical gathering with First Presbyterian and Grace Lutheran. Watch for announcements.

4. Church Computer - The church computer is working well again, after the removal of numerous viruses and other malware were removed. The computer is now protected by an annual protection software agreement with Voltz Technologies.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sheridan Street Church Direction Sign – The Church’s direction sign on eastbound Sheridan Street near 3rd Ave N. has been removed. Motion to purchase and replace the sign was approved. M/Bonnie/S/Lucy
2. Piano Tuning – The Church’s two pianos have been tuned. The one in the basement will need re-tuning later in the year. Thanks to the UMW for agreeing to pay for the tuning.
3. Habitat for Humanity Home Building – The Church received a request to schedule a day of volunteer work and worker lunch. Our Reserved work day is July 22, 2015, 9 AM – 4 PM.
4. Fund Reallocation – “Minding Your Future” to Love Offering – The Church approved a \$65 donation to the group “Minding Your Future” from Lenten supper proceeds that was not sent. The group is no longer active. M/Margie/S/Jeanne – to reallocate the \$65 to the Church’s MN Annual Conference “Love Offering. Motion Approved.
5. Church Pew Welcoming Folders – The Visioning Committee request approval to replace our existing attendance “Pew Pads” with an expanded and more informative welcoming folder – at no additional cost to the Church. M/Lucy/S/Linda Approved.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. Annual Conference Love Offering – A total of \$281 was donated to the annual Love Offering taken to Annual Conference.
2. American Cancer Society Relay For Life, August 21, 2015, 6 PM - 1 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine “Butch” Diesslin

METHODIST MILERS
American Cancer Society *Relay for*
Life
Friday August 21, 2015 6:00 PM–
1:00 AM

The *Methodist Milers* will once again be the name of the County Relay for Life Team representing the Ely United Methodist Church. Lucy Diesslin is the Team Captain, with Jeanne Tomlinson and Margie being Assistant Captains.

The team name has been registered on the Relay For Life website, so if you wish to join the team or make donations, you can search for the Methodist Milers team name.

Some ways that everyone in our Church family can participate and/or contribute to Relay For Life:

- Become a team member with a goal of raising at least \$100. A team sign-up sheet will be available at Church in Early June
- Buy a Luminary Bag for \$5. Team members will be selling them
- Help decorate Luminary Bags in Early August
- Attend a luncheon at Church, bring a friend, make a donation
- Drop coins in the Cancer Containers during Coffee
- Attend the Relay For Life program of events, 6 PM on August 21

Multi-Church Block BBQ

We've been invited – and have accepted the invitation - to join Grace Lutheran Church and the First Presbyterian Church in their annual Block BBQ on Sunday, Aug 9 from

12 noon-3 pm. Please plan to join the food & fun that day. From all reports it will be a wonderful time of multi-church fellowship. We'll be announcing more details over the next couple of months. If you have specific questions, please contact Jeanne Tomlinson or Marge Olson.

Habitat For Humanity EUMC Work
& Luncheon Crews

The Men's Group agreed to provide a work crew for the Habitat For Humanity home that is under construction here in Ely. The UMW have also agreed to provide lunch for the Crew that will be working on the day when the Men's Group will work.

The home being built is for Branden and Kaylen Carlsness-Anderson and their young son Greyson. The home site is at 15 N. 3rd Avenue West. North St. Louis County Habitat For Humanity hopes work will be completed in September so the family may move in this Fall.

Wednesday, July 22nd is the day reserved for the Men's Group and UMW to provide a work crew and lunch. Work crews are asked to be at the site by 9 AM and plan on working until 4 PM. Crew volunteers may come earlier and/or stay later if they have wish.

Volunteers wishing to help out on other days are most welcome. Other work days are July 8th, 10th or 11th and July 24th or 25th. Lunches need to be provided for those days as well. Tools are provided at the site, so workers do not need to bring their own tools. It is expected that workers will be working inside by then so weather should not be a factor.

If you would like to volunteer on any of the alternate days, please contact the North St. Louis County Habitat For Humanity Community Resources Manager Susan Garrett at 218.750.7391 or through email at: susan@nslcfh.org