

The tea light candles we light on the altar each Sunday reminds us of our ministry of prayer to the military service personnel and their families within our congregation.
 Gavin Day, nephew of Dan & Beth Belden, grandson of Dennis & Julie Day stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, MO.
 Alex Lammi, Son of Ted & Barb Lammi, serving in Memphis.
 Kevin Jensen, cousin to Daisy Rose and Holly Compo, deployed to Japan.
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 (include ESKO MN in the address) for the most current information and event albums.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! Sunday, February 16th, 1:30 pm ~ TPUMM (Twin Ports United Methodist Ministry) meeting at Northwood UMC.

Today: Sunday, February 16th, 12:30 to 2 pm ~ Youth Group skating at Four Season's in Carlton.

Saturday, February 22nd, 9 am to 3 pm ~ Save the date! Retreat to be held at the McCabe Renewal Center. Lent is a special time for all followers of Jesus. Yet sometimes we feel we're missing the growth, enrichment or opportunity to journey with Jesus. This retreat is designed to help us have a meaningful and deep journey into our Lenten season with Christ. We will enjoy opportunities for fellowship and prayer, study and understanding. There will be listening sessions for those that desire, and careful instruction so all can feel comfortable participating. At the end of the retreat, it is our hope that many will have a clear idea of what God is calling us to do within this Lenten season. At this time, the first 20 slots are free with an email of participation sent to annonpond@yahoo.com and a willingness to bring a dish to share for lunch. Sign up form for food is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Sunday, February 23rd, 10:30 am ~ Adult Lenten Bible Study. *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. Dive deep into the history of the last days before the crucifixion. Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

Wednesday, February 26th, 6 pm ~ Ash Wednesday Service. Prepare yourself for the Lenten Season by attending this very meaningful service.

February 2020 Scouting Meetings at Northwood UMC~
 Boys Esko Troop 152 – February 23rd, 7 pm
 Girl Scout Troop 4139 –February 24th, 5:30 pm

Please check the message center board in the Narthex for upcoming events offered by area churches or other organizations. Direct your announcements to Shirley Brandt for the bulletin (deadline is Tuesday by 5:00 pm) or newsletter (deadline is Monday afternoon) to her at: shirleybob15@gmail.com. Also cc to Ann Butler at: annonpond@yahoo.com.

February 23, 2020
 Liturgist/Greeter: Amanda Zbacnik
 Usher(s): Ted & Barb Lammi

Walk in the



Spirit

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6th Sunday After Epiphany – February 16, 2020

Liturgist/Scripture Reader/Greeter(s): Lammi Family

Usher(s): Dave & Daisy Rose

Memory Quote of the Week

"Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand." *1 Corinthians 15:1*

We Gather to Praise God!

**Please stand where indicated if you are able.*

Prelude ~

Welcome ~

Checking In ~ Where Do You . . . See God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

Greeting & Praise Hymn

*Responsive Greeting ~

- L: Gracious God, forever seeking us,
- P: Open our minds to the truth of your care.
- L: Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.
- P: Open our lips to share stories of faith.
- L: Open our lives to do justice and show kindness.
- P: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise ~ "I Sing Praises" vs. 1,2

CH #5

*Sharing the Peace of Christ ~

Opening Prayers & Praise

*Gathering Unison Prayer of Confession ~
Merciful God, forgive us that so little of
your blessing reaches others through us.

We are guilty of keeping silent
when a word is needed.

We treat your call to be fishers of
people as a nice story to be
kept at a distance.

Forgive us,
bless us, encourage us, empower us.

Make us bold disciples who graciously
and authentically share
the good news of Jesus Christ
with others in our words
and our actions.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn ~ "Here I Am Lord" vs. 1,2,3

UMH #593

*Responsive Call To Worship ~

L: Sisters and brothers, you're coming here is not in vain!

P: Though our faith is ignored and rejected by others,
with courage, we worship God!

L: You do not come with deceit or impure motives.

P: With God as our witness, we come to worship God!

L: So deeply do you care for each other
that you come to share the Gospel again and again.

P: God calls us to gentle witness as apostles of Christ.

L: So, let us worship God! Amen.

Ministry of Grace ~

Pam Jacobson

Hear God's Word

Kingdom Time ~

Amanda Zbacnik

Scripture Lesson ~ 1 Kings 8:41-43: 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Prayer of Illumination

Amanda Zbacnik

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own,
so that we may hear your Word and also live your word; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message ~

"The World Watches"

Amanda Zbacnik

Respond In Faith

*Hymn ~

"Pass It On" vs. 1,2,3

UMH #572

Prayers of the People/Invitation for Personal Reflection & Prayer/
Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer ~

Invitation to Give to the Living Christ ~ Ourselves, Our Love and Our Gifts
Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

CH #814

*Prayer of Dedication ~

Apostles Creed ~

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Celebrating Congregational Life ~

Announcements

Go Forth To Serve

*Sending Forth Hymn ~ "I Love to Tell the Story" vs. 1,2,3,4

UMH #156

*Benediction ~

*Dismissal ~

*Postlude ~

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS TODAY!

Please join us for coffee & fellowship following the service.