

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.
 Check out www.northwoodesko.com for pictures and upcoming events!
 Like us on Facebook @ Northwood United Methodist Church, Esko MN
 (include ESKO MN in the address) for the most current information and event albums.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, February 12th, 7 pm ~ Administrative Council Meeting in the Fireside Room.
 February 16th, 1:30 pm ~ TPUMM (Twin Ports United Methodist Ministry) meeting at Northwood UMC.
 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.
 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. See Ann Butler to order your book. Cost is \$8.50.
 Wednesday, February 26th, 6 pm ~ Ash Wednesday Service. Prepare yourself for the Lenten Season by attending this very meaningful service.
 January 2020 Scouting Meetings at Northwood UMC~
 Boys Esko Troop 152 – February 9 & 23rd, 7 pm
 Girl Scout Troop 4139 –February 3rd & 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 9, 2020
 Liturgist/Greeter: Shane Johnson
 Usher(s): Tony & Holly Compo

Walk in the



Spirit

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4th Sunday After Epiphany – February 2, 2020

Liturgist/Scripture Reader/Greeter(s): Katharine Johnson
 Usher(s): John & Kora Cavanaugh

Memory Quote of the Week

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” *Micah 6:8*

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?

Stewardship Moment ~ Time for “Ted Talk” Ted Lammi

Greeting & Praise Hymn

*Responsive Greeting ~

L: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,
 P: They will rejoice in God's reign forever.
 L: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving
 P: They will be comforted in God's reign forever.
 L: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness
 P: They will find it in God's reign forever.

L: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs

P: We will live in God's reign forever.

L: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

P: Let us worship together, serving one another
and serving our Mighty God. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise ~ "What a Mighty God We Serve" vs. 1,2,3

FWS #2021

*Sharing the Peace of Christ ~

Opening Prayers & Praise

*Gathering Unison Prayer ~

Loving God,
we come this morning
seeking to abide in your presence.

Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,
that we may know how to live as your people.

Open our hearts to your spirit of truth,
that we may love all your people with a love
that speaks of justice, kindness,
and radical grace.

May this time of worship
be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.

*Hymn ~ "What Does the Lord Require of You"

FWS #2174

*Responsive Call To Worship ~

L: Love can build a bridge between your heart and mine

P: Love can build a bridge. Don't you think it's time?

L: Jesus said that we should love each other as he loves each of us.

P: God rejoices at our love and compassion for others.

L: When we stand together, it's our finest hour.

P: We can do anything.

Keep believing in the power of God's love. Amen.

Ministry of Grace ~ "Love Can Build a Bridge"

Amanda Zbacnik

Hear God's Word

Kingdom Time ~

Pastor Brian

Scripture Lesson ~ Matthew 17:1-9; Exodus 24:12-18

New Year Jesus Play List ~ "If I Had a Hammer" (See Power Point Slides)

Message ~ "Justice, Freedom and Love" Pastor Brian Cornell

Respond In Faith

*Hymn ~ "If I Had a Hammer" (See Power Point Slides)

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 ~

Share the Meal

A Service of Word and Table UMH pages 12 & 15 (See Power Point Slides)

Invitation/Confession & Pardon/The Great Thanksgiving

Bread and Cup/Communion Blessing

Celebrating Congregational Life ~ Announcements

Go Forth To Serve

*Sending Forth Hymn ~ "Let There Be Peace On Earth" UMH #431

*Benediction ~

*Dismissal ~

*Postlude ~