

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 Campbell, KY.
 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

Today! Sunday, March 1st, 10:30 am ~ Adult Lenten Bible Study *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine meets in the Fireside Room.

Sunday, March 15th, 10 am ~ Bishop Bruce Ough will be in the pulpit at Asbury UMC. Northwood has been invited to worship with Asbury on this special Sunday. This is truly a worship service not to be missed! THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT NORTHWOOD ON THIS SUNDAY.

Sunday, March 22nd – UMCOR Sunday! Gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for all United Methodist Committee on Relief work by covering the cost of doing business. This means all contributions designated to specific programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR’s basic expenses are covered. Prayerfully consider a generous gift to UMCOR this year!

Sunday, March 22nd from Noon to 2 pm ~ A Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be held at Norton Park UMC. Tickets are \$11 adults, \$6 children 3-10, free under 3. Please call Claudia at 218-269-3508 for presale tickets by March 15. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. A bake sale will also be held.

Wednesday, March 25th, 6 to 7:30 pm ~ Youth Event! Just a Touch of Love Drive for Harbor House Crisis Shelter at NUMC.

Saturday, April 4th, 7 pm ~ Youth event! Mercy Me and Jeremy Camp concert at Amsoil Arena.

Thursday, April 9th, 5:30 pm ~ Experience our annual Judeo Christian Seder Meal. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to indicate your desire to attend.

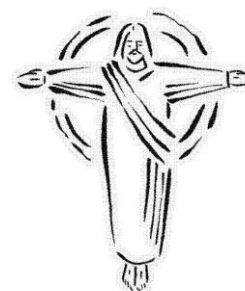
Sunday, April 12th, 8 am ~ Easter morning breakfast! A delicious breakfast of egg bakes, fruit salad and baked goods followed by the Easter service at 9 am. There is a sign-up form in the Narthex for breakfast baked goods.

Sunday, April 26th, 10:30 am ~ Spring Auction! Bring items for auction or think of a service item to auction. If you haven't attended in the past now is the time to check out this fun, laugh-a-minute, fast-paced fundraiser that will guarantee enjoyment! You could very well be going home with some very unique items! If you can't attend please consider donating an item or a service to the auction.

March 2020 Scouting Meetings at Northwood UMC~
 Boys Esko Troop 152 – March 8th & 22nd, 7 pm / Girl Scout Troop 4139 – March 2nd, 16th & 30th, 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.

March 8, 2020
 Liturgist/Greeter: Ann Butler
 Usher(s): John Thierer



Transfiguration
of the Lord

NORTHWOOD

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Transfiguration Sunday – February 23, 2020

Liturgist/Scripture Reader/Greeter(s): Amanda Zbacnik

Usher(s): Ted & Barb Lammi

Memory Quote of the Week

“And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.” *Matthew 17:2*

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: Let the radiance of Christ be evident among us:

P: in our songs and our words;

L: in our deepest thoughts and desires;

P: in the youthful and the experienced,
 the exhausted and the energetic;

L: in the hungry and the scared.

P: We are here together.

L: We join our voices and our hearts in praise. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise ~ "Christ Beside Me" vs. 1,2

FWS #2166

*Sharing the Peace of Christ ~

Opening Prayers & Praise

*Gathering Unison Prayer ~
God of the mountaintop and
of the plain,
we remember today the
Transfiguration of Jesus.

Glorious, mysterious, and
shimmering with light,
you know our hearts,
our triumphs,
and our disasters.

Take us as we are; love us as we are;
join with us and transform us
into your holy ones. Amen.

*Hymn ~ "Jesus, the Light of the World" vs. 1,2

W&S #3056

*Responsive Call To Worship ~

L: God touches the world,
and the world changes.

P: God touches us,
and we are transformed.

L: In the brightest of day,
in the deepest of night,

P: on mountain, in valley,
everywhere.

L: In this time, together, we invite
God to open our eyes to the
transformation of our lives.

P: And through the change –
we worship God. Alleluia!

Ministry of Grace ~

"Go Light Your World"

Northwood Singers

Hear God's Word

Kingdom Time ~

Pastor Brian

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

New Year Jesus Play List ~ "Firework" Kathy Perry (See Power Point Slides)

Message ~ "Fireworks" Pastor Brian Cornell

Respond In Faith

*Hymn ~ "Shine, Jesus, Shine" vs. 1,2 FWS #2173

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 ~

Celebrating Congregational Life ~ Announcements

Go Forth To Serve

*Sending Forth Hymn ~ "All Hail King Jesus" FWS #2069

*Benediction ~

*Dismissal ~

*Postlude ~

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS TODAY!

Please join us for coffee & fellowship following the service.