

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.
 Saturday, February 15th, 10:30 am ~ Ladies Lunch Bunch will start their day by visiting the Epicurian Outlet Store in Superior followed by lunch at the China Inn restaurant also in Superior. Let Ann or Jo know if planning to attend.
 Sunday, 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. 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. 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.
 February 2020 Scouting Meetings at Northwood UMC~
 Boys Esko Troop 152 – February 9 & 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 16, 2020
 Liturgist/Greeter: Lammi Family
 Usher(s): Dave & Daisy Rose

Walk in the



Spirit

NORTHWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

62 West Highway 61, Esko, MN 55733
 Pastor Brian Cornell, 828-434-6995
bcornell@wnccumc.net
 CCLI License # 122813

5th Sunday After Epiphany – February 9, 2020

Liturgist/Scripture Reader/Greeter(s): Shane Johnson
 Usher(s): Tony & Holly Compo

Memory Quote of the Week

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” *Matthew 5:16*

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?

Methodist Moment ~

Shane Johnson

Greeting & Praise Hymn

*Responsive Greeting ~

L: God said, “Let there be light.”
 P: And there was light.
 L: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”
 P: And the light shone in the darkness.
 L: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.”
 P: And the light shall not be quenched. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise ~ "Gather Us In" vs. 1,2,4

FWS #2236

Ministry of Grace ~

"Shine On Us"

Northwood Singers

*Sharing the Peace of Christ ~

Opening Prayers & Praise

*Gathering Unison Prayer ~

God of mystery and of judgment,
who has made us to be salt and light
in a tasteless, shadowed world,
guide us in this time of worship.

Grant us understanding and
spiritual discernment
so that others may see
your good works through us,
give you the glory,
and be moved to serve you. Amen.

*Hymn ~ "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" vs. 1,2

FWS #2237

*Responsive Call To Worship ~

L: If the human body, body of blood and muscle,
is to live, it needs salt.

P: If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice,
is to live, it needs us!

L: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming,
is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

P: If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish,
it needs the Spirit's light!

L: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

P: Our faith, our love, our hope —
essential as salt and light.

L: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.
Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

P: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ:
a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community,
a justice-making people, giving glory to God! Amen.

Hear God's Word

Kingdom Time ~

Pastor Brian

Scripture Lesson ~ Matthew 5:13-20; Isaiah 58:1-12

New Year Jesus Play List ~ "Shine" Collective Soul (See Power Point Slides)

Message ~ "Let a Light Shine" Pastor Brian Cornell

Respond In Faith

*Hymn ~ "This Little Light of Mine" (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 ~

Celebrating Congregational Life ~ Announcements

Go Forth To Serve

*Sending Forth Hymn ~ "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" vs. 1,2 UMH #296

*Benediction ~

*Dismissal ~

*Postlude ~

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS TODAY!

Please join us for coffee & fellowship following the service.