

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, January 29th, 5 to 7:30 pm ~ Youth outing to the Theatrical Escape Room at Mt Royal Library in Duluth. Meet at the church at 4:40 pm if needing a ride.

Sunday, February 2nd, 1:30 pm ~ TPUMM (Twin Ports United Methodist Ministry) meeting at Northwood UMC.

Wednesday, February 12th, 7 pm ~ Administrative Council Meeting in the Fireside Room.

Thursday, February 20th, 9 am to 2 m ~ Sewing for Mission. All volunteer help appreciated. There are many jobs for all skill levels!

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.

January 2020 Scouting Meetings at Northwood UMC~
 Boys Esko Troop 152 – January 26th, 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 2, 2020
 Liturgist/Greeter: Katharine Johnson
 Usher(s): John & Korā Cavanaugh

Walk in the



Spirit

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3rd Sunday After Epiphany – January 26, 2020

Liturgist/Scripture Reader/Greeter(s): Jo Dunajski

Usher(s): John Thierer

Memory Quote of the Week

"The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." *Matthew 4:16*

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?

Greeting & Praise Hymn

*Responsive Greeting ~

- L: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.
- P: To those who dwell in gloom and despair,
 God's glorious presence has appeared.
- L: God is indeed our light and our salvation.
- P: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.
- L: Let us worship our God of light and promise.
- P: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise ~ "Morning Has Broken" vs. 1,2,3

UMH #145

*Sharing the Peace of Christ ~

Opening Prayers & Praise

*Gathering Unison Prayer ~

God of light and love, we come this morning
with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory.

We have become so accustomed to the darkness,
that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us.

Open our eyes to the light of your dawn,
that our souls may be flooded
with love and mercy and joy.

Open our hearts to receive your message
of comfort and peace and security, that we may find rest
in your loving, protective presence.

Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us,
that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

*Hymn ~ "Open My Eyes, That I May See" vs 1,2,3

UMH #454

*Responsive Call To Worship ~

L: Have you not known?

P: Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.

L: Have you not heard?

P: God does not faint or grow weary.

L: Have you not known?

P: God's understanding is unsearchable.

L: Have you not heard?

P: God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

L: Have you not known?

P: Those who wait for God will renew their strength
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

L: We come to hear.

P: We come to know.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Ministry of Grace ~

"Wind Beneath My Wings"

Amanda Zbacnik

Hear God's Word

Kingdom Time ~

Pastor Brian

Scripture Lesson ~

Matthew 4:12-23; Isaiah 9:1-4

New Year Jesus Play List ~ "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"
(See Power Point Slides)

Message ~

"What Are You Looking For?"

Pastor Brian Cornell

Respond In Faith

*Hymn ~

"Seek Ye First" vs 1,2

UMH #405

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 ~ "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian" vs 1,2,4

UMH #402

*Benediction ~

*Dismissal ~

*Postlude ~

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS TODAY!

Please join us for coffee & fellowship following the service.