

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!

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(include ESKO MN in the address) for the most current information and event albums.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! Sunday, January 5th ~ Celebrate Epiphany! "South of the Border" Our potluck will start after the coffee social hour and feature Mexican food dishes. Beverages and dessert will be provided. After the potluck the children will have an Epiphany Party with a piñata, storytelling, games and a craft project. All are welcome!

Wednesday, January 8th, 7 pm ~ Administrative Council Meeting in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday, January 15th 5:30 to 6:30 pm ~ Save the date for the Spaghetti Leadership Dinner! More information to follow.

Wednesday, January 15th, 6:30 pm ~ Worship Meeting following the Leadership Dinner.

Thursday, January 16th, 9 am to 2 pm ~ Sewing for Mission. All volunteer help appreciated. There are many jobs for all skill levels!

Sunday, January 19th ~ HUMAN RELATIONS DAY! Through your generous gift you strengthen community outreach and empower at-risk youth. "Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children." - *The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "I Have a Dream," 1963*

Saturday, February 22nd, 9 am to 3 pm ~ Save the date! Retreat to be held at the McCabe Renewal Center. More information will be coming soon.

January 2020 Scouting Meetings at Northwood UMC~

Boys Esko Troop 152 - To be announced

Girl Scout Troop 4139 - January 6th and 20th, 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.

January 12, 2020

Liturgist/Greeter: Cavanaugh Family

Usher(s): Dave & Daisy Rose



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Epiphany Sunday – January 5, 2020

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

Usher(s): Tony & Holly Compo

Memory Quote of the Week

"Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." *Isaiah 60:1*

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: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

P: Darkness has been banished!

L: God's light of hope floods the earth

P: God's light comes to us all.

L: Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

P: Prepare our hearts to receive this Light. AMEN.

*Hymn of Praise ~ "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" vs 1,2

CH #293

*Sharing the Peace of Christ ~

Opening Prayers & Praise

*Unison Prayer ~

God of all time,

we praise and adore you for breaking
into the darkness of this world
with the glorious light of your presence.

A light which made your love for the world visible

in the babe born in Bethlehem—

Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour.

A light which guided those

gift-bearing travellers from afar
to find and worship the Christ-child.

A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ.

We pray that you will accept our worship

for it arises from hearts and minds

in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love.

In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

*Hymn ~ "Arise, Your Light is Come" vs 1,4 (See Power Point Slides)

*Responsive Call To Worship ~

L: Darkness is not limited to night skies;
darkness invades our spirits and our souls.

P: In darkness of doubt and despair we have lived,
until we witnessed the birth of the Savior.

L: Now the light has truly come to us!

P: Darkness has been banished away!

L: Arise! Shine! For the Light of
God's love has finally come!

P: And we shall be led to that
Light in joy and celebration. AMEN.

Hear God's Word

Kingdom Time ~

Pastor Brian

Scripture Lesson~

Matthew 2:1-12; Isaiah 60:1-6

New Year Jesus Play List ~

"Rock and Roll"

(See Power Point Slides)

Message ~

"Been a Long Time"

Pastor Brian Cornell

Respond In Faith

*Hymn ~

"You Are Mine" vs 1,2,3,4

FWS #2218

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 ~ "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" vs 1,2,3 W&S #3104

*Benediction

*Dismissal

*Postlude ~