

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 at 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](http://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.  
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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! Clyde Iron's banquet room has been reserved for 12:15 pm following the Asbury UMC worship service for everyone who desires to share a meal with Bishop Ough. You order from the menu and pay for your own meal. THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT NORTHWOOD ON THIS SUNDAY.

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Noon-2 pm ~ Chicken Parmesan Dinner 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.

Weds., March 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 pm ~ Youth Event! Just a Touch of Love Drive for Harbor House Crisis Shelter at NUMC.

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

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Boys Esko Troop 152 – March 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm /Girl Scout Troop 4139 –March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:shirleybob15@gmail.com). Also cc to Ann Butler at: [annonpond@yahoo.com](mailto:annonpond@yahoo.com).

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



# NORTHWOOD

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### 1st Sunday In Lent – March 1, 2020

Liturgist/Scripture Reader/Greeter(s): Kermit Nielsen

Usher(s): Phil Powers

### Memory Quote of the Week

“When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.” *Matthew 21:10-11*

### 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: How could we have known during the joyous parade of the fate that awaited Jesus?

P: Would we have shouted as loudly “Hosanna”?

L: He came to bring peace and truth.

P: But others only feared him and sought his removal.

L: Walk with us, Lord, through the gates of Jerusalem today where you risked your reputation in a victory parade.

P: Walk with us, Lord, through all the Jerusalems where we are filled with anticipation, fear, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise ~

"I Will Enter His Gates"

FWS #2270

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ ~

### Opening Prayers & Praise

\*Gathering Unison Prayer ~

Praise be to you, O God, who boldly asks us to march  
into the Jerusalems that confront us each day.

We would like to think that we will be loved and cherished  
wherever we go; our witness of faith will be gladly received.

But it will not necessarily be so.

For there are those who fear faith; who question the reality  
of your love and healing power.

With each step we take, guide our lives in your paths of peace and hope.

Give us courage and strength to witness to your love.

Help us feel the powerful presence of Jesus Christ

in our lives, calling us to come with him to truth and salvation.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

\*Hymn ~

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" vs. 1,3,5

UMH #280

\*Responsive Call To Worship ~

L: Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast

P: but he was a threat to people with power.

L: Jesus stood against the Temple,

P: so he was a threat to the Sadducees.

L: Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners,

P: so he was a threat to the Pharisees.

L: Jesus took the titles of "Lord," "Son of God," and "King."

P: those were the Caesar's titles: he was a threat to the government.

L: Jesus came without violence

P: yet he disturbed the peace.

L: Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God

P: and the kingdoms of this world were frightened.

L: Lord, help us to love your Kingdom more than the kingdoms of this world.

P: For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Hear God's Word

Kingdom Time ~

Pastor Brian

Scripture Lesson ~

Matthew 21:1-11

Prayer of Illumination ~

Pastor Brian Cornell

Message ~

"Jerusalem: Risking Reputation"

Pastor Brian Cornell

### Respond In Faith

\*Hymn ~

"Ride On, Ride On In Majesty" (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 ~

"Go Now In Peace"

(See Power Point Slides)

\*Benediction ~

\*Dismissal ~

\*Postlude ~