

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 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am ~ Adult Lenten Bible Study *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine.  
 Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30 pm Worship Meeting. 6:45 pm Finance Meeting, 7 pm Administrative Council  
 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. THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT NORTHWOOD ON THIS SUNDAY. Clyde Iron Work's banquet room has been reserved for 12:15 pm following Asbury's worship service for everyone who desires to share a meal with Bishop Ough. You order from the menu and pay for your own meal.  
 Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 2 pm ~ Sewing for Mission. Need a good turnout to sew lap cushions for Esko students in need.  
 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> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 7:30 pm ~ Youth Event! Just a Touch of Love Drive for Harbor House Crisis Shelter..  
 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.  
 March 2020 Scouting Meetings at Northwood UMC~  
 Boys Esko Troop 152 – March 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm /Girl Scout Troop 4139 –March 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).

<p align="center"><u>March 22, 2020</u>          Liturgist/Greeter: Cavanaugh Family          Usher(s): Ted &amp; Barb Lammi</p>
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# NORTHWOOD

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2nd Sunday In Lent/Girl Scouts – March 8, 2020  
 Liturgist/Scripture Reader/Greeter(s): Ann Butler; Usher(s): John Thierer

Scripture of the Week

"He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'?...But you have made it a den of robbers." *Matthew 11:17*

We Gather to Praise God!

*\*Please stand where indicated if you are able.*

Prelude ~ Light of Christ carried by the Girl Scouts

\*Girl Scout Promise ~  
 On my honor, I will try: To serve God\* and my country, To help people at all times,  
 And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Welcome ~  
 Checking In ~ Where Do You . . . See God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

Greeting & Praise Hymn

\*Responsive Greeting ~  
 L: Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us  
 an eternal house, a temple of righteousness,  
 P: a place of gracious plenty for the hungry  
 and abundant life for the poor in spirit.  
 L: Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. Overturn the tables  
 of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice,

P: so that we may worship you in spirit and truth;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise ~ "The Bond of Love" vs. 1,2 CH #423

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ ~

### Opening Prayers & Praise

\*Gathering Unison Prayer ~

Lord, help us to be good Girl Scouts, ones whom the world can trust.

Help us to respect our neighbors' rights, and never be unjust.

Help us as Americans, to be worthy of the flag we bear.

Help us as real Girl Scouts, to be proud of the uniform we wear.

Help us to be clean, Dear Lord, in thought, word and deed.

Help us to follow the law that is in the Girl Scout creed.

Help us to love all people of the world, and then to serve them, too.

Help our actions to count, Dear Lord, in everything we do.

Help give us strength to carry on and do our part each day.

Make a place in this world for us and help us fill it, we pray.

Make us what we ought to be, and in Thy footsteps fall.

Help us to live for others, O great Scout Master of us all. Amen.

\*Hymn ~ "Lord, Be Glorified" vs. 1,2,3,4 FWS #2152

\*Responsive Call To Worship ~

L: Who is this who enters the doors of our temple,  
who overturns the tables, strews silver and gold on the floor,  
frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages? Listen, as they rise,  
the beating of their wings is a song of loud hosanna.

P: It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God, who comes to cleanse the great  
temple, to restore its subverted chambers to a house of hallowed prayer.

L: Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider, so he can cast out the  
thieves who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it hard as gold in a fist.

P: May the temple within us be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.

L: May it be a garden that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.

P: Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered and let it break forth in beauty.

L: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Ministry of Grace ~

"Refiner's Fire"

Northwood Singers

### Hear God's Word

Kingdom Time ~

Pastor Brian

Scripture Lesson ~

Mark 11:15-19; John 2:13-21

Prayer of Illumination ~

Pastor Brian Cornell

Message ~

"The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger"

Pastor Brian Cornell

### Respond In Faith

\*Hymn ~

"Take Time to Be Holy" vs. 1,2,4

UMH #395

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 ~

"Go Now In Peace"

(See Power Point Slides)

*Girl Scouts will retire any colors and move the Light of Christ  
from the altar to the world beyond.*

\*Benediction ~

\*Dismissal ~

\*Postlude ~



The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies in the gathering space downstairs for anyone interested in purchasing some. Let's share our joy with the young women and leadership that they meet here regularly and have shared in worship with us!