



NORTHWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 am

The little church with a BIG heart.



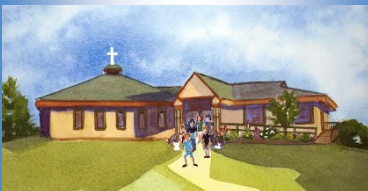
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Check out our website for pictures and upcoming events! Weekly bulletins (current month) and weekly newsletters also are available for viewing.
www.northwoodesko.com

FIND US ON FACEBOOK @ Northwood United Methodist Church, Esko MN (include *ESKO MN* in the address) for the most current information and event albums.

DIRECT ANNOUNCEMENTS to Shirley Brandt for the bulletin by Tuesday by 5:00 pm and/or for the weekly newsletter by Monday afternoon at: shirleybob15@gmail.com.

Please also cc to Ann Butler at: annonpond@yahoo.com



PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, March 8 ~ Adult Lenten Bible Study at 10:30 am. *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine.

Wednesday, March 11 ~ Worship Meeting at 5:30 pm; Finance Meeting at 6:45 pm; Administrative Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, March 15 ~ Bishop Bruce Ough will be in the pulpit at Asbury UMC at 10:00 am. 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'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.

Thursday, March 19 ~ Sewing For Mission from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We need a good turnout to sew lap cushions for Esko students in need.

Sunday, March 22 ~

- 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!
- A Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be held at Norton Park UMC from noon to 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$6 for children 3-10 and 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 ~ Youth Event from 6:00 to 7:30 pm! Just a Touch of Love Drive for Harbor House Crisis Shelter at NUMC.

Saturday, April 4 ~ Youth event at 7:00 pm! Mercy Me and Jeremy Camp concert at Amsoil Arena.

Thursday, April 9 ~ Experience our annual Judeo Christian Seder Meal at 5:30 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex to indicate your desire to attend.

Sunday, April 12 ~ Easter morning breakfast at 8:00 am! A delicious breakfast of egg bakes, fruit salad and baked goods followed by the Easter service at 9:00 am. There is a sign-up form in the Narthex for breakfast baked goods.

Sunday, April 26 ~ Spring Auction at 10:30 am! 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.

Please check the message board in the Narthex for upcoming events offered.

COLLOQUIES with Pastor Brian

Jesus' Plan For 'Saving' Others

"Praise to you, O Lord! Hosannah!"

For those with us at worship Sunday, you know this phrase not only offers praise but also asks to be "saved". I rarely put this understanding together; maybe I thought to praise God and then demand salvation seemed rude? Or it could be that when I think of all the things we need saving from (disease, poverty, debt, violence, unsafe food and environments, bigotry, judgment... just to name a few), we rarely think of Jesus as the one who leads the way in these areas.

I believe one of the greatest forms of evil (or 'satanic') influence in modern spirituality is to reduce Jesus to only spiritual salvation, not allowing him heart, head, soul and body salvation for all of God's people.

This week, we see Jesus again leading the charge to free EVERYONE by taking another risk. This time, he's chipping at what many see as the very cornerstone of the Jewish faith when he takes on Temple Worship and behavior around the national and spiritual identity of the Jewish people. Join us at worship and in bible study to learn more about Jesus' full plan for 'saving' others and to bravely explore what this work might mean for us.

On another note, in worship last Sunday, I challenged the congregation to do some homework. I realize many of you need this written down, so what follows is "the assignment." Please take this in the grace and encouraging manner that it was intended, and I hope it might be a blessing to you during this Holy Lent!

Peace of Christ to each of you,

Pastor Brian

This Week's Assignment:

This week, as Jesus begins the journey to answer the cries of the crowds to save them (us) at the cost of his life, let's consider how we can step into the saving work of Jesus. You are invited four separate times this week to read through a different Gospel account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (*Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19*).

Read each passage three times.

The first time allow your ear to catch a word or phrase from the passage and write it down.

Then read the passage again slowly and ask where the scripture touches your life right now.

Finally, read the scripture again and ask what is God calling you to do. Take four different days and write your responses down. Then, after all four of the days, look back and notice where there might be similarities or differences in how you heard each Gospel account.

JOYS, CONCERNS, GRATITUDE & NEEDS . . .

- Jo Dunaiski is heading up making lap cushions for Esko students on March 19 starting at 9:00 am and needs help. She needs God's intervention to get a good group together!
- A joy to have Aaron Lammi home for a while!
- Continued prayers for healing for Jon Propp who was released home from the hospital on Saturday from his heart operation!
- Prayers of joy that Daisy Rose is back and is healing from her gall bladder surgery!
- Prayers of comfort as March 1 is the 7th anniversary of Bonnie Dinehart's death.
- Prayers for the Ron Johnson family, a teacher in Cloquet, who passed away this last week.
- Prayers for Eva, student at Cloquet, who needs a kidney transplant soon. Safe traveling as they go back and forth from the Twin Cities for dialysis 3 times a week.
- Prayers for the family of Arleigh Birt (Jo Dunaiski celebrated his 100th birthday recently) as he passed away two days before he made it to 100. The family has lost a lot of family recently and could use some prayers.
- Prayers of healing for Ryder Belden, granddaughter of Dan and Beth, who has been suffering with a bad stomach flu.
- Prayers this week for Shane Johnson, who is having an upper endoscopy to see why she is suffering from stomach problems.
- Safe travel for Amanda Zbacnik as she travels home from Hawaii after attending a conference and seeing her sister.
- Prayers for Tom Zbacnik as he may have strep.
- Continued prayers for Amanda Groth who is preparing to try to get Childcare up and going in our church due to the huge need in our county.
- Prayers for Nancy Vankeurin and Bobbie Jean -- friends of John Piette.
- Healing prayers for John Piette who is struggling with problems with his legs.
- Good luck to the Esko Girls Basketball team continuing on in playoffs.
- Continued safe travels for John and Kora Cavanaugh who are in Florida.



PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE from the ushers prior to the worship service.

If you would prefer the Pastor to receive your prayer request in writing rather than verbally at Joys and Concerns, please complete a prayer card and place it in the offering plate.



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**

Sunday, March 8 & 22.
7:00 to 8:15 pm
Esko BS Troop 152
meeting at Northwood UMC.



Monday, March 16 & 30.
5:30 to 6:30 pm
Esko GS Troop 4139
meeting at Northwood UMC.

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

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| March 22 | No Sunday school. |
| March 25 | Just a Touch of Love Drive for Harbor House Crisis Shelter from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at NUMC. |
| April 4 | Mercy Me (and Jeremy Camp) concert at Amsoil Arena at 7:00 pm. |
| May 10 | No Sunday school. |
| May 13 | Roadside Cleanup from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. |



PRAYER MINISTRY . . .

The tea light candles we light on the altar each Sunday remind us of our ministry of prayer to the military service personnel and their families within our congregation. Especially Gavin Day stationed in Fort Campbell, KY, nephew of Dan and Beth Belden and grandson of Dennis and Julie Day, Kevin Jensen, cousin to Daisy Rose and Holly Compo, deployed to Japan and Alex Lammi serving in Memphis, son of Barb and Ted Lammi.



**Avery Compo
20 on March 3!**

Outreach

OPPORTUNITIES WITH PASTOR BRIAN . . .

For the foreseeable future on the second Tuesday of each month, Pastor Brian is preaching at several senior centers. These include North Shore Estates, 7700 Grand Ave, Duluth, at 10:00 am, Sunnyside Healthcare Center, 512 Skyline Blvd, Cloquet, at 2:15 pm and Inter-Faith Care Center, 811 3rd St, Carlton, at 3:15 pm.

Pastor would LOVE to have company to participate musically, help pray, or even to preach. Please let Pastor Brian know if you are interested. And, visitors / congregants are always welcome to come listen and/or visit with the residents — they so look forward to being smiled at or appreciated.

See you in church! and till then ...

SCATTER JOY, INSPIRE HOPE, SHARE LOVE, AND SEEK PEACE.