



# NORTHWOOD

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Online Worship: 9:00 am

### A church with a BIG heart!



Reverend Brian Cornell

Check out our website for online worship, pictures and upcoming events! Weekly newsletters and bulletins also are available for viewing.

[www.northwoodesko.com](http://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](mailto:shirleybob15@gmail.com).

Please also cc to Ann Butler at: [annonpond@yahoo.com](mailto:annonpond@yahoo.com)



## PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

**Sunday, September 6** ~ Parking lot worship in the back parking lot at 9:00 am. Bulletins will be available at the service. If you are unable to attend the parking lot worship please view online worship on Facebook or YouTube at 9:00 am. Links to view the video will be emailed out prior to Sunday. The link will also be available at [www.northwoodesko.com](http://www.northwoodesko.com)

All online worship services may be viewed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Northwood-United-Methodist-Church-Esko-MN-113344768735604/> on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCizZVSYdgxa81\\_CEBbIXQyw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCizZVSYdgxa81_CEBbIXQyw?view_as=subscriber) or on the Worship page at [www.northwoodesko.com](http://www.northwoodesko.com)

**Please send your Tithes and Offerings to Northwood UMC, P. O. Box 295, Esko MN 55733**

### SHOUT OUTS FOR . . .

- Soloist Kim Herrig and accompanist Phyllis Kruell from Asbury UMC for the special music "This Is My Prayer" on Sunday, August 30.



**Aubrey Compo  
18 on August 30**

### WHEELS ON WEDNESDAYS (WOW) . . .

Our Wheels on Wednesdays bike riding get together will meet Wednesday, September 2 at 4:00 pm in the lower parking lot of the Buffalo House. This week's route will take us from the Buffalo House to Carlton and then return to the Buffalo House. We will keep social distance while riding our bikes for fun! Families welcome. Helmets required. **For more info, call Barb Lammi at 218-393-9608.**



### CHECKING IN . . .

Where have you See God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude? Please share your thoughts by calling Pastor Brian at 828-434-6995 or emailing [bcornell@wnccumc.net](mailto:bcornell@wnccumc.net)

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# COLLOQUIES with Pastor Brian

**Romans 13:8-14:** <sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: May God add blessings to the reading and hearing of these words.

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Let us pray: Amen.**



Romans 13:8, NRSV

It was really easy to read this scripture as a teenager and think "Yeah, I think I can do this." Time and experience have made me a more experienced person, and reading this scripture as an adult is a completely different experience.

Because as a teenager who was in love with the world and had experienced very few disappointments, there wasn't much punch in this scripture. I wasn't committing sleeping around, I wasn't hurting people, I wasn't stealing, I was pretty happy with my life. Sometimes it takes getting older to realize that what seems okay as a child is actually not okay from a broader perspective.

Now as an adult, I look back on these 'easy' commandments and realize that in all of these, I have failed in some way and still do, to some extent. Does not killing include supporting forces that do kill in my name or with my permission, no matter how hidden? Does my not coveting include native lands, my neighbor's new cool trailer or just having the type of car Fred said drives better in cold and snowy weather?

My answers are probably different than yours, and... hear me on this... That is okay. Our journey of faith is not direct nor is it the same as everyone else. Yet our movement as a shared 'body of Christ' to run the race is similar and we are to all be the 'great cloud of witnesses' encouraging one another to the finish line.

I've recently learned that this congregation did some amazing work creating and adopting some guidelines for meetings, ministry, and any gathering to help us find ways to keep practicing our best habits towards becoming that Body of Christ. Next week, I'll be reintroducing them to our whole congregation and myself. Since I am the least familiar with them, I'd love for you to tell me as much as you can about how they were formed, the values and ideas that were trying to protect, and how we can live this valuable Covenant as a congregation going forward.

I'm not a kid anymore and I suspect you are not either. But when it comes to the life of faith, we need gentle, experienced eyes for ourselves and others so we can aspire to the lofty goals Jesus (and through today's letter to the Romans, Paul) sets for us in scripture and practice. It matters less what we believe than how we act and there is more than enough room for all to be present in this life of faith. Blessings to you in the days ahead!

With peace,

Pastor Brian

# **Bob Thompson Memorial Esko Sports Alliance Golf Tournament**

**When:** Saturday, September 12, 2020

**Where:** Cloquet Country Club

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start



Due to the pandemic —  
no post tournament banquet

## **Donation:**

\$360: 4-person team

\$450: 5-person team

\$90: individual non-member

\$70: Cloquet Country Club members

## **Donation includes:**

Lunch at the turn, Green Fees, Carts (two per group),  
you may also walk or use your own push cart,  
and a \$10 gift card from The Buffalo House.

## **Limited to first 30 teams**

## **\$100 Tee Sponsors**

The sponsor receives a corrugated plastic sign  
that is created at Graphic Technologies.

The sponsor can make the donation in their name,  
as a memorial, in reference to a business or  
anything they choose with artwork of their choosing.

Proceeds go to the Esko Sports Alliance to be used for athletics  
in many ways -- most notably helping to pay for  
\$4,000 in scholarships, funding for post-season banquets  
and awards for varsity programs.

**Sign up ASAP by contacting Chad Stoskopf at  
[cstoskopf@esko.k12.mn.us](mailto:cstoskopf@esko.k12.mn.us) or 218-879-1909.**

**All proceeds will directly support Esko Athletic Programs.**



## **JOYS, CONCERNS, GRATITUDE & NEEDS . . .**

- Continuing prayers for everyone and all circumstances being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Congratulations to Ted Lammi on his retirement!
- Continued prayers for Shirley Fahrenholz as she has a couple wounds that need to finish healing.
- Thanks to all those who helped with the parking lot service on Sunday, August 30! Pastor Brian was grateful to see everyone that attended.
- Prayers for our school professionals getting ready to go back in the coming weeks.
- Prayers for Amanda and Matt Tonner as they prepare for the birth of their daughter due on September 3.
- Prayers for Julie Day who is in the hospital with an upper respiratory issue.
- Prayers for college students navigating school.
- Prayers for Tom Zbacnik's friend, Paul, who was diagnosed with Stage-4 colon cancer.
- Prayers that Tony Compo's back heals.
- Continued prayers for the childcare center getting ready to be licensed.
- Prayers for the family of Andrew Kennebeck who recently passed away. He was the son of a good friend of Ted Lammi's
- Thank you to all those continuing to support the church financially through these pandemic times.

*Prayer requests may be texted or called in to Pastor Brian at 828-434-6995.*

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## **VIDEOS NEEDED . . .**

The Worship Team is looking for videos or a collage of pictures about 3 minutes in length to be played as a backdrop for Sunday's Special Music each week. Nature videos would be most appropriate. If you have a good eye and camera, please e-mail your result to Pastor Brian at [bcornell@wnccumc.net](mailto:bcornell@wnccumc.net)

## **DISCIPLESHIP WORK PARTNERS SOUGHT . . .**

Pastor Brian is looking to create or partner with a new group of faith friends for discipleship work. Short-term goals are the current priority; later he would like to turn to long-term goals. The Cornell family has adopted a daily practice of efforts to grow physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally. They set goals on Sunday, then use lunch every day to see how each person is doing. If any of you would like to partner in this, please let Pastor Brian know. He especially wants to invite members of Northwood and Norton Park UMC, but anyone can participate. If you are interested, please contact him by calling or texting to phone at 828-434-6995 or email at [bcornell@wnccumc.net](mailto:bcornell@wnccumc.net) or Facebook. A PM group will be created out of those interested and Pastor Brian plans to give it a go for about four weeks.

## **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, and Alex Lammi serving in Memphis, son of Barb and Ted Lammi.

*See you virtually and until we meet again ...*

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