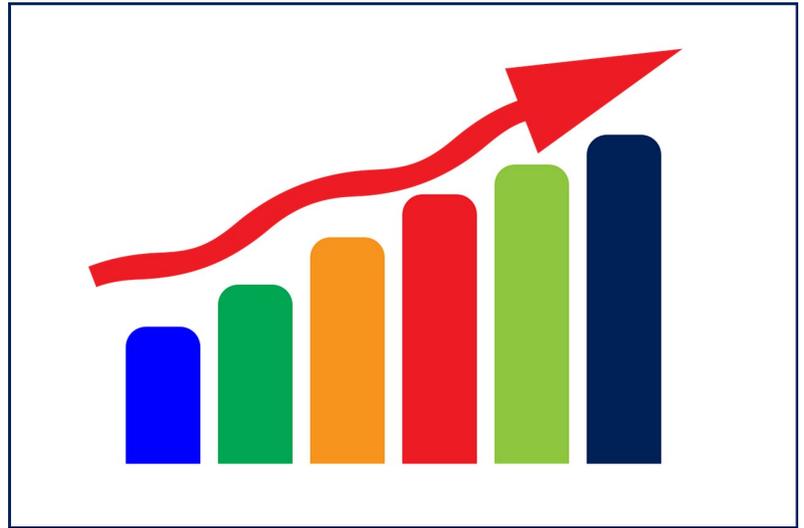


COLLOQUIES with Pastor Brian

Investing God's Good Gifts

Dear Northwood family,

The "Growing With Love" childcare is open! Only through your persistent support, daily prayers, and operating out of faith did this happen. Because of this season, there will still be challenges. God blesses those who INVEST his talents with the challenge of INVESTING more. But I didn't want to go beyond this moment without exclaiming "God is GOOD!" and thank God and God's expression in you to love our neighbors. I am so thankful to have witnessed this everyday miracle birth out of you.



Now, are you ready for an increase in investments? Last year, Northwood was huge in helping support local Esko teachers by providing meals during parent-teacher conferences. Those are gone, probably for a while.

This year, Emily Waldo (president of the Esko Parents In Education group) has gathered a group to support the entire Esko elementary school staff. (**Please see the information on Winterquilt Heroes on the next page.**) Since we have some of those special people in our membership, I'd like to invite our whole congregation's involvement in pledging to support the teachers going forward. Each month, the group supporting the teachers will fundraise to buy bulk gifts for the teachers. This month, it is a full lunch for the teachers during an in-service day.

We are also attempting to write one letter per teacher-staff as an encouragement for them going forward. I would like to invite each of you, as well as your families, to consider either donating a sum to support the teacher outreach, write a letter to one of the staff members or if you can, do both. I will be doing both and have promised to write any staff who haven't been signed up for a personal letter as well.

I believe in Northwood Congregation as a growing and authentic expression of Christ's love. This type of outreach reminds us and our community that we have their backs, because Jesus loves us and them so we support them all the ways we can.

I hope we get 'caught' attempting to live our faith as we do our best to INVEST God's good gifts in us with others.

Peace to you and again, thanks for being part of an everyday miracle!

Pastor Brian

"In your prayers, leave silence where God can speak".

— Pastor Brian

Help us support our Winterquist

Hardworking
Excellent
Reliable
Overachieving
Elementary
Staff



Every teacher and staff member at Winterquist Elementary is going above and beyond their duties this school year. It is time to show them how much they are appreciated!

Under the direction of Esko PIE, the community has formed a new group for the purpose of supporting the staff in our school, called **Winterquist HEROES.**

With the help of donations from the community, the teachers and staff at Winterquist Elementary will receive a small "Gift of Gratitude" to show our appreciation for everything they are doing for our students this school year. Our goal is to provide them with something monthly, provided we have enough funding to make that possible.

Donations can be sent in a variety of ways:

- 1) Venmo: @WinterquistHEROES
- 2) Paypal: WinterquistHEROES@gmail.com ("send to friend" option)
- 3) Cash or check, dropped off or mailed to:

Katie Siats

12 Keanu Lane, Esko, MN 55733

If you would like to send a personal thank-you note to a staff member to accompany their gift, please click the following link. Please be sure to read ALL of the directions. Thank you!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAAAC2EA1FE3-personal>