BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO….
Sunday, April 3rd:  William Jeffrey, Janice Ridgway, Bernette Williams, Colin Means
Monday, April 4th:  Jim Speer, Sue Walker, Jack Mattson, Jackson Lemon
Wednesday, April 6th:  Mark Luther
Thursday, April 7th:  Willy McNay, Dusyauna Roberts
Friday, April 8th:  Jerry Cox Jr, Greg Hatch, Kristen Madison
Saturday, April 9th:  Jackie Koski, Julie Giese, Jennifer Johnson, Phoebe Stark

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY
ACOLYTE:  (8:15) Nyden Rodewald
(11:00) James Birch
GREETERS:  (8:15) Barbara Moler & Ellen Stoup
(11:00) Elaine Cornillaud & Ed Puschmann
USHERS:  (8:15) Bill & Margaret Lewis
Dennis & Betty O’Shea
(9:30) Linda Howard & Carol Zieres
(11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen

VAN DRIVER:  Ed Puschmann

HYMN NOTES:
“Theine Is the Glory” (238)
The text of this French hymn “A toi la gloire ô Ressuscité” was written by Edmond Louis Badry (1844). It was written to be sung to the chorus “See, the Conquering Hero Comes” from Judas Mac- cabaeus, an oratorio composed by George Frederick Handel at the suggestion of the Prince of Wales. The hymn was translated into English in 1923 by Richard Hoyle who was an English pastor associated with the YMCA. He also spent two years in the United States teaching at Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. The stanzas recount the Resurrection images of angels rolling the stone away, the women at the tomb and doubting Thomas. The opening voluntary on this tune was composed by Emily Maxson Porter in 2000. Ms. Porter is organist at St. Philip’s Lutheran Church, Fridley MN. Her organ study was with the eminent teacher, Paul Manz. In addition to her music degrees, she also has a M.S. in Computer Science.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by
Friends of Northwood

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2016 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS
8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3 with Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.
Kindergarten-2nd Grades, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kathleen Pope & Alice Ellis.
3rd-4th Grades, Room 8
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8 with Melissa Patel & Tanya Adkisson.
5th Grade, Room 12
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 12 with Cassandra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Children may remain in worship with their family or join us in room 3 for children’s worship with Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together. Middle and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 AM Serendipity Class
Join us in rooms 13&15 for a class based on Psalm 23.

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)
Rooms 9 and 11 at 9:30

April 3: How do we choose the people we help? How effective is our charity? We’ll use Scripture and our own perspectives and experiences as Barbara Englehart leads our examination of community needs and our giving. Join the discussion while enjoying coffee and cookies.

April 10: Kathy Dain, Executive Director, will share news and give an update on the Beth-El Farmworkers Mission. Come and learn about the miracles God is working through this ministry! As always, coffee and cookies will be available.

11:00 AM EXPERIENCING GOD CLASS
Join us in room 15. All are welcome.
Order for the Public Worship of God
April 3, 2016
2nd Sunday of Easter
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #238  “Thine Is the Glory”  JUDAS MACCABEUS

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
God of Faith, we confess that while You are faithful to us, our faith wavers and falls short. We allow doubts and fears to enter our lives and control our choices. We doubt the goodness of our brothers and sisters. We doubt our own ability to be of any help or hope to the world. Forgive us for our doubts and fears. Call us to faithfulness and give us faith to believe when our doubts overwhelm us. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #851  “Here, O Our Lord, We See You”  MORECAMBE
(stanzas 1, 2, 3)

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING  “This Joyful Easteride”  Michael Burkhardt
(based on the Easter hymn at #244)

*Doxology—#606  OLD HUNDREDTH
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

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THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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