**e-news of Faith**

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**Week of April 14, 2021**

Faith UMC Eyota presents a weekly e-news to keep you informed about what is happening at Faith and ways to keep growing in faith.  If you have anything to add, please e-mail the church office and we will include your event or information.

**Thursday, April 15 Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - noon**

**6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting**

**Sunday, April 18 10:30 a.m. Worship live-streamed on FB**

**In-person worship, Sunday school**

**2:00 p.m. Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup**

**Confirmation**

**Tuesday, April 20 Office Hours 10:00a – 1:00p**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 26th** – At 6:30 p.m. we will gather in person at Faith for our first discussion of what is most important to our community and where we feel God is calling us to go as we look to the future. There will be other meetings over the next months. **These meetings are important to our faith community, so please sign up by emailing or calling the church**.

**APRIL MISSIONS** - Our missions project in April is to provide this wonderful food and also to help at the Pantry! There will now be times to volunteer to stock the Pantry shelves as well as the opportunities to volunteer on any of the Fridays. Your help is appreciated! If you would like to volunteer at the Food Pantry in April, please contact Pastor Laurie.

**TIME TO CLEAN THE HIGHWAY!** On Sunday, April 18th please join the confirmation class as we clean up the two miles of Highway 42 just north of the roundabout. This is Faith’s service to the community, and twice a year we clean up trash from the sides of the highway. Please join us! All ages are invited to take part. Meet at Faith at 2 p.m. and join in the fun of working together outside.

**ARE YOU SPRING CLEANING?** If you are spring cleaning and wonder where to take items to donate, Faith can help out with some items! We will again be sending in SHOES to Soles4Souls at the end of April. We are also collecting BOOKS as we will have more book events this summer. Drop off items at church or at the parsonage. If you need a pick-up, please let Pastor Laurie know.

**HELP US “COUNT OUR BLESSINGS!”** After many years of great service our counters, LuAn Daniels and Lynn Arends are retiring. So, we need persons who would be willing to stay after worship on Sunday to help out. There will be two people counting, and the process should not take more than 30 minutes. If you are interested in helping out in this way please contact Irene Vehrenkamp, Janet Jones or the church.

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONS –** Upper Room devotions for May and June are here! Let the church know if you would like one sent to you.

**NEW SOUND SYSTEM AN APRIL PROJECT!** All of the pieces of the new sound and streaming equipment are ready to go! Technology chair, Frank Merchant, is looking for people who have some knowledge of sound equipment and/or are willing to help with the work to get everything up and running. Please let the office know if you can help. Watch for more information soon!

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING:**

* Thanksgiving for the many years of service by Lynn Arends and LuAn Daniels as counters and Financial Secretary. They have blessed us with their time and good works.
* Thanksgiving for all who have donated food, money and time to the Eyota Food Pantry. Our gifts were needed and have already made a difference!
* Prayers for the families of Jim Whitcomb, Rachel Jones and LeRoy Haverly as they continue to grieve their loss.
* Prayers for students, teachers and workers as in-person school resumes. May this be a blessing for all.
* Prayers for Faith Church as we begin to listen for God’s guidance and plan for the rest of the year.

***Blessings for the week ahead!***