

e-news of Faith

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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.

Wednesday, September 13	5:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Confirmation Begins Midweek Meditation on FB
Thursday, September 14	9:00 – 11:00 9:30 a.m.	Office Hours Study on Christian Denominations begins
Saturday, September 16	Dusk.	MOVIE under the stars
Sunday, September 17	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Welcome Back Worship 3 rd Grade Bibles given BRUNCH Mission Project
Tuesday, September 19	9:00 - noon	Office Hours

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION BEGINS WEDNESDAY! – This year's confirmation group will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is included in our time together which runs until 7:00 p.m. If your youth has not yet signed up please let Pastor Laurie know as soon as you can. Don't forget to bring the BIO SHEET!

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS DRIVERS – Thanks to ALL who have signed up to help out with our week of providing transportation.

SUNDAY IS WELCOME BACK SUNDAY! On September 17th we begin a new year at Faith and we hope you can join us! We will be giving out 3rd grade Bibles during worship, and there will be a BRUNCH for all after that with an opportunity to help put together another mission project – this one for our schools. Let us come together as the Faith community and reconnect after summer.

NEW STUDY AND SERIES BEGINS – As part of our effort to get to know our neighbors and our brothers and sisters in Christ, we are beginning a series on the Churches and Denominations of Christianity. This will be both the Thursday morning study beginning September 14th at 9:30 a.m. and evening guest speakers. All are welcome to these important studies and events.

Mark your calendars for our first guest speaker: On Monday, **September 25th at 7:00 p.m.** Pastor Beth Krolak, who was pastor at Peace Lutheran, will talk to us about ELCA Lutherans. Event begins at 7:00 p.m. and if you have specific questions for one or both, feel free to let us know so we are sure they get asked.

THE AMAZING RACE – Have you ever seen this reality show? If not, you might want to catch an episode before Sunday. Pastor Laurie's message will be based on it!

CHILDREN'S REGULAR FAITH SCHOOL – will begin on Sunday, September 24th during worship. For the rest of September and October, the children will be learning about helping others, putting together and decorating the boxes for Trick or Treat for UNICEF, handing them out to the congregation, and learning how this is part of their faith.

ATTENTION BREAD BAKERS – Sunday, October 1st, is World Communion Sunday and we would like to have bread from different cultures and parts of the world. If you would be willing to supply some bread for this Sunday fellowship we would love to try it

LAST WEEK! DOVER-EYOTA SCHOOLS NEED HELP – The shelves are bare of supplies at DE Middle-High school! There are lots of ways to help and in September we will do just that. School supplies needed ASAP: backpacks, folders, notebooks, pencils, socks, individual snacks in bags.

We will also be putting together Shower Kits ON SUNDAY. For those we need: individual (travel) size soaps, shampoos, deodorants, as well as toothpaste. These will be bagged individually like the UMCOR kits for individual use. We will pick a time after worship later this month to put them together. When you are out shopping, please pick up an item if possible. There will be a tote in the church basement to collect all items.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS – We are also collecting new and gently used coats and jackets which will be shared with the DE schools and Salvation Army in Rochester. They can be put in the shopping cart outside of the nursery at church.

WIDOW'S LUNCH – This lunch is for anyone of ANY AGE who has lost a spouse. The lunch is on the **3rd Wednesday of the Month** at 11:30 a.m. and is a time of fellowship and discussion. All are welcome – male or female!

RUBY'S PANTRY IS THURSDAY – For anyone looking to stretch their food dollars, Ruby's Pantry is a great place to do just that. Held on the second Thursday of the month at Brookwood Park in St. Charles from 4:30-6:00p, shares are \$25. You are encouraged to bring boxes or bags for your food, and be ready to wait a bit if it's busy. THANK YOU for all of the plastic bags!

HARVEST SUPPER ON SATURDAY – Peace UMC in Elgin is holding their Harvest Supper on Saturday 5:00 p.m. until gone. They are serving beef & pork roast, many sides and pies for dessert. There will also be a BAKE SALE.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING REQUESTS

- o Prayers for all who are suffering from a respiratory illness and allergies this fall. It is a hard year for them.
- o Thanksgiving from Bill Jones for a wonderful trip to Montana and Wyoming and safe return
- o Thanksgiving for the 25th anniversary of Janet and Bill Jones
- o Thanksgiving for Irene's sister Jan who has joined her for September from Indiana
- o Prayers for all who have suffered because of the deadly earthquake in Morocco. And for the thousands missing in Libya after a storm caused a "tsunami" of water in that country.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.