

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 20	11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Widow's Lunch Group Midweek Meditation on FB
Thursday, September 21	9:00 – 11:00 9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Office Hours Study – Roman Catholic – Orthodox Split Leadership Team Meeting
Sunday, September 24	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship & Faith Class 3rd Grade Bibles given Fellowship time – celebrating Chuck & Berniece 60 years
Monday, September 25	7:00 p.m.	Rev. Beth Krolak, guest speaker ELCA Lutheran Church
Tuesday, September 26	9:00 - noon	Office Hours

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDY AND SERIES ON CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND DENOMINATIONS

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

Our first guest speaker is **Monday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.** We will hear from Rev. Beth Krolak, who was pastor at Peace Lutheran, will talk to us about ELCA Lutherans. Pastor Beth served many churches in Minnesota and is currently working part-time at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rochester. *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.*

CHILDREN'S FAITH CLASS BEGINS ON SUNDAY! To continue to help our children grow in their faith, class begins during worship this Sunday. Now through the end of October the children will be learning about how our faith asks us to help others. They will learn Bible verses, make this year's boxes for Trick or Treat for UNICEF, and learn about children's needs worldwide. They will also be working on a mission project for the residents of Arbor Gardens and learning about needs of all ages. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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!

JOIN CHUCK AND BERNIECE SACHS TO CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARY – This Sunday, September 24th, the fellowship time after worship will be a celebration of Chuck and Berniece's 60th wedding anniversary! They are providing treats and hope you can all join them in this celebration.

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

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 WEDNESDAY – 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!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DAN JOHNSON – Dan Johnson, who was a Faith UMC member for many years, passed away last week suddenly. He was very active in many organizations in Eyota including Troop Master of Troop 47 here. Dan's memorial service will be held in Saturday, September 23rd at 10:30 a.m. at the River Park Chapel at Macken Funeral Home in Rochester. The service will be live-streamed if you cannot make it in person at mackenfuneralhome.com.

BAG SALE AT THRIFT ON FRONT! This Thursday-Saturday Thrift on Front is holding a bag sale – fill a bag for \$5! Check Facebook or the website at frontandcenter.live for shopping times.

MESSAGE FROM MISSIONS & OUTREACH CHAIR: I wanted to let you know that our mission project to provide high school shower kits and school supplies for both the elementary and high schools was successful. I delivered to the high school 20 shower kits which included a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, and combo shower gel/shampoo; 10 pair women's socks; 20 pair men's socks; 6 pocket folders; 9 spiral notebooks; 20 ink pens; 78 #2 lead pencils; and 10 packages of assorted snacks such as granola bars, pretzels, and cookies.

The elementary school received from us 10 backpacks; 10 pair girls socks; 10 pair boys socks; 6 pocket folders; 9 spiral notebooks; 14 boxes of crayons; 6 boxes of colored pencils; 88 #2 lead pencils; and 10 ink pens. Both school secretaries expressed much appreciation for these items, as did a high school student who noticed what I delivered. Thank you for your contributions!

Jeannine Flies
Chair, Missions and Outreach

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING REQUESTS

- o Prayers Lori Ehlenfeldt and her family as they mourn the loss of her mother who passed away Sunday night.
- o Prayers for the family of Dan Johnson who passed away last week.
- o Thanksgiving Bill Jones' clean bill of health at his last check-up
- o Thanksgiving from Donna Cords for all of the calls and cards. She is getting better each day.
- o Prayers for all who have suffered because of the deadly floods in Libya after two dams collapsed in a storm. Prayers for finding missing family members and for those who must find a way to start again.
- o Prayers for all who are suffering from allergies, respiratory illness and fall colds.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 21-29

²¹ Since you really listened to him and you were taught how the truth is in Jesus, ²² change the former way of life that was part of the person you once were, corrupted by deceitful desires. ²³ Instead, renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit²⁴ and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, after you have gotten rid of lying, *Each of you must tell the truth to your neighbor*^[b] because we are parts of each other in the same body. ²⁶ *Be angry without sinning.*^[c] Don't let the sun set on your anger. ²⁷ Don't provide an opportunity for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves should no longer steal. Instead, they should go to work, using their hands to do good so that they will have something to share with whoever is in need.

²⁹ Don't let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say.

Blessings for Your Week!