

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, November 15	5:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Confirmation Midweek Meditation on FB
Thursday, November 16	9:00 – 11:00	Office Hours
Saturday, November 18	7:00 p.m. All day	MOVIE NIGHT at FAITH Deliver Thanksgiving gifts
Sunday, November 19	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Faith Ringers Practice Worship & Faith Kids Class Church Conference
Monday, November 20	5:00 p.m.	Leadership Team meets w/DS Leadership Team Meeting
Tuesday, November 21	9:00 - noon 7:00 p.m.	Office Hours Thanksgiving Service at Peace Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY IS THE SHORT CHURCH CONFERENCE – Join us after worship to have a short church conference where we will discuss and approve a salary package for the pastor. We will also have a discussion on starting a strategic plan and our budget. Please be part of the discussion.

SATURDAY IS MOVIE NIGHT! This month's movie is the animated *FREEBIRDS* and it will take place inside at 7:00 p.m. Invite your family and friends and join the fun!

ADVENT STUDY STARTS NOVEMBER 30 – This year's Advent study will begin on November 30th at 9:30 a.m. We will be discussing the book *All the Good, A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*. The study will include video information and discussion. Books are available at church. Please let Pastor Laurie know if you will be participating in the study.

NOVEMBER MISSIONS – This month is all about showing our gratitude to God, to one another, to our community. Missions and Outreach for November include the Veterans Dinner which was a blessing. Many thanks to all who helped make it possible. This Saturday, **Gifts for church members unable to be in worship** will be delivered as well.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE - With other churches in Eyota, we will gather at Peace Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21st, 7:00 p.m. to give thanks and worship as we head into the Thanksgiving holiday. Please come share your gratitude with God and with others in Eyota.

ADVENT IN DECEMBER – As we await the coming of Jesus, we will be in the season of Advent. On December 3, 10, 17 and 24 there is a need for families or friends to LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH during worship. Also, on December 3rd we will have a HANGING OF THE GREENS service, and Pastor Laurie is looking for a couple of people to take part by reading and some YOUTH to help out as we decorate, all during the 10a worship. If you would like to be part of Advent please let Pastor Laurie know.

MANY THANKS – For all who helped with the Veterans Dinner. From decorating and cooking to hearing our veterans' stories to serving and cleaning up, it was a special event and it would not have been possible without so many coming together to help! Also, thanks to the Faith Kids who put together the gratitude plates that will be given out this weekend to our homebound members.

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE – We still have plenty of time before Christmas, but since this is a unique year, we wanted to let you know about the schedule for Christmas Eve. December 24th is a Sunday this year, so worship at 10:00 a.m. will be the 4th Sunday of Advent. For Christmas Eve Faith will have **ONE service at 5:00 p.m.** This will be preceded by handbell and choir music beginning at 4:30 p.m.

LOOKING FOR SINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE – With one service this year, Faith is presenting a concert of handbell and vocal choir music at 4:30 p.m. If you are planning on attending the Christmas Eve service and would like to join the choir for 3 songs, WE NEED YOU! There will be a couple of practices after worship in December. Please let Russ Jones or the office know if you would like to be part of the Faith Choir for Christmas Eve.

DO YOU NEED ANY CHAIRS? – With the new chairs and tables we received from Dover UMC, Faith has a great number of metal folding chairs no longer needed. There are also the plastic and metal Sunday school chairs that came from the school that are no longer needed. Would you like to have some of these chairs? If so, please let the church office know and we can make it happen!

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING REQUESTS

- o Prayers for Pam Littlefield who had surgery on her elbow and is hoping to move to a care center in St. Charles this week.
- o Prayers for Linda Whitcomb who is dealing with some serious health issues
- o Prayers for all who are suffering from cancer and illnesses. It is so hard to be patient and calm, but God is with you all.
- o Dorothy Jones gives thanks for a friend who has been in the hospital over 2 months and on dialysis who is now much improved!
- o Thanksgiving for a lovely and meaningful Veterans Dinner at the Eyota Legion as well as here at Faith.
- o Traveling mercies for all who will be traveling over the Thanksgiving holiday. May you get to your destination safely and back home safely as well..

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: LUKE 17:11-19

¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus^[a] was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s^[b] feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Blessings for your week!