

# e-news of Faith

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## Week of December 20, 2023

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, December 20**

5:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Confirmation  
**CAROLING FOR ALL!**  
Midweek Meditation on FB

**Thursday, December 21**

9:30 a.m.  
9:00 – noon  
9:00 a.m.

Final Advent Book Study  
Office hours  
Newsletter Folding

**Sunday, December 24**

8:45 a.m.  
9:45 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
  
4:30 p.m.  
  
5:00 p.m.

Faith Ringers Practice  
Carol Sing  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Worship  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
presented by the Faith  
Ringers and Singers  
**Candlelight Christmas Eve  
Worship**

**Monday, December 25**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

**Tuesday, December 26**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN THE CONFIRMATION GROUP CAROLING!** On WEDNESDAY at 6:00 p.m. we will gather at Faith and take to the streets of Eyota singing Christmas songs and celebrating the season. ALL are invited! Hot chocolate and treats will follow.

## DECEMBER MISSIONS

**HAT, SCARF AND MITTEN TREE** – The hat, scarf and mitten tree is up and waiting for contributions! The tree is in the fellowship hall downstairs. These items will be taken to the Dover-Eyota schools for use by the students. Any items left over will be given to the Salvation Army in Rochester for their program working with the homeless.

This year's **CHRISTMAS OFFERING** is going to support all of the mission work the church does by getting our building in good working order. The Wish List for Faith will be funded by this offering so we can use all missional monies for that purpose.

## SUNDAY IS:

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m.** This is our regular worship time and the last Sunday of Advent as we near the celebration of our Savior's birth.

**Christmas Eve** – We will celebrate Christ's birth with a candlelight service at 5:00 p.m. following a concert of CAROLS at 4:30 p.m. by the Faith Ringers and Faith Singers. A wonderful and special way to celebrate!

**UPPER ROOMS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY HERE** – Upper Room devotionals for January and February are now at church! If you would like one sent to you, please contact the church office. Otherwise they are available now, any time.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** - The church office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. If you need something next week, please contact Pastor Laurie at 218-340-9295 or Irene Vehrenkamp at 507-202-2874.

## PRAYER & THANKSGIVING REQUESTS

- o Thanksgiving for Even Knoll's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- o Thanksgiving to Casey Flury's grandparents, Gene & Fer Irke of Altura, who are celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of December 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- o Prayers for all who are grieving during this holiday season.
- o Prayers for safe travel for all during this holiday season for all. May the travel bring you to a blessed Christmas and safely home again.
- o Prayers for peace in our world
- o Prayers that the meaning of our Savior's birth, along with his hope and light, are brought to all in need.

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: JOHN 1:19-28

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. <sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

***BLESSINGS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS!***