

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.

Wednesday, January 3

11:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

SENIORS TOGETHER
Midweek Meditation on FB

Thursday, January 4

9:30 a.m.

Book Study *The Story* begins
First meeting at 1123 County
Road 7 SE, Eyota

Sunday, January 7

10:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday
Holy Communion,
Faith Kids

Tuesday, January 9

9:00a – 1:00p Office Hours

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE EPIPHANY – Where we welcome the Wise Men and end our Christmas celebration. It is Also Communion Sunday.

WEDNESDAY IS SENIORS TOGETHER – Our monthly get together for seniors and anyone home during the day is Wednesday beginning at 11:00 a.m. We have a few members of the community joining us and we continue to make this a time to share a meal, conversation and games if desired.

THANK YOU! Many thanks from the Mission and Outreach Team for the hats, mittens and scarves given on the tree. They will be disbursed in the next week or so. Also, thanks for the many, many wonderful items from Jesus' baby shower! The Crisis Nursery in Rochester was thrilled with all they received, and we even helped out a family with a new baby.

FAITH KIDS CONTINUES IN 2024 – Faith Kids, our Sunday school class, will continue to meet every Sunday during worship. There are dedicated teachers who have lessons and projects for kids of all ages, and we thank them for their dedication. ALL kids are welcome.

NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINS THURSDAY – As we begin the New Year we are beginning work on *The Story*, which is a book, workbook and DVD series about the Bible. We will be looking at the chapters dealing with the New Testament and the life of Jesus as we go into his ministry, life, death and resurrection. ALL are welcome! The group meets at 9:30 a.m. and books are available.

For our first meeting we will meet at Irene Vehrenkamp's home at 1123 County Road 7 SE and have our introduction.

WOULD YOU LIKE ANOTHER EPIPHANY EXPERIENCE? On Sunday, January 7th, Pastor Laurie will be leading worship at Old Salem Church in Inver Grove Heights. This is a historic church – the first Evangelical Church in Minnesota – and is part of the history of Methodism in Minnesota. This wooden church was built in 1871 and is open only twice a year, especially for Epiphany. The service begins at 4:30 p.m. and anyone interested in riding up with Pastor Laurie should let her know.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING REQUESTS

- o Thanksgiving For the Leap Day babies who get to celebrate their birthdays next month!
- o Thanksgiving for the birthday of Ardie Morris on the 30th of December.
- o Prayers for all who were alone for the holiday season.
- o Prayers for Irene's sister Lois who had fluid on her lungs and now is better but now has an oxygen tank.
- o Prayers for peace in our world as we begin 2024.
- o Prayers for Caleb and Dominique as they look forward to being stationed in Washington and the idea of a future posting to the Philippines.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: PSALM 91:1-5

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,^[a]
² will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

⁴ he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his

faithfulness is a shield and defense. ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night or the

arrow that flies by day ⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

BLESSINGS FOR YOUR WEEK!