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The Door OF POSSIBILITIES

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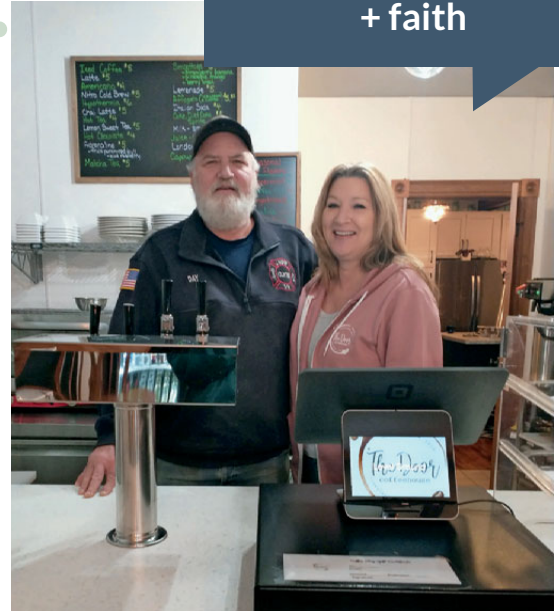
With a leap of faith, Joyce and Kevin Day turned their vision into reality, opening The Door, a coffee shop and emergency shelter in their hometown of Laporte.

The Door residence is considered one of the oldest in town at almost 120 years. For more than 100 years, it had been a family home then a parsonage for Trinity Lutheran. The last 10 years it was a vacant piece of property until the Days took possession in late 2019.

The Days' commitment to this project is reflected in Joyce's words: "We believe in this mission and what we are doing so we were prepared to give up our lifestyle."

Kevin owns his own company, Northern Industries, which did most of the renovation and construction work on The Door. In addition he is the fire chief for Lakeport Volunteer Fire Department. Joyce, realizing this daunting renovation project would take up a lot of time, resigned her position as a paraprofessional for 30 years in the Laporte School System in 2020.

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Joyce and Kevin Day have built a strong partnership. Joyce said, "My husband Kevin helps a lot. He is really what has made all this possible. We make a pretty good team. Kevin works behind the scenes and Joyce makes sure the day-to-day operations run smoothly. Submitted.

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