

Coffee and Community

The Door coffeehouse in Laporte opened in 2020 and is known locally as a great place to stop for coffee and a bite to eat for breakfast or lunch. Some also know that above the coffee shop, Joyce and Kevin Day provide space for folks in need of temporary shelter. Joyce Day, Director of the non-profit Level Ground which operates the coffee shop and shelter, was the featured speaker on Tuesday June 23 at the Rotary luncheon.

The Door and shelter are located in one of the original Laporte homes built in 1906 by J. C. Stewart. The Days acquired the property from the county in 2019 after it had been abandoned for 10+ years and condemned. The Days removed everything down to the studs and completely rebuilt the interior to include the coffee shop and shelter. The shelter includes 4 bedrooms and a bath on the second level, and a living room area in the attic.

In 2024, the Days also purchased the old Town Hall across the street and renovated the facility to serve as a second shelter. The Days host a Friday night potluck in the old Town Hall for residents.

Level Ground is funded solely through donations and doesn't accept any state or federal funding. For more information, please go to:

<https://www.thedoorcoffeehouse.com>

Rotary President Elect Jeff Spreen presents a check for \$250 to Joyce Day, Director of Level Ground (also known as The Door) in Laporte. Also pictured is Rotarian Sue Whetter.

