



PEACE AND PROCLAMATION

April 2008

A message from Pastor Pete

It's hard to believe, but Maureen's 21 month internship is about to end! April 30th will be the last day that we'll be blessed to have her as our intern.

Two years ago Maureen was looking for a Rochester area internship. She had approached many of the local churches without any luck. Through a 'chance' encounter, someone directed Maureen our way. She never thought that a mission congregation would work for an internship site, but God pushed her towards us. The funny thing was that Peace is actually the closest Lutheran congregation to her home. Maureen began her internship at Peace in August of 2006. Has it been that long ago already??

It has been exciting to see God work through Maureen in her time here. As an intern, her first 'mission' has been to learn how to be a pastor. I am thankful to the many people at Peace who have helped her on that road! Maureen came to Peace with a lot of church experience under her belt, but being 'pastor' can be a bit different than she'd encountered before. It has been a joy to watch Maureen mature and gain confidence in her own abilities. I truly believe that through her experience at Peace she is fully prepared for the challenges that lay ahead for her in ministry. Some church will be blessed to have her as their pastor.

Maureen will be missed! She brought excitement to Peace. She did fabulous work with our children. She helped me to brainstorm ideas for ministry. She asked very good questions as she sought to learn about this 'pastor thing.' She even stated bringing doughnuts on Mondays (always a good way to keep the supervisor happy. ☺)

On Sunday, April 27th Peace will have a farewell pot-luck lunch for Maureen. This will be our chance to say good-bye and pray for her in her future ministry.

Maureen, thank you for your two years of ministry. May God bless you as you move forward into a new ministry.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Pete

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A message from Maureen:

Philippians 1:2-5 **Grace** to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

Dear Friends, It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that I write the last of my newsletter articles to you: sadness because I count you as my friends, joy because I am coming ever closer to the completion of my studies. I have been anticipating the writing of this article for a couple of months, wondering what I might say. And mostly I want to say "thank you." Thank you for opening up your lives to me. Thank you for being patient with me as I attempted to improve my skills as a pastor and preacher. Thank you for granting me the opportunity to walk beside you, sometimes through pain and sorrow but often through times of great joy.

If I were asked what the most profound lesson of my internship was I would have to say that I learned how important it is to let go and let God take control. A little over two years ago I was looking for an internship site within reasonable driving distance of Rochester. I approached a number of congregations who had worked with interns in the past. While the initial contacts were encouraging, the way forward closed with each one of them. With deadlines looming I asked a pastor friend if she had any suggestions and she suggested that I approach Pastor Pete Reuss at Peace Lutheran in Eyota. My initial response was one of skepticism, but because I had no other prospects I followed her advice. To my great delight and joy I was led to a wonderful congregation full of children. The irony of the situation was that for the previous two years I had been complaining about how I felt called to ministry but doubted that there would be a congregation that existed that would utilize my skills with children. God heard me say that, and God proved me wrong. God sent me to you and I am humbled by the knowledge that God had a plan far better than any I could imagine.

And so, just as the apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, I too, thank my God every time I remember you and all that we have been through over the last 20 months. I will hold you up in my prayers often as you grow and move forward in ministry in Eyota.

Your first intern, Maureen

WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

The 3rd Sunday of Easter — April 6, 2008

Worship Asst: Eric Porcher
Reader: Tamara Rasmussen
Communion Asst's: Lynn & John Caflisch
Hospitality: Cindy Woltman, & The Mix, Porcher, & Olson Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Klein, Helgeson, Turnquist, & Wendt Families



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The 4th Sunday of Easter — April 13, 2008

Worship Asst: Jeff Klein
Reader: Eric Porcher
Communion Asst's: Jamie Olson & Chris Austin
Hospitality: The Klein, Pristash, Rhone, & Schreier Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Caflisch, Zeimer, & Spafford Families

The 5th Sunday of Easter — April 20, 2008

Worship Asst: Tanya Reiman
Reader: Becky Crenshaw
Communion Asst's: Jeff & Kay Klein
Hospitality: The Sorom, Turnquist, Wallace & Wendt Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Szuberski, Peterson, Johnson, & Rucker Families

The 6th Sunday of Easter — April 27, 2008

Worship Asst: Chuck Johnson
Reader: Myra Wick
Communion Asst's: Eric & Julie Porcher
Hospitality: The Welsh, Zeimer, Begin, & Brockway Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Porcher, Morton, Reiman, & Jeche Families

April Birthday's!

LeeAnn Hermanson 4/2
April Mehrkins 4/2
Peter Reuss 4/2
Kyle Fagerlind 4/9
Joseph Trom 4/9
Carrie Rhone 4/11
Dick Lee 4/14
Emmylou Hermanson 4/16
Jared Rucker 4/16
Sue Johnson 4/17
Shannon Reuss 4/18
April Coppock 4/22
Brandi Hermanson 4/23
Amanda Lee 4/26



If we have missed your birthday or have the wrong date in past newsletters, please email the church office so that we can get our records correct! We're sorry about any mistakes!

office@peaceeyota.org

~March Readings~

Lessons for Lent, 2008

Lenten theme...Opening our eyes to God at work among us.

Ask yourself: Where was God in my life today?

April 3, 2008

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

I Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

April 13, 2008

Acts 2:42-47

I Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

April 20, 2008

Acts 7:55-60

I Peter 2:2-10

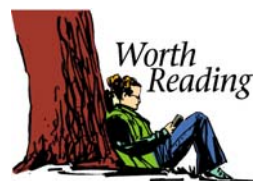
John 14:1-14

April 27, 2008

Acts 17:22-31

I Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21



Church News!

Peace Lutheran Good-Bye

As Peace says good-bye to Intern Maureen, we have received word that Peace will soon have another intern coming our way. Amanda Stamp will come to Peace as a full time intern from June, 2008 through the end of January, 2009. More information will follow soon. We are excited to have the opportunity to teach pastors-in-training what the ministry can be like. What interns learn at Peace will remain with them throughout their entire ministry.

Synod Assembly

Peace Lutheran Church is a part of a group of churches in southeast Minnesota. The 'fancy' name that we use for this group of churches is a 'synod.' We are part of the Southeast Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Every year people from all of the ELCA churches of Southeast Minnesota gather together to do the official business of the synod. This year the synod assembly will be held on April 18-19 at the Rochester Civic Center. Keep Pastor Pete, Ken Morton, and Shannon Reuss (Peace's delegates) in your prayers as they do God's work!

The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is...
"To call people to Christ, nurture them into the faith, and send them out in witness and service."
Worship—9:15am: @ Dover-Eyota Elementary
School-27 Knowledge Road, Eyota
Church Office: 515 S. Jefferson Avenue—(507)
545-2535—www.peaceeyota.org
Future Home of Peace: 6 acres @ corner of
Knowledge Road & Hwy #7
Pastor Pete's Home Phone: 545-1272



Sermons On-Line

If you're going to be away and can't worship on any Sunday, hop onto www.peaceeyota.org and hear the sermon for that week!

The Office Looks Wonderful!

Last fall Peace had 3 ½ feet of water in the basement (along with much of Eyota). The renovations are finally complete, and the office looks better than it has ever looked. The basement is completely remodeled and the upstairs has new carpet. It's like being in a new office! The office has never looked this nice. If you haven't been by in a while, please swing by to check it out!

Pastor Pete on Vacation

Pastor Pete is joining his family on vacation from March 31st through April 11th. If you have any need for a pastor while he is gone, please contact Intern Maureen! For two weeks, she gets to be the boss. ☺

Festival of Choirs

'The Festival of Choirs will be held April 6th at 3:00 p.m. at Greenfield Lutheran Church in Harmony. This annual event offers an afternoon of music by local congregational choirs. A free-will offering will be taken during the concert with all proceeds benefiting Good Earth Village.'

March IHN Update:

We had a successful week of providing for a family of 7!

In coordination with Holy Redeemer, Our Saviors Lutheran and Plainview/Elgin churches, we provided drivers, overnight hosts and meal hosts for Holy Week. A special thanks goes out to Su Spafford, Pastor Pete, Julie & Emily Porcher, Becky Crenshaw, and Tanner and Olivia Rhone.

Future dates for IHN hosting are: June 22-29, September 14-21 and December 21-28. We appreciate all volunteers immensely. If you are interested in getting trained to volunteer, please contact Carrie Rhone.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Fundraiser: During the month of April we will pretend to walk in the shoes of the homeless. Bring 2 bucks to purchase a set of footprints! We will line the footprints up on the floor each week. Our goal is to walk the length of the gym and back. All money will go to support the IHN program.

Float design: If you are interested in participating in the construction of the float for the Viola Gopher Count and Eyota Days Parade, please let Carrie Rhone know. Parades are coming up in June, put the preparation needs to take place in April and May. We have an exciting theme that will involve our church and community. Calling all HandyMen, handyWomen and handyChildren!

Christian Education Calendar - updates

February 6, 2008	No Weekday School - Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 13 - Mar. 12	Weekday School during Lent - Elementary School 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
Feb. 17, 2008	First Communion Sunday
March 16, 2008	Palm Sunday
March 19, 2008	No Elementary Weekday School - No Lent services
March 20, 2008	Maundy Thursday - Seder Supper at St. Paul's UCC Church on County Rd. 9 @ 6:00 p.m.
March 21, 2008	Good Friday Services @ 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's UCC Church
March 23, 2008	No Sunday School - Easter Breakfast at 8:15 a.m. and Worship @ 9:15
May 7, 2008	Last Day of Weekday School
May 11, 2008	Last Day of Sunday School
June 9 - 13	(Tentative) Vacation Bible School

Noisy Sundays !!



The first Sunday of each month is NOISY Sunday - the children collect change in tin cans. The children will also sing on the first month of every Sunday.

Volunteer Opportunity - ----- Vacation Bible School

We are looking for volunteers for VBS coming up in June - Can you volunteer? Planning, teaching, supervising, music, food helpers, crafts, many opportunities are available. Please contact Pastor Pete 545-2535 or Su Spafford 545-2954.

Thank you for allowing the Christian Education Staff an opportunity to work with your children: Kari Wendt, Maureen Hagen, Becky Crenshaw, Carrie Rhone, Kim Ziemer, Jan Begin, Julie Hanley, Tammy Rasmussen, Lee Ann Hermanson, Nguyen Nguyen, Shannon Coppack, Paul & Su Spafford, and Pastor Pete Reuss



Christian Education Opportunities

Wednesdays

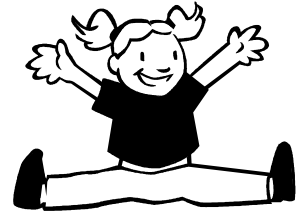
Grades K - 6, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. @ Elementary School

Sundays

.Pre-School - 8th Grade

10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Eyota Elementary School

Please call church office 545-2135 or Su Spafford 545-2954 for more information.



Mark your calendars now for:

Sunday, April 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Worship @ 9:15 a.m. @ DE Elementary

Sunday School 10:30-11:15 a.m.

April 18th, 19th

Synod Assembly

April 26th

Small Group Training 9

Our Council Leaders!

Council President: Chuck Johnson

Vice-President: Cliff Schreier

Council Secretary: Su Spafford

Peace Teams and Leaders

Education: Su Spafford

Property: Jeff Klein

Finance: Chuck Johnson

Worship: Cliff Schreier

Outreach: Carrie Rhone

Spirituality: Brenda Szuberski

