

April 2010

A message from Pastor Pete

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



GOLGOTHA - The hill of redemption where Christ shed his blood for our sins. **Mt 27:33**

On Easter Sunday we will gather to celebrate the power of God. We will proclaim that God has defeated death and the devil forever. Our God reigns!

But let's not get there too quickly. Death comes before resurrection. In the days leading up to Easter we walk with our Lord through betrayal, abuse, and torture. Jesus keenly felt the whip shredding the skin on his back. He endured thorns thrust onto his head. He agonized as nails pierced his wrists and feet.

These two images seem so far away from each other. One seems like defeat and agony. The other seems like victory and pure joy. They BOTH are the story of Jesus...and they BOTH are our story.

Our Christian faith does not simply lead to victory and joy. We live in a world where people continue to hurt each other deeply. We live in a world where sickness and pain hold people in their grip. This Holy Week, we walk with a God who intimately knows this world. Jesus experienced it too.

Faith in Jesus does not take us away from the hurt and pain of the world. Sometimes, faith in Jesus leads us THROUGH that pain. As God's people, we live in pain...even as we live in hope. Death and the devil cannot ultimately defeat us, because Jesus has conquered. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. God lives with us in our pain...and God prepares a place for us with no pain.

Let us finish the journey to the cross!

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Church News!

Peace Youth Ministry

With Lent behind us, Peace's youth ministries now shift back to their regular Wednesday schedules starting April 7th. The elementary kids will meet at the church office at 5:45. The middle school youth will be back at Arbor Gardens at 6:15.



Seder Supper



Holy Week is upon us! Peace will be busy remembering Jesus' walk to the cross. We begin with the Seder Supper on Maundy Thursday (**April 1st**). This is service within a meal, very similar to what Jesus would have done at the Last Supper. We meet at St. Paul (the North Church) at 6:00. The cost is \$5 per person, \$10 per family. On April 2nd we will finish the walk with Jesus to the cross with Good Friday worship, again at St. Paul. The elementary kids will be singing at this service.

Easter



Easter is on Sunday, **April 4th**. The day will begin with a hearty breakfast at 8:15 and will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt prior to the worship service. Come and celebrate the resurrection!



Vacation Bible School



VBS will be held the week after school gets out (**June 7th-11th**) at the elementary school. If you'd like to be a part of the fun, please talk to Heather Ohl. Lots of people work together to do this awesome week!

Parade Float Ideas??

Summer will be here before we know it! If you are interested in parade floats for the Gopher Count or Eyota Days Parade, now is the time to get organized.



Pastor Pete's Phone Number

When not in the office, the best way to contact Pastor Pete is on his cell phone, 696-3309.



Good Friday

Peace will join with St. Paul UCC on Friday, **April 2nd** to commemorate Jesus' death. Worship will be held at St. Paul (2 miles north of Eyota on Hwy 9). The youth of Peace will be in charge several parts of the service (both singing and stripping the altar area).

Interfaith Hospitality Network

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a faith based program to assist families in need to find a home and work. Peace is part of a group from Plainview and Eyota that hosts the families four times a year. IHN will be hosted in Eyota on **March 28th-April 4th**.



Noisy Collection

The Noisy Collection (a collection of coins on the first Sunday of the month) in April will go to support new ministries in the Southeaster Minnesota Synod.

Nursery

As many of you know, Peace now has a nursery for little ones! Many parents have appreciated the opportunity to worship (and not just wrestle with kids)! As you come for worship, feel free to use this great new resource. The nursery meets in the teacher's lounge. We're also looking for people to assist in staffing the nursery. If you'd like to be part of a rotational schedule, please talk to Julie Porcher (288-5294).



Plan Ahead:

April 1st	6:00 pm Seder Dinner at St. Paul
April 2nd	6:30 pm Good Friday Worship at St. Paul
April 4th	8:15 am Easter Breakfast Easter Egg Hunt after breakfast
	9:15 am Easter Celebration Worship No Sunday School
April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	5:45 pm Elementary Youth Ministry 6:15 pm Middle School Youth Ministry at Arbor Gardens

WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

April 4, 2010

Worship Asst: John Caflisch
Reader: Kay Klein
Communion Asst's: Jamie Olson & Chris Austin
Hospitality: Welsh, Wendt, Ziemer, Begin, & Brockway Families
Set-up/Ushers: Wild Mustangs Team



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 11, 2010

Worship Asst: Eric Porcher
Reader: Heather Ohl
Communion Asst's: David & Debbie Turnquist
Hospitality: Caflisch, Crenshaw, Enright, Hanley, & Helgeson Families
Set-up/Ushers: Outdoor Team

April 18, 2010

Worship Asst: Jeff Klein
Reader: Tanya Reiman
Communion Asst's: Kevin & Amanda Back
Hospitality: Curt & Kathy Olson, Wick, Tangen, Reiman, & Keach Families
Set-up/Ushers: Grow & Create Team

April 25, 2010

Worship Asst: Tanya Reiman
Reader: Ramona Back
Communion Asst's: Sheila Mix & Cindy Woltman
Hospitality: Cindy Woltman, Klein, Mickow, Mix, and Jamie & Christine Olson Families
Set-up/Ushers: Horseback Riding/History Team

April Birthdays!

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@peaceyota.org

~April Readings~

April 4

Easter

Luke 24:1-12

April 11

The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

April 18

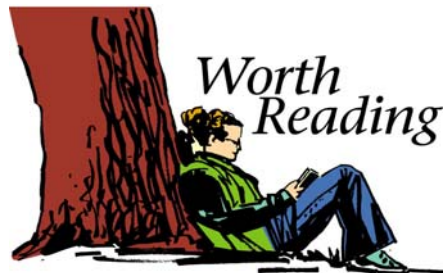
Jesus appears to disciples

Luke 24:36-49

April 25

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18



Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Sunday - 01/06/10
8:00 PM

Devotions: John 6: 16-40 (What is God doing here? What does this passage say to me? What does it say to us?)

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call meeting to order: Jeff Reiman		Called meeting to order at 8:15pm
Secretary's Report: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Minutes from December 	Wayne motioned to accept the December minutes, Myra seconded.
Treasurer's Report: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Offering balance 	<p>Mission Investment Fund \$255,777.18 as of 12-1-09 (Need updated balance)</p> <p>Mission Investment (YTD Interest) Balance as of Dec. 1st – 5,988.12 (Need updated balance)</p> <p>Wayne motioned to make a withdraw of \$5500 from Line of Credit to pay the Local and Synod Benevolence, Curt seconded. Wayne and Curt will sign at Eastwood Bank for the withdrawl.</p> <p>Need to write out quarterly letters to remind members of their commitments – get on Linda's calendar.</p>
Team Reports:		
Education Team: Curt Olson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School Weekday School updates 	Sunday school kickoff went well. Good crowd was there and parent participation.
Finance Team: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line of Credit and Checking acct balance Building Fund – Estimate on money that was not slated for building (Do we know yet?) Stewardship updates. Local Benevolence final amounts <p>Future Noisy collections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January – Synod Mission Congregations February – Milk Break for DE Schools March (need to decide) 	<p>LOC balance will be \$14,500 after 5,500 withdrawl.</p> <p>Checking balance as of 01/04/2010 \$4129.11</p> <p>Collection for Levi Lastine ?</p> <p>Collection for Haiti?</p> <p>January Noisy Collection for Synod Mission Congregations was \$_____</p>
Outreach: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printer purchased with IBM Grant \$ IHN 2010 dates 	<p>Duplexer is here, printer is coming.</p> <p>Will get bid from Shae Designs and send to Council for new vinyl sign for Elementary School.</p>

Property Team: Wayne Merhkens	Phase 2 Building Team (continue discussion about team of 3 and their responsibilities)	<p>Need to come up with a process for the entire concept – building process. Communication and Building team could form the process initially. This team would come up with preliminary rough ideas in order to go forward to a final plan that would eventually lead to spending money.</p> <p>Myra motioned to call on six people to come to an informational meeting with Spencer, Curt seconded.</p> <p>The city is not looking to change the zoning from Agricultural, so if the team had different ideas for the lot in addition to our building they would look into getting it rezoned.</p>
Spirituality: Brenda Szuberski	Updates Brenda's replacement?	Ramona Back will be the new Spirituality Council Member
Worship Team: Myra Wick	Updates	Ash Wednesday is February 17, Easter is on April 4 th . Need to get with St. Paul's Pastor to start talks about planning.
Pastor Update	<p>Pastoral updates</p> <p>Baptised/Confirmed #'s New Members</p> <p>Upcoming vacation dates</p>	<p>254 Baptised/159Confirmed New Members 0</p> <p>Baptism on 12/20/09 – Boden James Draper</p> <p>Beth Crolack will preach on Sunday, January 24th. Need to get her approved by the Synod for her to do communion.</p> <p>Retreat date? Need a Sat/Sun 2/21 or 2/28</p> <p>Reminder: Carried over 4 days of weekday vacation in 2010.</p> <p>Mission Developers conference Jan 25-28</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p>Procedure writeup for financial tasks - Jeff</p> <p>Annual Meeting – Sunday January 31st</p> <p>2 reports on 1/10th Brenda, Carrie</p> <p>2 reports on 1/17th Myra, Curt</p> <p>2 reports on 1/24th Jeff, Wayne</p> <p>New Audit team member elected to replace Wayne</p>	<p>Procedure is still being worked on.</p> <p>Annual meeting Sunday</p> <p>Call to order:</p> <p>Pastor's Report</p> <p>Chad Nelson was called upon to be on the Audit team. Pastor Pete motioned to accept Chad to the Audit Committee, Carrie seconded.</p>

NEW BUSINESS		Storage Space discussion with Elemenatary School this week – week of 1/7
Adjourn		Curt motioned to adjourn the meeting, Pastor Pete seconded.
Next Council Meeting	Next meeting on February 10 th (Wednesday) @ 8PM after youth group.	

Peace Lutheran Church 2009 Annual Meeting Agenda

2/01/09

9:15 AM

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call meeting to order: Cliff Schreier		
'09 Minutes	Approve 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes	Motion by Cliff Schreier, 2nd by Jaime Olson Motion Carried
Nominations	<p>Approve nominated members for church council and committees.</p> <p>Congregational Council:</p> <p>Spirituality Team Leader (term expires Jan 2013): <u>Ramona Back</u></p> <p>Outreach Team Leader (term expires Jan 2013): <u>Cindy Woltman</u></p> <p>SE MN Synod Delegates:</p> <p>Lay Male: <u>Curt Olson</u> Lay Female: <u>Shannon Reuss</u></p> <p>Peace Lutheran Church Nominating Committee:</p> <p>Term expires Jan 2011: <u>Su Spafford</u> Term expires Jan 2011: <u>Brenda Szuberski</u> Term expires Jan 2011: <u>Eric Porcher</u> Term expires Jan 2011: <u>Carrie Rhone</u></p> <p>Peace Lutheran Church Audit Committee:</p> <p>Term expires Jan 2013: <u>Chad Nelson</u></p>	<p>Motion by Pastor Pete, 2nd by Jaime Olson Motion Carried</p> <p>No nominations or volunteers for Good Earth Village Congregational Representative</p>
2010 Budget	Approve 2010 budget as written	<p>Motion by Cliff Schreier, 2nd by Wayne Mehrkins Motion Carried</p> <p>Shows most realistic budget for Peace to date. Our pledges and giving have increased \$106,000 in Pledges to date \$125,000 budgeted for Giving</p> <p>New line item in budget shows \$20K from Synod for Pastor Pete's Synod work.</p>

New Business	Discussion of a building	Wayne Mehrkins spoke of the five team members chosen as we proceed with building discovery. They will meet with Spencer Ruff Phase 2 Building Team selected (5) John Caflish Steve Szuberski Tammy Rasmussen Laurie Mickow Paul Spafford
	Adjourn	Motion by Cliff Schreier, 2nd by Jaime Olson Motion Carried
Note:	Oral team reports were given during worship on January 10th, 17th, & 24th	

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