

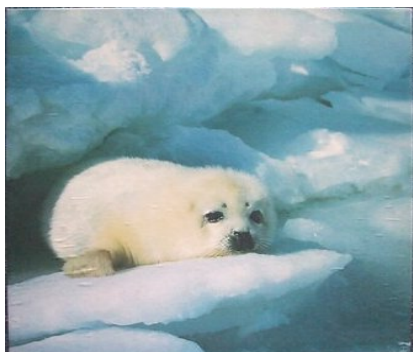


PEACE AND PROCLAMATION

August 2008

A message from Pastor Pete

When I was a kid my brother Jon used to love working on puzzles. He definitely loved the challenge - his favorite puzzle was this one right here - a picture of a white seal sitting in the snow. Scary!



Being the kind, loving brother that I was, I used to help him with the puzzle for about five minutes before running out of patience. Before I'd leave the puzzle, though, I would pocket one piece of the puzzle. After Jon slaved away at the puzzle for hours, he'd come to the end and grumble in frustration, "Where is that last piece!?" It frustrated him to no end that he put all that work into something that couldn't be completed. The hole made by the missing piece ruined the whole thing for him. At that point I'd come swooping in and celebrate getting to add the past piece.

A puzzle without even one piece just looks wrong - it's incomplete. All the pieces are needed to make it be what it should be. A church is no different. Every person at Peace is like a piece of the puzzle. We all look a bit different. We all have different God-given passions. We all have different God-Given abilities. On our own, we're just one piece of a puzzle. Together, we make a beautiful picture - a picture planned by God. When even one piece doesn't get into the puzzle, the puzzle lacks something important.

It can be easy for any of us to think, "What can I do? I'm not all that spiritual. I'm not all that good at church stuff." The reality is, you have gifts and passions that you can use to God's glory. Yes, there are always 'slots' to fill (set up teams, readers in worship, teachers, youth leaders), but the ministry of Peace is a lot more than just filling slots! At Peace, people with gifts are beginning to lead all sorts of things. Soon we'll have a small group of people who love to scrap-book meeting regularly. We may have a book reading group. A gathering of motorcycle riders has been mentioned. All these are just pieces of the ministry puzzle here at Peace. They would never happen if each piece of the puzzle didn't get put in. Puzzle pieces connect with each other and make something awesome.

Pray about what your piece of the puzzle might look like. If there's something you'd enjoy leading at Peace, this is your invitation to begin! If there's a group you'd like to see, let us know. If you've been sitting on the fringes waiting for your opportunity to serve, this is a great chance to engage in God's mission at Peace! Every piece is valuable. There's no need to hide it away to save it for later. I promise not to hide it in my pocket until the puzzle is nearly complete.

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A message from
Amanda:

It is shocking to me when I look back and realize that I have been here for 2 months already! In a way it feels like the time has gone by so quickly, but when I look at what I've done, it seems like a long time. I've been in two parades, gone tubing with the youth, blessed bicycles, helped out with VBS, been a part of "Don't Go To Church Sunday," and had much Eyota Days fun (including driving the train around all afternoon). Despite all the warnings about summer being a slow time, I have gotten to do a lot of fun and interesting stuff during my first couple of months at Peace!



Now it's August. It is now time to look to the coming year and make decisions about what we're going to do and how we want to do it. One thing that is a priority this year at Peace is to get something going for the high school youth, and I have been charged with the task of figuring out what this might look like. This is an exciting challenge since there is nothing in place - it can be whatever we want it to be! We need to start talking about what would be the best way to do youth ministry here at Peace, and to that end I've scheduled a couple of meetings. August 14 there will be two meetings to talk about youth ministry. At 2:00 in the afternoon the youth in grades 7-12 will meet at the church office for snacks and discussion, and at 7:00 that night it will be time for any interested adults to come and talk. I hope many of you can make it to these meetings - the more involved we all get now, the more likely it is that whatever youth ministry we decide to try will work out!

Your Intern, Amanda.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

August 3, 2008

Worship Asst: Eric Porcher
Reader: Kay Klein
Communion Asst's: Lynn & John Caflisch
Hospitality: Cindy Woltman, & The Keach, Klein, & Mickow Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Szuberski, Peterson, Johnson, & Rucker Families



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

August 10, 2008

Worship Asst: Jeff Klein
Reader: Eric Porcher
Communion Asst's: Jeff & Kay Klein
Hospitality: The Mix, Olsom, Porcher, & Pritash Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Porcher, Morton, Reiman, & Jeche Families

August 17, 2008

Worship Asst: Tanya Reiman
Reader: Tamara Rasmussen
Communion Asst's: Eric & Julie Porcher
Hospitality: The Rhone, Schreier, Sorom, & Turnquist Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Brockway, Schreier, Wallace, & Austin Families

August 24, 2008

Worship Asst: Julie Porcher
Reader: Becky Crenshaw
Communion Asst's: Cindy Woltman & Steve Szuberski
Hospitality: The Wallace, Wendt, Welsh, & Zeimer Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Klein, Helgeson, Turnquist, & Wendt Families

August 31, 2008

Worship Asst: Steve Szuberski
Reader: Eric Chuck Johnson
Communion Asst's: Jamie Olson & Chris Austin
Hospitality: The Begin, Brockway, & Caflisch Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Caflisch, Zeimer & Spafford Families

August Birthday's!

Bailey Wallace 8/2
Shannon Coppock 8/3
Henry Cluney 8/4
Wyatt Mickow 8/7
Chad Ohl 8/9
Mary Ann Peterson 8/14
Drew Turnquist 8/16
John Caflisch 8/20
Alyssa Klein 8/25
Brad Wick 8/26
Erin Caflisch 8/27
Steve Peterson 8/28



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

~August Readings~

August 3

Genesis 27:1-45, 28:10-22

August 10

Genesis 29 and 30

August 17

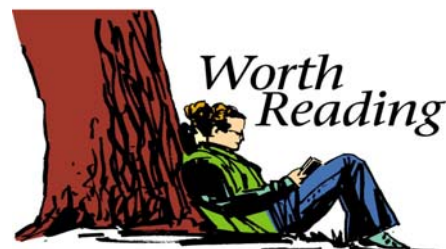
Genesis 32 and 33

August 24

To Be Announced

August 31

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Church News!

TWINS GAME! - August 19 - Evening Game 7PM

We are leaving from the Church Office at 4:45. We Play Oakland! I am looking for 25 or more (tickets are cheaper) people who would like to trip it up to the Dome and take in a game. If there is great interest we could rent a bus and travel together. This is Lutheran Night! Plan today and invite your friends, family and neighbors.

Dates to keep in mind:

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| August 6th | - | 6:30 p.m. Small Group Leader Training (New leaders) |
| August 12th | - | 7:00 p.m. Natural Church Development Health Team |
| August 13th | - | 6:30 p.m. Small Group Leader Training (New leaders)
7:30 p.m. Small Group Leader Training (All Leaders) |
| September 3rd | - | Kick Off Party for Mid-Week Youth Ministry |
| September 7th | - | Rally Sunday - Sunday School Begins |
| September 10th | - | Living the Faith begins (for 9th grade and up) |

Pastor Pete will spend the last week of August on a pastor's retreat.

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. While we're fixing the CD recorder, you can hear past sermons!

"NO HUNGRY TUMMIES"



is a Summer food share program for our Dover - Eyota school children who qualify for the reduced or free lunch program. Especially during Summer break and with the rising cost of living, we want to help children receive nutritional meals. Every Tuesday evening from 5:30 - 7:30 PM, free or reduced lunch participants can pick up a week's worth of free meals at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Eyota. To help volunteers starting up this program, please call Lorrie Hidlebaugh at 545-1931 if you are planning to participate.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Future hosting dates will be September 28 - October 5 and December 21-29.

We are always in need of Meal Hosts, Drivers and Overnight Hosts.
Please contact Carrie Rhone at 545-0101 if interested in volunteering.

September 28 - October 5 - Host Location: Holy Redeemer Church in Eyota
December 21-29 - Host Location: Community Presbyterian Church in Plainview



Our Council Leaders!

Council President: Cliff Schreier
Vice-President: Carrie Rhone
Council Secretary: Su Spafford

Peace Teams and Leaders

Education: Su Spafford
Outreach: Carrie Rhone
Worship: Cliff Schreier

Finance: Jeffrey Reiman
Property: Wayne Mehrkins
Spirituality: Brenda Szuberski

Christian Education Calendar - updates

Noisy Sundays!!!! 1st Sunday of each month!!!!

Bring your \$change, bring your child, hear them sing,
The Noisy Sunday Collection (July 6th) was \$32.75.

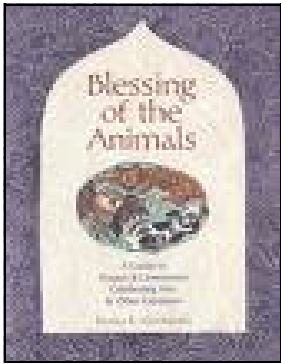


Let's Fill a Backpack!

As you begin to shop for school supplies in July and early August, please consider donating some supplies to those in need. Ideas for donations are as follows: backpacks (without wheels), folders, notebooks, crayons, markers, pencils, etc. Please bring your donations into church throughout July and August, or contact Carrie Rhone (545-0101) for drop off. Many children in Olmsted County need tennis shoes, backpacks and school supplies to begin the school year. The youth are referred by Olmsted County social workers.



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Blessing of the Animals

On Wednesday, August 20th we will gather at Westside Park (the one close to the church office) along with Fido, Rex, and Fluffy. It's time to thank God for the critters in our lives. Bring your dog, cat, fish, horse, cow, or whatever and we'll have a special prayer of blessing for it. We even thank God for stuffed bears! We start with supper at 6:00. Burgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

Root River Tubing

On a cold, rainy June 26th, the youth of Peace (along with a very chilly Pastor Pete and Amanda) braved the spitting rain, 70 degree air, and frigid (spring fed) Root River in tubes! Many thanks to Phil Sorom for helping drive down to Whalen. Some highlights included:



- ◆ Watching the kid's teeth chatter
- ◆ Trying to sit on a tube with as little of the body actually touching the water as possible
- ◆ Trying to swim against the current
- ◆ The girls covering themselves in mud
- ◆ Missing the spot to get out of the river and having to walk $\frac{1}{4}$ mile upstream to get back to the home base
- ◆ Enjoying God's creation all around us

Mid-Week Worship

The Worship Team has decided to suspend the mid-week worship service for the month of August. The last one for the summer will be on July 30th at 7:00. Watch for it again in 2009!

