

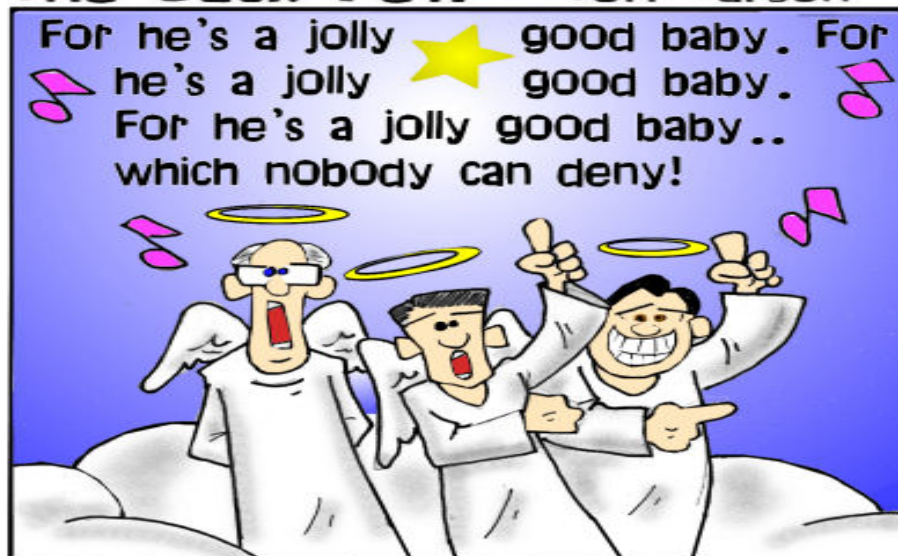
December 2007

A message from Pastor Pete

How many times have we heard this message before? *During the hectic Christmas season, as you run from Christmas concert to Apache Mall, take time to reflect on the meaning of the season. Every year we hear this message... and every year we feel the guilt coming on. There's just so much to do!*

So instead of offering more guilt - I offer a minute of rest and relaxation.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

The **Realms of Glory Choir** tryouts for that first Christmas night included this spirited ditty. **BUT** as we all know, 'For he's jolly good baby' never became a Christmas classic.

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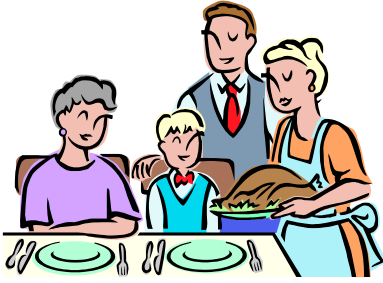
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A message from Maureen:

“Doing the Word” as Family



During the month of December there may be an opportunity for you to have a family conversation that will help build an awareness of local and global needs. Consider starting this conversation with the following questions.

1. How sensitive are we as a family about welcoming the people who are strangers in our neighborhood or church?
2. How do we show a caring spirit to people who are hurting, who have had a great disappointment or death in the family?
3. Who are people that we know that fall into this category? What can our family do about this?

Then have your family read Matthew 25:34-40 out loud. As they read lay out a loaf of bread, a cup of water, a welcome mat, a coat and a box of bandages. After the reading is complete ask them the following questions:

1. As you look at the items I laid out, what stories of people that you have known, met or seen come to mind?
2. What is a memory you have of helping another person?
3. What is meant in verse 40? (Reread if needed)
4. How might you have seen Christ in the people you have helped?
5. What are ways in which our family could truly care for someone outside of our own group?

A large study of adolescents and their parents (Search Institute, 1983) showed that youth from 5th grade through 9th showed the most understanding in this area of faith. In fact, they showed more understanding of how it was a part of faith than did their parents. This is an important fact to remember. This age group is open to the Spirit of God.

This final group of discussion questions are designed to help you and your child(ren) move toward action. It is important for parents to help youth understand the needs that exist both locally and globally. Hearts must become educated. Awareness of world justice issues, community struggles, friends and family who are struggling is a beginning to action.

1. How might we become more sensitive to the needs that surround us?
2. How can *doing the Word* become a greater priority for us as a family?
3. What actual opportunities might we have to do the Word?
4. How can we as a busy family find time for service?

Your family may be challenged to help in a homeless shelter, help rebuild a disaster-torn community or take on another time-consuming project. But you may discover that your family is already overly busy with life's demands and opportunities. Don't allow yourself to be overwhelmed by such a conversation. *Doing the Word* may simply mean becoming aware of the person next door and including them in an activity, or listening to a friend that needs some extra time. Either way, the point is to make a commitment to *doing the Word* as an act of faithful service.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

1st Sunday in Advent-December 2nd, 2007

Worship Asst.: Eric Porcher
Reader: Julie Porcher
Communion Asst's.: Eric & Julie Porcher
Hospitality: The Helgeson, Johnson, Keach, & Klein Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Szuberski, Peterson, Johnson, & Rucker Families



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

2nd Sunday in Advent-December 9th, 2007

Worship Asst.: Jeff Klein
Reader: Kay Klein
Communion Asst's.: Cindy Woltman & Steve Szuberski
Hospitality: The Mickow, Mix, Olson, & Porcher Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Porcher, Morton, Reiman, & Jeche Families

3rd Sunday in Advent-December 16th, 2007

Worship Asst.: Tanya Reiman
Reader: Becky Crenshaw
Communion Asst's.: Jamie Olson & Chris Austin
Hospitality: The Pristash, Rhone, Schreier, & Sorom Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Brockway, Schreier, Wallace, & Austin Families

4th Sunday in Advent-December 23rd, 2007

Worship Asst.: Laurie Mickow
Reader: Tamara Rasmussen
Communion Asst's.: David & Debbie Turnquist
Hospitality: The Turnquist, Wallace, Wendt, & Welsh Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Klein, Helgeson, Turnquist, & Wendt Families

1st Sunday after Christmas-December 30th, 2007

Worship Asst.: Chuck Johnson
Reader: Myra Wick
Communion Asst's.: Emily Porcher & Sheila Mix
Hospitality: The Ziemer, Begin, Brockway, & Caflisch Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Caflisch, Ziemer, & Spafford Families

December Birthday's!

Brandon Rucker 12/3
Jayne Shelquist 12/5
Joseph Wick 12/8
Christine Olson 12/15
Bradyn Begin 12/18
Kari Wendt 12/19
Abigale Wick 12/19
Andrew Peterson 12/27
Jessica Szuberski 12/29
LeAnne Trom 12/29
Michael Woltman 12/29
Isaac Pristash 12/30
Mike Boettcher 12/31



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

~December Readings~

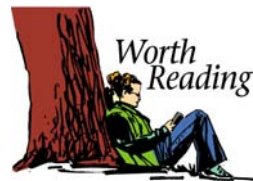
Dec. 2 Advent 2
Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 9 Advent 3
Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Dec. 16 Advent 4
Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 23 - Genealogy of Jesus
Matthew 1:1-17

Dec. 30 - Coming of the Magi
Matthew 2:1-12



Church News!

A Disney Cruise??

Everyone at Peace is invited on a grand adventure! Plans are underway for a week long Disney Cruise on October 11-18, 2008 (yes, MEA week of 2008!). Prince of Peace in Burnsville is inviting anyone from Eyota to come and join in this week long adventure. This is the advantage of being a Mission Church! Plans are being made this far in advance so that families can financially plan for the cruise (costing in the neighborhood of \$1000-\$1500 per adult (kids cheaper), depending on lodging). Full details can be found at <http://www.travelsbydesign.com/famfest.htm>. It will be a great time for family and faith building.

Living the Faith'

On November 18th 4 young people from our congregation affirmed their faith in Jesus. We rejoiced with Briana Johnson, Katie Tangen, Drew Turnquist, Laura Welsh and their families as they reached this milestone in their faith life.

First Communion

On November 25th Cole Wallace had his First Communion. We rejoice that he has completed the class and shared in the meal that Jesus gave to us.

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!

Noisy Collection

It's time to start using that pile of coins in your drawer! On the first Sunday of each month the kids of Peace will collect the 'Noisy Offering,' a collection of change (making the proper rattling sounds in the bottom of cans!). The coins collected on **December 2nd** will go to the Salvation Army in Rochester.

Hand Bell Choir?

Peace is being offered a set of hand bells, but before accepting the offer we want to see if there is interest in getting a hand bell choir together. If you have experience (or would like to gain experience) in hand bells, please talk to Pastor Pete.

7th & 8th Grade Service Project - Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army



On Wednesday evening **Dec. 5th** the 7th & 8th Graders will ring bells for the Salvation Army from 6:00 to 8:00 at the north entrance of Shopko South and outside of Fleet Farm. We will meet at the church office at 5:30 for carpooling and return to the church office by 8:30. Youth must have a signed permission slip in order to participate. Pizza is on the menu for supper, we will eat on location. Last year our youth group received an award for being the youth group who raised the most money. We are on a mission to try and repeat again this year.

Chatfield Lutheran Lutefisk Supper

The Chatfield Lutheran Lutefisk Supper will be held on **December 5th**. Menu includes; Lutefisk, Lefse, Mashed Potatoes, Meatballs w/Gravy, Mashed Rutabagas, Cranberries, Norwegian Dessert, and Beverage. Tickets are available at Chatfield Lutheran Church, Root River State Bank, Chatfield-Olstad Implement, and Chatfield-Chatfield Vet Clinic, Tickets may be purchased for the following seating times; 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$5 for 12 years old and under. The Lutefisk Supper will be held in the Chatfield Lutheran Church basement. Questions please call Chatfield Lutheran Church 507-867-4721 or Brad Boice (chairman) 507-867-3068.

DECEMBER OUTREACH NEWS

IHN WILL BE IN EYOTA DECEMBER 9TH-16TH

9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Meal Host	Meal Host	Meal Host	Meal Host	Meal Host	Meal Host	Meal Host	
Overnight Hosts *2 people	Overnight Hosts *2 people	Overnight Hosts *2 people	Overnight Hosts *2 people	Overnight Hosts *2 people	Overnight Hosts *2 people	Overnight Hosts *2 people	Families on to next church
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>

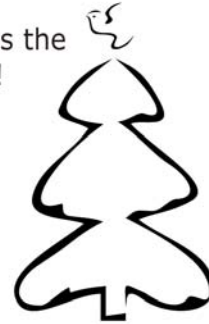
We are in need of meal hosts and overnight hosts. Please contact Carrie Rhone at 545-0101 early in December to select a slot

Meal Host ~ 5-8 PM ~ Dinner Served at 6 Overnight Hosts ~ 2 people 8PM - 7AM

ADOPT AN INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS!

We have several Peace members that have chosen to adopt families. We will shop, wrap and deliver the gifts to the families the week prior to Christmas. Many thanks to those that signed up!

If anyone else would like to participate, it's not too late! We will take donations so that we may provide a holiday meal for them as well.



CHANNEL ONE HAS FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGE

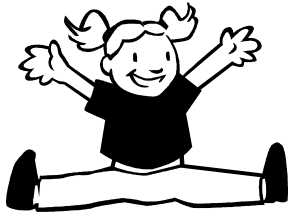
Channel One has plenty of canned goods right now, but it has a significant shortage in fresh produce and meat items like tuna and chicken. If you are able to bring in any tuna or chicken products in the month of December we will deliver them to Channel One.

Our Council Leaders!

Council President: Chuck Johnson
Vice-President: Cliff Schreier
Council Secretary: Su Spafford

Peace Teams and Leaders

Education: Su Spafford **Finance:** Chuck Johnson **Outreach:** Carrie Rhone
Property: Jeff Klein **Worship:** Cliff Schreier **Spirituality:** Brenda Szuberski



Christian Education Opportunities

Wednesdays

5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Pre-School - 6th Grades @ the Catholic Church

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade @ Arbor Gardens

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Livin' the Faith @ Arbor Gardens

Sundays

10:30 - 11:15 a.m. All ages

Eyota Elementary School Gym

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

Mark your calendars now for:

Sunday, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Worship @ 9:15 AM @ DE Elementary

Sunday School 10:30-11:15 AM

Wednesday, December 5th, 12th, 19th

Weekday school

5:45-6:45 PM Grades 1-6

6:00-8:00 PM Grades 7-8

6:00-8:00 PM Livin' the Faith

