



PEACE AND PROCLAMATION

January 2010

A message from Pastor Pete

As we start the new year at Peace, talk of a building project is again underway. Since many people at Peace are fairly new, a little history can help.

When Pastor Eric Bakken arrived in Eyota back in 1998, he began with a strong desire to not only get the congregation of Peace up and running, he also brought a great drive to move quickly into a building process. Pastor Eric worked hard to raise funds both from area congregations and within Peace. Before long, a significant building fund had been developed. The land that we own (the whole block to the south of the Eyota Market) was purchased. The plan was to take the land and these monies and turn it into some sort of worshipping center.

Obviously, that did not happen. Richard Mork, our mission director at the time, had a great concern that Peace focused too much on a building and not enough on building a congregation. The application to get a loan and build wasn't even completed while Pastor Bakken was here, causing much anxiety. In 2004, shortly after I arrived in Eyota, we heard that the school might not be willing to rent the gym to us anymore (which proved untrue). This prompted us to go all the way through the 'Readiness to Build' process (the application with the ELCA). This time the application to build and receive a loan was denied, and Peace received the clear message, "Build a congregation, not a building."

Over the past few years, we have done that! Our membership has grown significantly. We've grown financially, with Peace members now bringing Peace near self-sufficiency. Is this the time to move ahead with a building project? We have approx. \$300,000 in a building fund. We have our land paid for. We currently budget \$14,000 for rent (of office and school) and close to \$2000 in property tax on the land. Those two budget items will go away once we build. What does this all mean? Well, it means it's time to pray! It's time to ask God if this is the time to build.

The church council has decided to start a process that could lead to a building. The plan is to move forward until either a) God closes the door to us or b) we build. The council will work hard to keep everyone informed as we move ahead. If things continue to move forward, the time will come for the congregation to approve the project. Pray for this process! If it is from God, we'll charge ahead. If not, it will grind to a halt. As Jesus said in his prayer at Gethsemane, the night before his crucifixion, "Not my will, but yours, O God, be done."

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Church News!



Sunday School January Kick-Off

Please plan to join in some great fun on Sunday, **January 3rd** as we start the year with a bang. We'll have some fun parent/kid games, watch the Christmas Program, and finish with PIZZA! Everyone is invited to join in the fun!

Middle School Mid Week Youth Ministry

We have a shift in the weekly meal plan for the 6th-8th grade group at Arbor Gardens. Instead of providing a meal for everyone, we invite kids to either bring a sack supper at 6:00 or eat at home and come at 6:15 for some cookies before going to play games with the seniors. We'll still be done by 8:00.



Ice Fishing Weekend

Peace's annual ice fishing weekend will once again be at Pastor Pete's cabin near Alexandria, MN. The plan is to head out on Friday, **January 22nd** (there is an early dismissal from school that day) and return on Sunday the 24th. Talk to Pastor Pete if you're interested. Don't worry if you don't have ice fishing gear...there is enough to go around.

Annual Celebration of Ministry

On Sunday, **January 31st** Peace will take time during worship to celebrate the past year and look ahead to ministry in 2010. We will elect leaders and pass the 2010 budget. We will also have a conversation about building! The Annual Report folders should be available on January 17th. We will hear updates from the council team leaders during worship on January 17th and 24th.





Pastor Pete Away

Pastor Pete will be joining other Mission Developers in San Diego on **January 25-28**.

First Communion

Peace has a tradition of having classes for 2nd graders to prepare them for communion. We have tentatively set those classes for Sunday, **Feb. 28** and **March 7** from 6:00 to 7:00. Please reserve these dates!



Thank you!

I would like to thank the generous people of Peace for the thoughtful Christmas gifts. I am blessed to serve such a wonderful congregation!
Pastor Pete

Calling all Facebook Members

Peace just started a Facebook page (Peace Lutheran Church, Eyota). If you're a Facebook type person, stop on by and become a fan! Larry the Puppet also started his own Facebook page! Find him under Larry T Puppet.



Pastor Pete's Phone Number

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

Plan Ahead:

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| January 3rd | Sunday School Kick-Off |
| January 6th | 8:00 pm Church Council Meeting |
| January 22nd—24th | Ice Fishing |
| January 31st | Annual Celebration of Ministry |

A Small Group at Peace



Layettes for LWR (Lutheran World Relief)

In refugee camps, hospitals, and villages around the world, gifts of layettes convey a warm welcome to newborns and their mothers.

We are **looking for supplies** to assemble layettes for LWR. If you have any **new or gently used items from the list below** that we could add to our Layettes please give them to Brenda Szuberski at church on Sunday morning or drop them off at the church office.

This small group only meets once or twice a year to sew diapers and assemble the kits. If this is something that you would like to be a part of Please call Brenda Szuberski 289-6346 and add your name to the group. The times for assembly will be decided by all who join the group.

General Assembly Instructions - copied directly from the www.LWR.org

.....Please follow the instructions exactly so that our distributions are consistent and fair. **Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed for each kit.** For all projects, please also follow these guidelines:

- ♦ Sending top quality items makes a caring statement to the recipient about the giver. **Please give new items only, except where noted otherwise.**

- ♦ **Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or with your congregation's name.** LWR provides material resources based on need, regardless of religious creed. Religious references could be misinterpreted by the governments of the receiving countries, jeopardizing the delivery to the people who need the items most.

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- ◆ **Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.** LWR and our overseas partners have access to areas of the world others do not because we are impartial humanitarian organizations. If our intentions are misinterpreted as being politically motivated, our work, our partners and the people we assist could be endangered.

Include the following items in each layette:

- ◆ Two lightweight cotton shirts or Onesies® (or similar item)
- ◆ Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (with or without feet)
- ◆ Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn (suggested size is 36" X 36")
- ◆ Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ◆ One sweater or sweatshirt
- ◆ Two washcloths (full-size preferred)
- ◆ One bath-size bar (4-5 oz.) of gentle soap, in its original wrapping
- ◆ Two diaper pins OR two large, metal safety pins

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Gently used, clean items can be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

TIPS

- ◆ Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Consider varying the sizes of the clothing items included in the layette so it will continue to be useful as the baby grows.
- ◆ Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits or fleece. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.
- ◆ Diapers can be made from flannel or even by recycling t-shirts.

AFFIRMING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE, WE WORK WITH LUTHERANS AND PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD TO END POVERTY, INJUSTICE AND HUMAN SUFFERING.

Set-Up Teams

To clarify what has become confusing for some, we have completely changed the way that we set up for worship. The 'old' groups that used to come once every 6 weeks to get the gym organized for worship no longer exist. Set-up & tear down on Sunday mornings will now be done by the new teams that are now forming (i.e. the Outdoor team, Grow & Create team, Wild Mustangs, etc). If you are an 'old-timer' from the groups of the past, we encourage you to join one of these new teams!



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).

Friendly Visitor Volunteers are Needed

The Elder Network is in need of Friendly Visitor Volunteers. Because of the flexibility of this program, it is a great opportunity for working people and for families to visit for one hour a week with a lonely senior in our community. Please call 285-5272 for more information.



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

WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

January 3, 2010

Worship Asst: Kay Klein
Reader: Shannon Reuss
Communion Asst's: Jamie Olson & Chris Austin
Hospitality: Klein, Mickow, Mix, Porcher, & Jamie & Christine Olson Families
Set-up/Ushers: History Team



January 10, 2010

Worship Asst: John Caflisch
Reader: Jeff Klein
Communion Asst's: David & Debbie Turnquist
Hospitality: Pristash, Rhone, Schreier, Sorom & Turnquist Families
Set-up/Ushers: Horseback Riding Team

January 17, 2010

Worship Asst: Eric Porcher
Reader: Kay Klein
Communion Asst's: Kevin & Amanda Back
Hospitality: Wallace, Welsh, Wendt, Ziemer, & Begin Families
Set-up/Ushers: Cook & Karaoke Team

January 24, 2010

Worship Asst: Jeff Klein
Reader: Tanya Reiman
Communion Asst's: Sheila Mix & Cindy Woltman
Hospitality: Brockway, Caflisch, Crenshaw, Enright, & Hanley Families
Set-up/Ushers: Wild Mustangs Team

January 31, 2010

Worship Asst: Tanya Reiman
Reader: Heather Ohl
Communion Asst's: Al & Jan Begin
Hospitality: Helgeson, Wick, Tangen, Reiman, & Curt & Kathy Olson Families
Set-up/Ushers: Outdoor Team

January Birthdays!

Mia Olson 1/7

Miles Olson 1/7

Don Yust 1/7

Jesse Welsh 1/10

Phillip Sorom 1/11

Wayne Bendickson 1/13

Julie Hanley 1/14

Katie Rucker 1/18

Melissa Keach 1/19

Laurie Mickow 1/19

Kaitlin Tangen 1/19

Tyler Brockway 1/22

Colin Reiman 1/28

Brynn Hanley 1/27

Paige Wendt 1/29

Hollywood Hermanson 1/30

Natasha Johnson 1/30

David Turnquist 1/30



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

~January Readings~

January 3

Luke 2:41-52

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

January 10

Luke 3:15-23

Jesus' baptism

January 17

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus' temptation

January 24

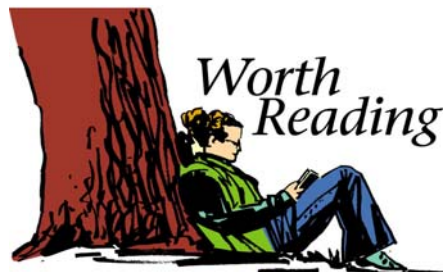
Luke 4:14-29

Jesus rejected at Nazareth

January 31

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus calls disciples



Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Tuesday - 10/21/09
8:00 PM

Devotions: (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		Jeff called the meeting to order 8:20
Secretary's Report: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Minutes from 9-15-09 	.Myra motioned to accept minutes, Curt seconded
Treasurer's Report: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Offering balance 	<p>Curt motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Myra seconded. Ending balance as of Sept 30, 2009 \$14,091.45 on checking acct balance</p> <p>Mission Investment Fund - \$254k</p> <p>Mission Investment CD – 2 year CD coming due – balance is \$40, 262.36.</p>
Team Reports:		
Education Team: Curt Olson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School Weekday School updates God Squad events? Christmas Program 	<p>Sunday school going well</p> <p>Jackie Boettcher still working on trip planning</p> <p>No word on any God Squad events</p> <p>Christmas Program will be on 12/20/09</p> <p>Practice will start soon.</p>
Finance Team: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on 20k LOC and Chk Acct Building Fund – Estimate on money that was not slated for building Stewardship updates. October Noisy Collection total <p>Future Noisy collections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov - Community Food Response Dec – Salvation Army 	<p>Do local benevolence in November – break it out</p> <p>20K balance on LOC</p> <p>3rd check from Synod just received – 5K</p> <p>Linda went through the money slated for building fund. Finance team now needs to go through and total things.</p> <p>Mission Investment CD – 2 year CD coming due – balance is \$40, 262.36. Jeff suggests that we roll it into the building fund. Curt motioned to place the \$40k into the Mission Investment Fund, Myra seconded.</p> <p>Noisy can collection for October. Need balance from Linda yet.</p> <p>Stewardship – commitment Sunday is this Sunday. Larry from Synod will be preaching. Commitment cards will be handed out and everything will be counted by end of Sunday for a balance.</p> <p>Send out cards to Sunday school children and families that we haven't seen in awhile. Invite them back to church.</p>

Outreach: Carrie Rhone	<p>Upcoming IHN dates (December 6-13th)</p> <p>Adoption of families for IHN for Christmas – how many?</p> <p>Bell Ringing - Saturday, 12/5/09 WalMart South-Outside - South Entry 10:00AM-6:00PM</p> <p>Grand for Channel One food – 386 lbs.</p>	<p>IHN in Plainview in December.</p> <p>Newsletter for November – write up December events</p>
Property Team: Wayne Merhkens	<p>Updates</p> <p>Painting steps</p> <p>Wendt's mowing / trimming</p> <p>Payment to Adam \$240?</p> <p>Setup checklist</p>	<p>Steps are painted</p> <p>Adam needs to send an invoice before he gets paid.</p> <p>Setup teams – going good with new teams</p>
	Small group update	
Worship Team: Myra Wick	Updates	<p>Becky Crenshaw will be joining team.</p> <p>Need mid November meeting to discuss upcoming worship items.</p>
Pastor Update	<p>Pastoral updates</p> <p>Baptised/Confirmed #'s New Members</p> <p>Upcoming vacation dates</p>	<p>Emily Porcher requested a transfer to Bethel in Rochester</p> <p>243 baptised 149 confirmed</p> <p>New member Sunday – first weekend in November</p> <p>Would like vacation days carried over to 2010</p> <p>Myra motioned to allow Pastor to carry over 5 vacation days per year, Jeff seconded. REMINDER: need to create a new policy.</p> <p>Synod update: Still learning synod work and it's going well. vet need to work on balancing</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Benevolence</p> <p>IBM Grant Money – 1K</p>	<p>10% of our general offering goes to Synod</p> <p>5% goes to local community benevolence</p> <p>Need to keep in mind these percentages and when we get closer to December commit for this year. We've given 4K to the Synod to date and have 6K slated in the budget to give yet.</p> <p>Jeff made a motion that when we get the \$1K grant money from IBM that we purchase a color printer, Myra seconded.</p>
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Next Council Meeting	Upcoming Council Meeting for November ?	Sunday, November 8th at 6:30, Sunday night the 13 th of December