



# PEACE AND PROCLAMATION

July 2009

## A message from Pastor Pete

In the past three months I've received quite an education! If you recall, on April 1<sup>st</sup> I began my role as Mission Director for the Southeast Minnesota Synod. Now, in addition to leading Peace into God's future, I oversee new and developing congregations in southeast Minnesota.

A few things that I have learned:

- ◆ God is doing amazing things among Sudanese immigrants! In our synod we soon will have four different Sudanese communities worshipping in their native languages. Their passionate faith is infectious!
- ◆ You don't need much formal education to be able to do amazing ministry! Several of the Sudanese leaders have less than a 5<sup>th</sup> grade education (their schooling was cut short by civil war in Sudan), yet their passion for Jesus produces powerful results.
- ◆ The Sudanese immigrants come from specific tribes back in Sudan, each with their own language and traditions. Those of the Dinka tribe worship in Rochester, the Nuer worship in Faribault, and the Anyuak worship in Mankato and Austin.
- ◆ The ELCA national office in Chicago has many wonderful, creative people leading us in mission!
- ◆ Mission churches do not always focus on young families! The Northfield Retirement Community will soon have its own congregation.
- ◆ There is beginning to be interest in a new mission congregation in northwest Rochester.
- ◆ I've also learned that I am not Superman! Working for the synod for 12 to 15 hours a week on top of the regular ministry at Peace makes life quite hectic. Organization and planning are key!
- ◆ With so much going on, I'm learning the importance of keeping good notes and good files.
- ◆ The excitement from working with other mission congregations definitely spills over to an excitement for ministry here at Peace.

God is busy in Eyota and throughout the Southeast Minnesota Synod. I have the privilege of seeing God's work firsthand!

Your servant in Christ,

*Pastor Pete*

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

### July 5, 2009

9:15 am Worship

Service will be held at St. Paul's.

Picnic afterwards.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### July 12, 2009

Worship Asst: Tanya Reiman

Reader: Becky Crenshaw

Communion Asst's: Jamie Olson & Chris Austin

Hospitality: The Ziemer, Begin, Brockway, Caflisch, & Crenshaw Families

Set-up/Ushers: Family Team

### July 19, 2009 (Eyota Days Worship)

Worship Asst: Julie Porcher

Reader: Chuck Johnson

Communion Asst's: David & Debbie Turnquist

Hospitality: The Enright, Hanley, Helgeson, Sass, & Curt & Kathy Olson Families

Set-up/Ushers: Outdoor Team

### July 26, 2009

Worship Asst: Steve Szuberski

Reader: Myra Wick

Communion Asst's: Kevin & Amanda Back

Hospitality: The Wick, Tangen, Reiman, Keach & Cindy Woltman Families

Set-up/Ushers: Adult Team

July Birthdays!

Sam Spafford 7/1

Kaylee Wendt 7/5

Todd Keach 7/7

Maureen Hagen 7/9

Logan Porcher 7/11

Susan Lee 7/17

Kendra Coppock 7/18

Olivia Rhone 7/21

Lynn Caflisch 7/22

Ryan Brockway 7/24

Karen Yust 7/25

Steve Szuberski 7/27



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!

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~July Readings~

July 5

WORSHIP AT NORTH CHURCH  
NO WORSHIP AT PEACE

July 12

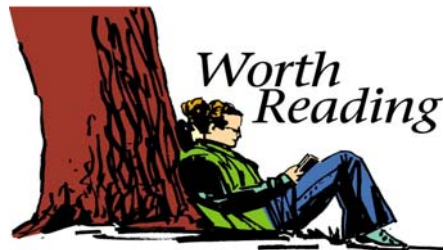
David Spares King Saul  
1 Samuel chapters 24 & 26  
(not 25)

July 19

EYOTA DAYS WORSHIP  
At Eyota Legion Tent

July 26

David becomes king  
2 Samuel 1:1-12, 2:8-11, 3:1, 5:1-5



# Church News!

## Outdoor Worship and a Picnic!



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On Sunday, **July 5<sup>th</sup>**, Peace has been invited to head out to St. Paul United Church of Christ for a Sunday of worship and good food! Worship is at 10:00, so you can even sleep in a bit! Bring a lawn chair and (if you want) a dish to pass. There will be PLENTY of good food on hand. There will be no worship at the gym on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Pastor Pete's Travels

Pastor Pete will be out of the office for much of the month of July. On **July 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>** he'll be on vacation (with LOTS of large fish). On **July 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** he will be at the final event of the HB Hanson Preaching Seminar. **July 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** will take him to Chicago for Mission Director Training. On **July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** he will gather with another Mission Director for a week of reflection and planning. He'll then be off to Denver for a Mission Developer training event on **July 29<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Whew! What a month!



## Camping Weekend



Plan now to join Peace for a weekend of camping! On **August 21st-23rd** a group from Peace will either be at Lazy D's by Whitewater, ([www.lazycampground.com](http://www.lazycampground.com)) or Shade of Sherwood by Zumbrota ([www.shadesofsherwood.com](http://www.shadesofsherwood.com)). We need to get campsites reserved, so please Tina Sass (269-9037) know ASAP if you would like to go!

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](http://www.peaceeyota.org)  
Future Home of Peace: 6 acres @ corner of Knowledge Road & Hwy #7  
Pastor Pete's Home Phone: 545-1272



## Eyota Days Week is Coming!

### Eyota Days Church Night

On Wednesday, **July 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00, Christian Crossings will be at the Legion tent for a night of Gospel music. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Eyota God Squad.

### Eyota Days Parade

The parade is at 11:00 on Saturday, **July 18<sup>th</sup>**. We'd love to have you join us.

### Eyota Days Inflatables

This year Peace will help oversee the inflatable games on **July 18<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 to 4:00. All it will take is five or six people to fill all the stations. Please let Pastor Pete know if you can help.

### Eyota Days Worship

On Sunday, **July 19<sup>th</sup>** Peace will once again join in the Eyota Days Worship Service at the tent by the American Legion. This has become a fun annual tradition! Worship is at the regular time (9:15). There will be no worship at the gym on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.



### 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.

### Waffle Breakfast

After worship on **July 19<sup>th</sup>**, step on over to the Legion for the Belgian Waffle Breakfast. The proceeds from this breakfast will pay for community VBS program! Tickets \$8, ages 5 & under are free.



### Christian Education Calendar - updates

Noisy Sundays!!!! 1st Sunday of each month!!!!  
Bring your change, bring your child, hear them sing,



### The Noisy Collection

The Noisy Collection will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> and will go to the Battered Women's Shelter.

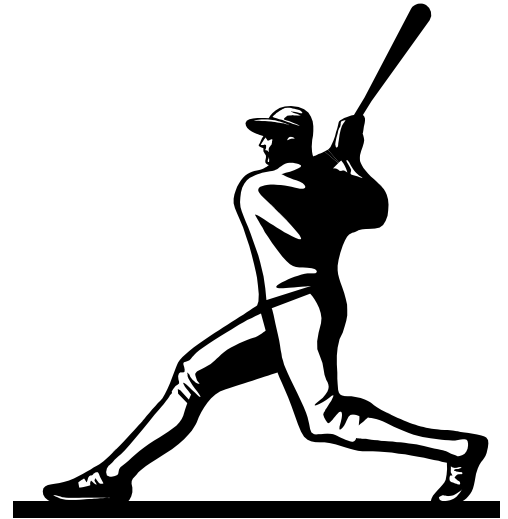
#### Plan ahead:

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| <b>July 5<sup>th</sup></b>    | 10:00 Outdoor Worship and Picnic at St. Paul UCC (2 miles north of Eyota on County 9) |
| <b>July 19<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9:15 Eyota Days Worship at Legion Tent  |
| <b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b>   | Trip to Twins Game  |
| <b>August 9<sup>th</sup></b>  | Service Sunday - We will worship by serving the community                             |
| <b>August 22<sup>nd</sup></b> | Peace Camping Weekend   |

Lets go to the Twins  
Tuesday **July 28, 2009** @ 7:10 PM  
*Minnesota Twins vs. The White Sox*

**\$25 per person**

Supper on the bus on the way up, a general admission ticket and a coach ride up and back!



Join us for a great night out at the old ball game.

Let someone else do the driving for you.

This is opened to anybody who would like to take in a twins game this year so invite all your friends and family, lets fill up the bus!

Report to the church office at 4:15 PM on August 19.

**The bus will be leaving at 4:30pm sharp!**

Please fill out the form below and return it by July 13th.

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<b>Yes, We want to join in on the fun! Sign us up and hold some tickets for:</b>	
<b>Family Name:</b>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	<b>Daytime Phone:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Number of tickets you will need _____ @ \$25.00 = _____</b>	
<b>(half of this is for gas!)</b>	
<b>Please attach check to this form and return to the church office or offering plate by July 13th. If you have any questions please call Brenda Szuberski</b>	



Hello!

I just want to first start off by saying thank you so much for the letters and the package of goodies! I just got back from leave and got the letters and the package and I was very surprised. We just got internet out here so now we can keep in touch a little easier. Second off let me tell you a little about myself, I'm 19 years old recently got married to the love of my life (high school sweethearts) on Christmas Day, I'm from Minnesota spent my whole life there until I left for training last summer and I miss it very much. I've been gone since July 3rd last year with only a 2 month break in between training and this deployment and haven't been home a whole lot. Its

funny your from Minnesota too, I don't think you knew I was from Minnesota did you? Oh and I also wanted to thank you also for your many years of service, its not an easy thing especially having to be seperated from the ones you love. But I really enjoyed the movie and all the hygiene stuff! I love action and comedy movies. Well its getting late and I got to be up early so sorry if the email is a little sloppy and words are misspelled. But I'd love to hear back if you want to know anything just ask and I'd love to know about your family. Thanks so much for what you're doing!

Eric

This letter was received from one of the soldiers that we adopted at Peace Lutheran. A few things have been deleted, as we want to keep the soldiers safe, so no last names. He also mentioned what town he was from which I removed. It is pretty cool that he is from Minnesota. I have not heard from the others, and am having trouble with Trent's address. I'll try to send another letter, and see if it gets to him. We shall see.

We need people to bring in more items if possible. One package a month needs to be sent out. Also if anyone is interested in writing letters, it would be greatly appreciated, as they need to be sent once a week. I am a little behind in that aspect.

Things to get for the adopted members, are...

New release DVD's and CD's. Games/travel games. Puzzles. We spent hours putting together puzzles. Pillow with dard colored pillow cases, shower shoes (flip flops) - bigger sizes. That way they fit anyone.

Toiletries - shaving cream, liquid soap, shampoo, leave in conditioners, toothpaste, foot care items.

Food - Please no more sunflower seeds. Still have plenty of this item. Hard candy, Powdered drink mixes (Gatorade). Snack items like snack cakes, crackers, trail mix, serving size cereal, pretty much anything that is nonperishable.

Plus anything else that can be thought of that someone would like far from home and away from everything they know. Thanks!

## Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday - 05/14/09

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		Meeting called to order at 8:35
Secretary's Report: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve Minutes 04/15 &amp; 3/29</li> </ul>	Myra motioned to approve the minutes, Brenda seconded.
Treasurer's Report: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates</li> <li>Offering balance</li> <li>Additional info on FICA</li> </ul>	<p>Need to draft a letter for Sunday to hand out to congregation. Money market is depleting fast and we need to cover operating expenses over the summer months. Need to explain our concerns and options.</p> <p>Chuck discussed the FICA and explained that we paid more in payroll taxes and unemployment taxes in '08. Chuck and Steve are in conversation with the IRS.</p>
<b>Team Reports:</b>		
Education Team: Curt Olson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday School wrapup &amp; Fall 09 plans</li> <li>Youth Trips – Wisc Dells for gr. 7-12 on June 17th</li> <li>God Squad concert</li> <li>VBS updates</li> </ul>	<p>On May 28<sup>th</sup> there's a planning meeting for Sunday school 09/10</p> <p>God Squad concert was good – 75 in attendance</p> <p>God Squad trip to Mt Olympus on June 17 – Davina Sorom &amp; Jan Begin part of discussions.</p>
Finance Team: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates</li> <li>Noisy collection amounts</li> <li>Stewardship work updates? Tentative date Oct 4th. Commitment Sunday October 25th. Need to assemble a team yet to get that going.</li> <li>Future Noisy collections</li> </ul>	<p>\$85.83 given to MOCA (MN Ovarian Cancer Assoc.)</p> <p>Stewardship dates are still on</p> <p><i>Noisy Collections coming up:</i></p> <p>Good Earth Village - June</p> <p>YMCA (strong kids campaign) – July</p> <p>Womens Shelter – August (changed month)</p> <p>Special Olympics - September</p>
Outreach: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming IHN dates 7/5-7/12, 9/13-9/20, 12/6-12/13)</li> <li>Service Sunday date</li> <li>Parades</li> </ul>	<p>August 9<sup>th</sup> date for Service Sunday</p> <p>Clean up woods beside school</p> <p>Arbor Gardens</p> <p>Diapers for Honduras</p>
Property Team: Wayne Merhkens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates</li> <li>Cleaning of office</li> <li>Mowing</li> <li>Painting steps</li> </ul>	<p>Toilet seat upstairs needs to be fixed or replaced.</p> <p>Need to pick a paint color for the steps.</p> <p>Mowing is planned</p> <p>All of June the parking lot at Elem. School is being redone. We will keep service at the Elementary school and walk up to entrance vs. relocating.</p> <p>Space may be reduced in our storage area at Elementary school.</p>
Spirituality: Brenda Szuberski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates</li> <li>Small Groups</li> <li>Twins trip – Lutheran night? Or different?</li> </ul>	<p>Work day at Channel One in June.</p> <p>Twins game July 28<sup>th</sup>....leaving church office at 4:45. Trip includes bus ride, parking, sack lunch, ticket and bus ride home. Game at 7:10pm</p>

Worship Team: Myra Wick	<p>Updates</p> <p>Picnic plans?</p> <p>Worship group</p> <p>Grant Money (remaining balance)</p> <p>Nursery update</p>	<p>Worship team met on the 12<sup>th</sup>. May do a campfire June 24<sup>th</sup>. Looking for a location.</p> <p>Hold on to additional grant money and keep for future technology needs (TV or Printer)</p> <p>Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> (location will be at St. Paul's) Service and Picnic with them.</p> <p>Camping in August (21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>)</p> <p>Nursery feedback - need more helpers</p>
Pastor Update	<p>Pastoral updates</p> <p>Baptised/Confirmed #'s   New Members</p> <p>Synod Assembly</p> <p>Asset Mapping Team updates - May 17th meeting. 10:30-2:30</p>	<p>Membership 234 baptised   150 Confirmed</p> <p>Continuing Ed – May 21<sup>st</sup> (Relevance conference)</p> <p>June 7<sup>th</sup> Congratulations to Seniors! Tyler Brockway, Joe Couch, John Helgeson, Makenzie Jeche, Alyssa Klein, Rebecca Lee, LeAnn Mickow, Brittney Nord, Samantha Porcher, Jesse Welsh.</p> <p>Mission Director work is going well and very</p>
OLD BUSINESS	Linda's duties (helping small groups with reminder calls/postcards. Finance team duties handed off to Linda?	On Sunday Linda will discuss duties with finance team.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
Adjourn		Jeff motioned to adjourn, Curt seconded.
Next Council Meeting	<p>Upcoming Council Meetings: 6:30 PM</p> <p><b>Wednesday, June 3rd</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 11th</b></p>	