



PEACE AND PROCLAMATION

June 2009

A message from Pastor Pete

Assets. Gifts of God. In the past few months, Luther Snow has come to Peace to help us see that God has given us ALL the gifts that we need to do God's ministry here in Eyota. While it can be tempting to point out what we do NOT have (and every church feels they lack something), the reality is that God does not leave us alone. As we met with Luther Snow on May 17th, we pondered how God's gifts to Peace can best be utilized.

Service Teams

Mr. Snow noticed one distinct thing about Peace - we like to get together and have some fun! To take advantage of that asset, Peace is going to organize ourselves into groups of people who have the same passions and interests. Based on the group that met on May 18th, we will begin with three groups: a family group with a kid focus, a family group without a kid focus, and an outdoors group. Over the next few months, these groups will gather together and do what they do best! The outdoor group will think about things like campfires, camping, and fishing. The family group with a kid focus will get together to do family events. The other family group will plan things for adults. While everyone will be invited to come to these events, the focus will be on the people in that group. **On Sunday, June 14th we will begin the process of letting people choose the group that they want to be a part of!** Eventually, everyone will be assigned to a team. These teams will provide a chance to build community and simply have fun! Each team will also gather together for service activities: everything from setting up the gym for worship to volunteering in the community. These details are being pinned down. Getting together for fun is an asset of Peace - so we're going to utilize it! As we move towards the fall, we will be looking to see what other passions/interest people have so we can form even more teams. Perhaps there are people who: are passionate about volunteering at places like Channel One; love to take road trips; love to garden; or love to read. The list is endless...our task is to find ways of gathering people around things they already love! This strengthens Peace by strengthening our community! These teams will become a core way of organizing ourselves. Nobody will be left out.

Building & Financial Stability

As many of you know, in the past years two 'anxieties' have stayed with Peace: finances and building. The two are definitely related

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We have known for years that once we are self-sufficient we can go ahead and build. The lack of progress towards a building has led to frustration. Mr. Snow helped us to reframe this conversation about building. Underneath that building anxiety is something very positive: people are passionate about the future of Peace Lutheran Church! People desperately want to see Peace succeed and move forward in mission, and a building will be a visible sign of that success. This is a place where people can come and worship God in a relaxed way. This is a non-judgmental place where worship is open and where Lutheran theology and spirituality abound. This is a place where people can bring kids and fit right in. So while some might see building anxiety as a negative thing, underneath it lays a wealth of excitement for what Peace is doing. That's something to celebrate! This is more than simple 'positive thinking.' This is realizing what God has given to us! Our attitudes towards things have a great impact on the future!!

One of Mr. Snow's great gifts is in helping people 'connect the dots' - taking various assets and bringing them together to make something greater than either asset on their own. He used the example of one person with a hammer & nails and another person with wood. On their own they cannot do much, but if they join assets they can build something. We used that concept to brainstorm about a potential building for Peace. We have the asset of about \$300,000 in a building fund. We have land already paid for in a great location on the road to the school. What other assets are in this community which might be put together with our assets to make a building a possibility? The ideas flowed. We could: partner with Eyota ambulance (who is currently looking to relocate and could possibly share space with Peace); be a park-n-ride location for the Mayo bus; host a community library; host a day-care program or a latch-key program; house a coffee shop; or find a way to partner with the school to house school activities. The list of possibilities is extensive! Connecting with outside groups could go a long way towards making a building a reality. The idea is that it would be good for us AND it would be good for the other group utilizing our building. Bringing assets together benefits everyone! Peace is in the process of having these community conversations to see where it might lead us. This is God's work!

This asset mapping approach to ministry will carry us forward. Whenever we face an issue, we will ask the question, "What assets has God given us to tackle it?" Once we know all the gifts we have at our disposal, we will be well prepared to move into God's future for Peace. We're using these concepts as we revamp the Sunday School. We will use asset mapping to help us through our current financial challenges. God is good...and God has given Peace everything needed to do amazing ministry in Eyota. **Let us continue to prayerfully discern all the assets that God is putting at our disposal.**

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Pete

WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

June 7, 2009

Worship Asst: Julie Porcher
Reader: Tanya Reiman
Communion Asst's: Kevin & Ramona Back
Hospitality: Curt & Kathy Olson, & The Sass, Wick, Tangen, & Reiman Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Caflisch, Ziemer, & Spafford Families



June 14, 2009

Worship Asst: Steve Szuberski
Reader: Ramona Back
Communion Asst's: Eric & Julie Porcher
Hospitality: Cindy Woltman, & The Keach, Mickow, & Mix Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Szuberski, Peterson, & Rucker Families

June 21, 2009

Worship Asst: John Caflisch
Reader: Eric Porcher
Communion Asst's: Cindy Woltman & Steve Szuberski
Hospitality: Jamie & Christine Olson, & The Porcher, Pristash, Rhone, & Schreier Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Porcher, Morton, & Reiman Families

June 28, 2009

Worship Asst: Eric Porcher
Reader: Tamara Rasmussen
Communion Asst's: Jon & Diane Tangen
Hospitality: The Sorom, Turnquist Wallace, Welsh, & Wendt Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Brockway, Schreier, Wallace, & Austin Families

June Birthdays!

Miranda Boettcher 6/2
John Mix 6/2
Alex Sorom 6/2
Torii Szuberski 6/2
Danielle Turnquist 6/2
Paul Spafford 6/4
Shae Hanson 6/6
Andrew Wendt 6/6
Kelly Mehrkins 6/7
Kathy Wallace 6/8
Julie Nelson 6/10
Brittney Nord 6/10
Ben Reuss 6/11
Bruce Nord 6/13
Landon Hanson 6/16
Lona Schreier 6/16
Magdalyn Wick 6/19
Diane Tangen 6/21
Emily Porcher 6/22
Julie Porcher 6/22
McKenzie Austin 6/23
Luke Berning 6/23
Madison Nelson 6/23
Rebecca Lee 6/24
Wendy Mehrkins 6/25
LeeAnn Mickow 6/27
Owen Wallace 6/27
Valorie Ziemer 6/28



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@peaceyota.org

~June Readings~

June 7

Samuel Anoints David

1 Samuel 16:1-13

June 14

David & Goliath

1 Samuel 17

June 21

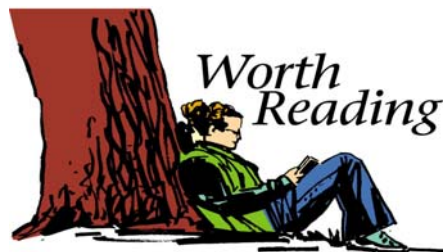
King Saul turns against David

1 Samuel 18

June 28

David on the run from King Saul

1 Samuel 23



Church News!

Safari Fun in the Kingdom of the Son



Vacation Bible School will be held **June 8-12th**. **This year it will be held at the Eyota High School!** Registration and dinner 5:30-6:00 and program until 8:15 pm. We are in need of someone to coordinate games for the 1-4th grades. I have books with several ideas- it's a lot of fun! We need lots of volunteers to make this a success - helpers to assist children from station to station. Please let us know if you would be willing to help out - This would be a great task for our youth ages 7-12th grade! You can also sign up your child ahead of time - Any questions please contact the church office or Kathy Olson, Heather Ohl or Kari Wendt.

Also if you have any Safari theme items we would love them for decorating the gym and classrooms.

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
Pastor Pete's Home Phone: 545-1272

service SUNDAY

save the date!

(August 9th)

9AM-11:30AM

Peace is cancelling our regular weekend services on Sunday, August 9th in order to go make a difference in our very own backyard.

If you would like to be involved in planning the day or have ideas, contact Carrie Rhone

(JUNE 18TH - VIOLA GOPHER COUNT)

PARADES!

(JULY 18TH - EYOTA DAYS)

Help build the float and hand out candy!

summer OUTREACH events

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.



Christian Education Calendar - updates

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

Bring your change, bring your child, hear them sing,



Christian Education Opportunities

June 8 - 12, 2009 - Vacation Bible School

The Noisy Collection

The Noisy Collection on June 7th will go to the Good Earth Village Campers.

Exercise and Worship!



On June 14, 21, & 28 you have the chance to not only worship God, you have an opportunity to get in shape! The elementary school parking lot will be receiving a major face-lift, so we are encouraging people to walk to worship. If you live close by, just walk on over to the school. If you live further away, you can park at the high school and walk to the elementary school! We understand that walking presents a challenge for some people, so there will be some parking available behind the elementary school (on the playground). The access to that parking is on the east side of the school (off of the highway to Dover).

Outdoor Worship and a Picnic!

On Sunday, July 5th, 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!



2009 D-E Graduates

On Sunday, June 7th Peace will take time out of the service to pray for our graduating seniors. Congratulations and prayers are for Tyler Brockway, Joe Couch, John Helgeson, Brandi Hermanson, Makenzie Jeche, Alyssa Klein, Rebecca Lee, LeAnn Mickow, Brittney Nord, Samantha Porcher, and Jesse Welsh.

Campfire Night

On Wednesday, June 24th we are going to gather around a campfire for a night of fun and singing! We're pinning down the location, but will keep you posted through bulletins and the Peace website (www.peaceeyota.org).



Pastor Pete's Phone Number

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

CROSSFEST

CrossFest

Some great Christian music is coming to the area on **June 26-27**. Christian Crossings (part of the Eyota God Squad group) is hosting some amazing music over in Lewiston. Details can be found at <http://www.crossfestusa.com/events.htm>.

6/26 Youth Only Rock Fest

Beginning at 7:00 pm, Bright Light Parade, Tru-Serva, and Lightswitch will ignite the spirit with a combination of rap and heart-pounding rock. A special guest will deliver an awesome message. Youth groups are encouraged to attend and camp out at the Crossings Center and serve as volunteers for Saturday's festivities.

**Bright Light Parade

**Tru-Serva

**Lightswitch

6/27 CrossFest Music Festival

Beginning at 10:00 am, music will continue all day long. A detailed schedule will be posted June 1st. Family activities, games, and an inflatable amusement park and carnival will keep all ages entertained. Great food including our famous smoked brats will compliment an assortment of other foods by local vendors. Service project areas will allow families to help feed the hungry through interactive projects.

**Special guest MATT MAHER CONCERT 8:00 pm

**Professional Fireworks display 10:00 pm

Plan ahead:

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

Yes, We want to join in on the fun! Sign us up and hold some tickets for:

Family Name:

Contact Person:

Daytime Phone:

Address:

Email Address:

Number of tickets you will need _____ @ \$25.00 = _____

(half of this is for gas!)

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 at 289-6346.

Peace Lutheran Church, 515 S. Jefferson Ave, Eyota, MN, 55934

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda

04/14/09

6:30 PM

Devotions: John 1:43-50

(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 7:05
Secretary's Report: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Minutes 02/10 	Myra motioned to accept the minutes, Brenda seconded.
Treasurer's Report: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Offering balance 	Wayne motioned to accept, Brenda seconded. (Note: would like additional info on FICA).
Team Reports:		
Education Team: Curt Olson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on Sunday School Youth Trips God Squad First Communion 	<p>Kari Wendt has the last few weeks of Sunday school planned out with some exciting events. VBS curriculum is here and planning underway.</p> <p>God Squad concert is this weekend at Elementary school. Wisc. Dells trip is being planned for 7-12th for June 17th.</p>
Finance Team: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates March Noisy collection amount to go to Good Samaritan Dental Clinic Idea for April: Kids Against Hunger? 	<p>Stewardship work - Tentative date Oct 4th. Commitment Sunday October 25th. Need to assemble a team yet to get that going.</p> <p>Noisy collections: May: MOCA (MN Ovarian Cancer Org) June: Good Earth Village campers July: Battered Women's Shelter Brenda motioned to accept, Wayne seconded.</p> <p>\$? was raised for Kids Against Hunger.</p>
Outreach: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IHN dates for '09 (3/22-3/29, 7/5-7/12, 9/13-9/20, 12/6-12/13) Welcome rug Don't Go to Church Faith in Action Sunday 	<p>IHN was a success in March. Will hand off scheduling responsibilities to other coordinators for September and December. Welcome rug created for church entrance. Would like to pick another Sunday to serve the community. Need to discuss more in May and plan a date.</p>
Property Team: Wayne Merhkens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Cleaning of office Mowing Painting steps 	<p>Wayne will check with Jeff about Jeff's neighbor mowing lot.</p> <p>Linda will schedule monthly cleanings. Tangen's, Wayne, Carrie, Myra offered to be on a cleaning rotation for the office.</p> <p>Need to consider painting steps. Will check into type of paint and painter.</p>
Spirituality: Brenda Szuberski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Small Groups Prayer Group 	<p>Twins game in August. Lutheran Night once again.</p> <p>Small groups are moving along.</p>

<p>Worship Team: Myra Wick</p>	<p>Updates Lenten Seder Supper Good Friday Palms Easter Lilies Grant Money (remaining balance) Nursery</p>	<p>Lenten week was very busy, but overall things went well.</p> <p>Need to get worship group together to plan out Summer months. Need an additional member to add to the team.</p> <p>Figure out remaining balance on grant money and purchase color printer (color laser)</p> <p>Nursery - Julie Porcher is running nursery now. We need to staff nursery in upcoming weeks and ensure background checks. Youth assistants could help out.</p>
<p>Pastor Update</p>	<p>Pastoral updates Baptised/Confirmed #'s New Members Maureen update Male rep need for Synod Assembly Start of Synod work Asset Mapping Team update</p>	<p>243 Baptised /150 Confirmed #'s No change in new members</p> <p>Directory has been handed out. Many were delivered via email.</p> <p>Maureen got her call! Harmony area and another in NE Iowa. Maureen will be with us Sunday, May 3rd. Her ordination will be May 31st and we will have collection envelopes this Sunday to gather money for a gift.</p> <p>Male representative needed for May 1st and 2nd - Synod Assembly. Pastor Pete will handle.</p> <p>April 1st was the start of Synod work for Pastor Pete.</p> <p>Asset Mapping Team will meet in the next week to discuss plans for May 17th meeting. 10:30-2:30 is new time. Reminder/Invite cards need to be created and sent out. (Linda)</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>Linda's duties (further discussion).</p>	<p>Mail out postcards, agenda and make reminder calls for Brenda (Spirituality)</p> <p>Team members need to get items for welcome cards to Linda.</p> <p>Chuck and Jeff need to get together to figure out how to involve Linda more to provide the needed checks and balances for the Finance team. (i.e. learning finance SW, writing out checks, etc.)</p>

NEW BUSINESS		
		NA
Adjourn		Pastor Pete motioned to adjourn, Myra seconded.
Next Council Meeting	Upcoming Council Meetings: 6:30 PM Thursday, May 14th Wednesday, June 3rd	