



PEACE AND PROCLAMATION

March 2010

A message from Pastor Pete

This winter just won't seem to end! When the groundhog saw his shadow a few weeks ago, I wasn't surprised. Some days it seems hard to believe that this snow and cold will ever go away. Will spring come?

While it's winter outside, it's the season of Lent in the church. Lent is a bleak season - a time of walking with Jesus to the cross. While for most of the year we celebrate the joy that faith in Jesus brings to life, during Lent we focus on Jesus' death. We consider the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. The cross did not come without pain for Him. Lent raises the question, "If Jesus has done so much for me...how will I respond?"

During Lent this year we are focusing on discipleship. What things do followers of Jesus do? A believer in Jesus will invite others to hear the Good News. A follower of the crucified Jesus will encourage others, will pray, will study the Bible, will give generously, and will worship. We don't do these things to impress God or get God to do things for us. Through Jesus' cross we already receive forgiveness. We have already been claimed by God in baptism. Now we are free to serve! We are free to worship! Followers of Jesus don't do these things because they HAVE to. They do them because they GET to!

In these bleak days before the coming of spring, please join Peace as we ponder the meaning of discipleship. On Sundays we will hear God's Word proclaimed. On Wednesday evenings we will have some time for conversation around each mark of discipleship.

It may be cold and nasty out right now...but spring is coming. There is hope. We may focus on the cross right now, but there is hope. Easter will come! I invite you to join us in the walk through Lent.

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Church News!



Continuing Education

Pastor Pete will be away from **March 8-13** for a conference on community organizing and leadership development.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Lent is a season to reflect on faith and life! This Lent Peace again joins with St. Paul UCC to share a meal and some worship & conversation. The theme for this Lent is Discipleship - the ways that God calls us to live our Christian lives. Supper is at 5:45 and worship/conversation begins at 6:15. Come to the elementary gym to have some time to reflect on faith! The middle school youth ministry has a lot of experience in discussing faith issues, so they will join the adults for the conversation. The last Wednesday conversation will be on March 24th.



Palm Sunday is on **March 28th!** Join us as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem by marching with Palm branches.

Elementary Youth

Those in elementary school are invited to the elementary gym on Wednesday nights from 5:45-6:45 for a time of fun, learning, and singing! These youth will be singing several times during Holy Week, so don't miss out! There will be no youth ministry on **March 31st.**



Seder Dinner

The annual Seder Dinner on **April 1st.** This is the meal where we not only remember God's great action in saving Moses and the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, we also remember that it as a Seder Dinner that Jesus used to institute the sacrament of communion. The Seder Dinner is a wonderful opportunity for the entire family to eat special foods and remember God's work. We again will hold the Seder Dinner together with St. Paul UCC, and the meal will be held at St. Paul (2 miles north of Eyota). The cost is \$5 per person, \$10 per family. To reserve space, please contact Myra Wick (Wick.Myra@mayo.edu) or the church office by Sunday, March 28th.

Pastor Pete's Phone Number

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





Good Friday

Peace will join with St. Paul UCC on Friday, **April 2nd** to commemorate Jesus' death. Worship will be held at St. Paul (2 miles north of Eyota on Hwy 9). The youth of Peace will be in charge several parts of the service (both singing and stripping the altar area).

Interfaith Hospitality Network

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a faith based program to assist families in need to find a home and work. Peace is part of a group from Plainview and Eyota that hosts the families four times a year. IHN will be hosted in Eyota on **March 28th-April 4th**.



Noisy Collection

The Noisy Collection (a collection of coins on the first Sunday of the month) in March will go to the Feed My Starving Children program through D-E Schools.

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).



Plan Ahead:

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

5:45 Supper
6:15 Worship/Conversation
5:45-6:45 Elementary Youth Ministry

March 8th-13th

Pastor Pete at Continuing Education

March 22nd

7:00 pm Church Council

March 28th

Palm Sunday

WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

March 7, 2010

Worship Asst: Jeff Klein
Reader: Chuck Johnson
Communion Asst's: Jeff & Kay Klein
Hospitality: Enright, Hanley, Helgeson, Curt & Kathy Olson, & Wick Families
Set-up/Ushers: Outdoor Team



March 14, 2010

Worship Asst: Tanya Reiman
Reader: Myra Wick
Communion Asst's: Eric Porcher & Becky Crenshaw
Hospitality: Tangen, Reiman, Keach, Cindy Woltman, & Klein Families
Set-up/Ushers: Grow & Create Team

March 21, 2010

Worship Asst: Steve Szuberski
Reader: Shannon Reuss
Communion Asst's: Cindy Woltman & Steve Szuberski
Hospitality: Mickow, Mix, Jamie & Christine Olson, Porcher, & Pristash Families
Set-up/Ushers: Horseback Riding/History Team

March 28, 2010

Worship Asst: Kay Klein
Reader: Jeff Klein
Communion Asst's: Jon & Diane Tangen
Hospitality: Rhone, Schreier, Sorom, Turnquist, & Wallace Families
Set-up/Ushers: Cook & Karaoke Team

March Birthdays!

Zach Klein 3/3
Cliff Schreier 3/3
Wayne Mehrkins 3/4
Seth Berning 3/6
Becky Johnson 3/11
Joe Couch 3/14
Steve Rucker 3/14
Su Spafford 3/17
Julie Nord 3/19
Tanya Reiman 3/21
Tina Sass 3/21
Paul Wendt 3/21
Brandon Rhone 3/22
Ken Morton 3/23
Carter Begin 3/25
Chris Austin 3/26
Brenda Szuberski 3/31



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@peaceyota.org

~March Readings~

March 7

Marks of Discipleship
Luke 10:38-42

March 14

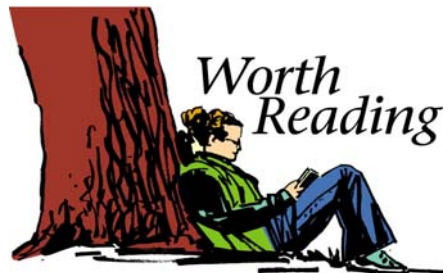
Marks of Discipleship
Luke 11:1-13

March 21

Marks of Discipleship
Luke 19:11-27

March 28

Palm Sunday
Marks of Discipleship
Luke 19:28-47



Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Sunday - 11/08/09
6:30 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 7:15
Secretary's Report: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Minutes from October 	Myra motioned to accept the minutes, Curt seconded.
Treasurer's Report: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Offering balance 	Checking acct balance: \$8243.35 Mission Investment Fund \$295,222.60
Team Reports:		
Education Team: Curt Olson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School Weekday School updates Christmas Program 	Christmas Program coming up on the 20th. 6 th and the 13 th will be practices.
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. Mission Investment CD (rolled into building fund – status) Local Benevolence (divide things up) Future Noisy collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec – Salvation Army 	Balance on LOC still 20K Noisy can collection for Nov. Community Food Response \$72.83 \$99k Stewardship Drive so far. The mission investment CD has been rolled into the Mission Investment Fund. Balance noted above. January Noisy collection – Synod Mission Congregations. Jeff motioned to accept, Myra seconded. February Milk Break for DE schools Local Benevolence Amounts: IHN: 800 Channel One: 600 Good Earth Village: \$300 Salvation Army: \$200 Good Samaritan Dental Clinic: \$350 Lutheran Disaster Fund: 500 Women's Shelter: \$250 Ronald McDonald Fund: \$250 Synod Mission Congregation: 250 Global Barnyard: \$250 Envelopes are on order. The simply giving account will charge 0.20 per transaction. * Put reminder notes in front of envelopes to let people know what they pledged. Need special red envelopes for Christmas Staff Presents. Collect \$ on the 6th and 13th

Outreach: Carrie Rhone	<p>Upcoming IHN dates (December 6-13th)</p> <p>Adoption of families for IHN for Christmas/ Soldiers</p> <p>Bell Ringing - Saturday, 12/5/09 WalMart South-Outside - South Entry 10:00AM-6:00PM</p>	<p>Vinyl – need to get sign done</p> <p>Look for Christmas Tree banner to put gift ideas/notes on for Soldiers and IHN gift ideas.</p> <p>Send email out about adopt a family an Soldier Christmas ideas.</p> <p>Send email out about bell ringing and IHN volunteer effort for Dec 6-13 in Plainview.</p>
Property Team: Wayne Merhkens	<p>Updates</p> <p>Invoice from Adam... \$240?</p>	Put ideas out there about a building during annual meeting. Talk more about it next meeting.
	Small group update	
Worship Team: Myra Wick	<p>Updates</p> <p>Plans for Christmas</p>	<p>Need to get a worship team meeting together.</p> <p>Poinsettia sign up/order with Robin</p> <p>Decorations for setup on Saturday Dec 19th (stage skirting, cookie table skirting, wrapping paper, candles)</p> <p>Purchase a couple Christmas trees at Goodwill for Christmas Program + decorations</p> <p>Pie contest for Sunday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 22nd) instead of regular hospital-</p>
Pastor Update	<p>Pastoral updates</p> <p>Baptised/Confirmed #'s New Members</p> <p>Upcoming vacation dates</p>	<p>248 baptised 153confirmed</p> <p>Draper and Munz families joined.</p> <p>Nominating team under way looking at different people. Spirituality and Outreach need to be replaced.</p> <p>Need to figure out ways to engage people more and gain volunteerism for more things. Use team approach for filling these needs.</p> <p>Ice fishing weekend – will need a fill in Pas-</p>
OLD BUSINESS	Procedure writeup for financial tasks - Jeff	Jeff taking this as a to-do item for December.

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Treasurer's Report: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates Offering balance 	Checking acct balance: \$9,485.83 as of 12-1 Mission Investment Fund \$255,777.18 as of 12-1-09 Mission Investment (YTD Interest) Balance as of Dec. 1 st – 5,988.12 Myra motioned to accept, Wayne seconded.
Team Reports:		
Education Team: Curt Olson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School Weekday School updates • Christmas Program 	Christmas Program coming up on the 20th.

<p>Finance Team: Jeff Reiman</p>	<p>Updates on 20k LOC and Chk Acct</p> <p>Building Fund – Estimate on money that was not slated for building</p> <p>Stewardship updates.</p> <p>Mission Investment CD (rolled into building fund – status)</p> <p>Local Benevolence (divide things up)</p> <p>Future Noisy collections</p> <p>January – Synod Mission Congregations</p> <p>February – Milk Break for DE Schools</p> <p>March (need to decide)</p> <p>Envelopes for December 20th</p> <p>2010 Budget</p>	<p>Balance on LOC still 20K</p> <p>No info yet on building fund money that wasn't slated for building.</p> <p>\$106.510k Stewardship Drive so far.</p> <p>64 families...37 have committed.</p> <p>February Milk Break for DE schools</p> <p>March – tentatively selected Feeding Children Stewardship.</p> <p>Local Benevolence Amounts:</p> <p>IHN: 800</p> <p>Channel One: 600</p> <p>Good Earth Village: \$300</p> <p>Salvation Army: \$200</p> <p>Good Samaritan Dental Clinic: \$350</p> <p>Lutheran Disaster Fund: 500</p> <p>Women's Shelter: \$250</p> <p>Ronald McDonald Fund: \$250</p> <p>Synod Mission Congregation: 250</p> <p>Global Barnyard: \$250</p> <p>Feeding Children Stewardship: \$ left over to go to this fund.</p> <p>Synod Benevolence: Need to write out check for 6K by 12/31/09.</p> <p>Noisy can collection for December going to Salvation Army - \$ 129.96</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p><u>Reminder slips within envelopes</u>- Amount family is giving will be inside flap of envelope package: Envelopes will be handed out the 20th.</p> <p>2010 Budget: Still open</p> <p>Wayne motioned to accept the amended budget, but will do a final motion of acceptance through email. Brenda seconded.</p> <p>Carrie motions to discontinue paying for the Lutheran for 2010, Curt seconded.</p>
<p>Outreach: Carrie Rhone</p>	<p>1K Grant money collected</p>	<p>Grant money received. 1K check will be cashed in 2010 to purchase printer, memory and toner.</p>

<p>Property Team: Wayne Merhkens</p>	<p>Building Discussion (Jeff Klein and Spencer Ruff presented to us)</p> <p>Invoice from Adam... \$240?</p>	<p>Discussion of our space needs:</p> <p>Multi-purpose room – Measure current gym area to partition. Kitchen/Fellowship area, classrooms, offices, bathroom. mechanical room and storage room.</p> <p>Location of building on site:</p> <p>North end of site would be cheapest area to build because of location of utilities.</p> <p>Wayne will talk with Tina about zoning. The City of Eyota is considering rezoning our lot from Agricultural to R-1</p> <p>Put 2nd Phase Building Team together. Council gives direction. Communication between council and Spence.</p> <p><u>Possible team players:</u> (John Caflish, Steve, Tina Sass, Sue Johnson, Kevin Back, Paul Spafford, Lisa Clarke, Laurie Mickow, Tamara Rassmusson, Davina Sorum, Brian Geer)</p> <p><u>Expert Resources:</u> Brandon Draper, Jeff Klein,</p> <p>2nd Phase tasks: Rough drawings, budget, etc.</p> <p>If we want to build by here, we need to do the realistic legwork. Basically the concept to congregational approval to build.</p> <p>Conceptual Drawings</p> <p>Soil Samples –</p> <p>City Zoning, etc. –</p> <p>Specifications of building wants/needs</p> <p>Questions we need to address:</p> <p>How many kids in a class? (partitioned rooms)</p> <p>Congregation of 150</p> <p>Office space (one office with connecting door to another)</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <p>Brenda will send out a note to recap what a team of 3 would need to do (term of office, description of duties, etc.) We need to email Spence with rough ideas for him to go off of to come up with a proposal</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Adam has been paid the \$240</p>
	<p>Small group update</p>	<p>No updates</p>

Worship Team: Myra Wick	<p>Updates</p> <p>Poinsettia signup</p> <p><u>Setup/decorating for Christmas Program</u></p> <p>Stage skirting</p> <p>Wrapping paper for cookie table</p> <p>Christmas Trees/decorations</p>	<p>Met briefly this morning</p> <p>Poinsettia's ordered</p> <p>Cookie providers</p> <p>4PM Setup (Su organizing – Outdoor team)</p>
Pastor Update	<p>Pastoral updates</p> <p>Baptised/Confirmed #'s New Members</p> <p>Upcoming vacation dates</p>	<p>253 baptised 159confirmed</p> <p>Baptisms: Jenna Grace Schleusner 11/15 and Morgan Kyler Potter 12/13</p> <p>Confirmed on 12/6: Jessica Schreier, Samuel Wick, Brianna Olson, Sara Knuth, Destiny Nguyen</p> <p>Davina Sorum, Sara Knuth, and Lexi Knuth are now new members</p> <p>Will carry over 4 vacation days</p> <p>Ice fishing weekend – Working on getting a fill</p>
OLD BUSINESS	Procedure writeup for financial tasks - Jeff	Procedure is still being worked on.

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