



PEACE AND PROCLAMATION

May 2009

A message from Pastor Pete

Stay committed to your decisions, but stay flexible in your approach. - Tony Robbins

Committed yet flexible. Is there a better way to describe ministry here at Peace Lutheran Church?

As a congregation, Peace remains committed to our strong core values:

- ◆ Jesus is throughout all that we do
- ◆ God calls us to be relaxed and casual
- ◆ God calls us to create community through relationships
- ◆ God calls us to reach out through family, friends, and community

These values describe the unique ministry that God has given us in Eyota. We know that we do not look like many other churches, and that's a good thing! We have a relaxed style which draws many people to come and hear the Good News of Jesus. That doesn't mean that our style is better than anyone else's - this is simply who God calls us to be!

Amid that commitment to God's ministry, God has called Peace to be a place of flexibility. Over the years, when the Spirit has shown us that something can be done more effectively, the people at Peace have been very open to that conversation. This flexibility has been a blessing!

Where have we seen it? In the past year, the Sunday School at Peace has not been as effective or engaging as we would like. The format just hasn't taken off. In reflecting on it, we realized one of the challenges. After sitting still for an hour of worship, the kids were given sugar and then expected to sit still for yet another 45 minutes.

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This is not a formula for success! Instead of beating our heads against the wall and trying to make the old style of Sunday School work, the education leaders sat down and listened to God's call to a new style of ministry which will kick off this fall. The Sunday education of our youth will begin to look completely different, with a lot of time spent running, eating, and learning. It will fit in with our relaxed and casual style. God will use this flexibility to engage people in the Word of God!

We're also experiencing some financial flexibility at Peace. As the people of Peace step up to support God's ministry here in Eyota, there are some bumps in the road. The mission support that we receive from other congregations is drawing to a close (which, after 10 years of being in Eyota, is expected - they have been extremely generous). Our operating reserves (the money in savings NOT including the building fund) are down to about \$6000. In the face of these challenges, Peace remains flexible. The Southeast Minnesota Synod has now contracted with Peace for 12-15 hours of my time every week so I can work as the Mission Director (overseeing new churches and ethnic ministries) in our synod. This flexibility will lead to \$20,000 a year for Peace, helping us as we work to step up in stewardship. This fall we will have a consultant come and help us in our efforts to financially stand on our own two feet. Our methods may not be 'normal.' We're responding to God's call to flexibility.

These are just two examples! As Peace spends time looking to the future of ministry at Peace (May 17th following worship), we do so with flexibility. We remain free to do things in exciting, untraditional ways. We learn from our past (both good and bad).

We remain open to God's call to us - to remain committed to our values and flexible in our methods.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Pete

WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

May 3, 2009

Worship Asst: Steve Szuberski
Reader: Emily Porcher
Communion Asst's: Emily Porcher & Sheila Mix
Hospitality: Cindy Woltman & The Tangen, Reiman, Keach, & Klein Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Caflisch, Ziemer, & Spafford Families



May 10, 2009

Worship Asst: Kay Klein
Reader: Shannon Reuss
Communion Asst's: Al & Jan Begin
Hospitality: Jamie & Christine Olson & The Mickow, Mix, Porcher, & Pristash Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Szuberski, Peterson, & Rucker Families

May 17, 2009

Worship Asst: John Caflisch
Reader: Jeff Klein
Communion Asst's: Samantha Porcher & Steve Szuberski
Hospitality: The Rhone, Schreier, Sorom, Turnquist, & Wallace Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Porcher, Morton, & Reiman Families

May 24, 2009

Worship Asst: Eric Porcher
Reader: Julie Porcher
Communion Asst's: Jeff & Tanya Reiman
Hospitality: The Welsh, Wendt, Ziemer, Begin, & Brockway Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Brockway, Schreier, Wallace, & Austin Families

May 31, 2009

Worship Asst: Jeff Klein
Reader: Kay Klein
Communion Asst's: Lynn & John Caflisch
Hospitality: The Caflisch, Crenshaw, Enright, Hanley, & Helgeson Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Klein, Helgeson, Turnquist, & Wendt Families

May Birthdays!

Justin Gilbertson 5/2

Alec Ziemer 5/4

Aaron Szuberski 5/6

Owen Ziemer 5/8

Michelle Helgeson 5/9

Mike Sass 5/9

Kevin Coppock 5/10

John Helgeson 5/10

Derrick Turnquist 5/13

Joel Spafford 5/15

Jaylynn Begin 5/16

Gary Brockway 5/17

Michelle Gilbertson 5/19

Matthew Johnson 5/21

Sheila Mix 5/21

Callie Hanley 5/22

Luke Rasmussen 5/22

Cody Johnson 5/25

Jon Tangen 5/26

Laura Welsh 5/26

Luke Rasmussen 5/22

Samuel Wick 5/26

Reece Olson 5/30



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

~May Readings~

May 3

Jesus appears to Thomas

John 20:19-31

May 10

Jesus appears to the Disciples

John 21:1-14

May 17

Jesus reinstates Peter

John 21:15-25

May 24

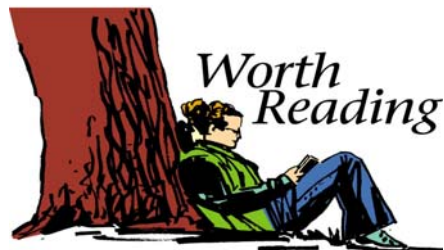
The Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

May 31

Pentecost - The Holy Spirit Comes

Acts 2:1-41



Church News!

First Communion

On **May 3rd** we celebrate with Carter Begin, Brady Glynn, Michael Nelson, Sierra Nguyen, Breanna Ohl, Olivia Rhone, and Bailey Wallace as they receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. God is good!

Sunday School

We are ending the year with a BANG as we look ahead to a completely new and exciting format for the fall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (AND INTERN MAUREEN) APPRECIATION DAY — MAY 3

This will be a day of fun and festivities. Former Intern Maureen will be back for the day to play with us...and we're bringing in an INFLATABLE to enjoy, along with pizza and pop. Nobody will want to miss this one.

Youth Ministry

The coming of spring brings many school events, even on Wednesdays! Because of that, the last day for Peace's mid-week youth ministry will be **May 6th**. It's been a great year of growing in faith!

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

MOTHER'S DAY — MAY 10



We will wrap up the Sunday School year by appreciating moms! The Sunday School time will be spent preparing flower pots and flowers to take home to mom.

HB Hanson Preaching Seminar

A year ago, Pastor Pete was nominated to lead a small group of pastors to sit and reflect on how preaching can interact with our everyday living. In the past few months, Pastor Pete has travelled to hear the other pastors in the group preach. On **May 17th**, Peace welcomes the group (Pastor Tammy Dahlvang, Pastor Sarah Nietz, Pastor John Weisenburger) to Eyota!



Sunday, **May 17th** is a very important day in the history of Peace Lutheran Church. Peace again will welcome the consultant Luther Snow to come and help us look toward the future of ministry at Peace. We will use the Asset Mapping process to help us look ahead to the exciting things that God holds in our future. Asset Mapping assumes that God has already given us the gifts, talents, and relationships that we need to be able to do exciting, effective ministry. We will consider how we can use those assets right here in Eyota.

While the focus will be on the future of ministry at Peace, we will also spend significant time considering the assets that we have to bring to bear towards a building project. It is essential that we have a strong group of people on May 17th to join in this conversation. This discussion will directly lead us into formulating a three year plan for ministry, the first step in a potential building process. We will begin right after worship (at 10:30) and we will be done by 2:30. Lunch (with a freewill offering) will be provided. We are working to get experienced child-care. More details on that will follow soon.

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 Elementary 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.



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.

Special Sunday School Events

After Easter there are only four more weeks of Sunday School! Instead of the same-old same-old, special events are being planned for all four of those weeks! We'll keep you posted as we get all the fun details pinned down. Don't miss out!



Dear Peace Lutheran Friends,

I have such good news! I have received a call to serve as pastor at a two-point parish on the Minnesota/Iowa border. The churches that have called me are Saetersdal Lutheran near Harmony, and St. Paul's Lutheran in Lime Springs, Iowa. St. Paul's has lots of children in the congregation and in that way it reminds me of you.

My ordination is scheduled for May 31st at 2:00 p.m. at Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester and I want to extend an invitation to all of you to come. Each of you played an important role in my preparation for ordained ministry and I would love to have you come if you are able.

In His Service,

Maureen Hagen



Christian Education Calendar - updates



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

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

- May 3, 2009 - First Communion Sunday
- May 6, 2009 - Last Day of Weekday School
- May 10, 2009 - Last Day of Sunday School
- June 8 - 12, 2009 - Vacation Bible School

Christian Education Opportunities

Sundays—10:30—11:15 a.m. D-E Elementary Gym/Pre-school—8th grade

Wednesday—5:45—6:45 p.m. Peace Lutheran Church Office/Pre-school—5th grade

Wednesday—6:00—8:00 p.m. Arbor Gardens 6th, 7th & 8th grade

The Noisy Collection

The Noisy Collection on May 3rd will go to the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Society



Pastor Pete's Phone Number

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

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda

03/10/09

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 7:49
Secretary's Report: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Minutes 02/10 	Wayne motioned to accept the minutes, Myra seconded.
Treasurer's Report: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Offering balance 	Carrie motioned to accept, Myra seconded.
Team Reports:		
Education Team: Curt Olson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on Sunday School Youth Trips God Squad First Communion 	<p>Rethinking Sunday school with Ramona Back and Kari Wendt.</p> <p>The HS youth (4) are going up to the cities the last weekend in March.</p> <p>God Squad - Talk about the community wide group is progressing. Possibility of a band coming for the first event. Looking for leaders at each church.</p> <p>Two youth went through first communion: James Boettcher and Bradley Halvorson.</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 - Need to get dates on the calendar to have someone into speak to Peace congregation in October. The cost is \$1500 and the Synod will be kicking in some of that amount. Thoughts would be to kick it off the beginning of October and then Commitment Sunday the end of October.</p> <p>Myra motioned to accept the Kid's Against Hunger, Pastor Pete seconded.</p> <p>\$58.98 was raised for Good Samaritan Dental.</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) Vinyl sign, Eagle Ad, Welcome packets IHN Staff/Volunteer Application and Disclosure Forms due 3/15 	<p>IHN schedule filling in.</p> <p>Eagle ad was reduced to cut costs, Welcome packets revised to reflect new council members.</p> <p>Collecting Background check forms from IHN volunteers</p> <p>New idea: Easter Egg hunt on April 11th at our lot. 10:00 am. Contact surrounding businesses to kick in coupons or free stuff to advertise them.</p>
Property Team: Wayne Merhkens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Building Planning Team Mowing 	<p>Building planning team on hold yet.</p> <p>Need to get some mowing bids to get things lined up for the spring/summer months (3 times)</p>
Spirituality: Brenda Szuberski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Small Groups Prayer Group 	<p>The Mom's group is in reorganization – may move to Fridays. Prayer group is meeting after fellowship time on Sundays.</p>

Worship Team: Myra Wick	<p>Updates</p> <p>Lenten Seder Supper Good Friday</p> <p>Palms Easter Lilies</p> <p>Grant Money (remaining balance)</p> <p>Nursery</p>	<p>Lenten suppers are under way.</p> <p>The Seder supper signup was sent around.</p> <p>Palms are 50 cents a piece and the Lillies & Misc. other flowers would be priced out soon.</p> <p>Some of the extra Grant money could be used for a color printer.</p> <p>Julie, Jenny, and Cliff started discussions about the Nursery. It will be part of the Asset Mapping planning.</p>
Pastor Update	<p>Pastoral updates</p> <p>Baptised/Confirmed #'s New Members</p> <p>March 8 meeting w/ Luther Snow</p>	<p>243 Baptised /150 Confirmed #'s No change in new members</p> <p>Luther Snow - We have a leadership team (Brandon, Cindy and Eric) formed to lead the Asset Mapping Team. There was enthusiasm in the room and Luther kept people engaged. Next meeting, Sunday, May 17th.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p>Picture Directory – Letters or phone calls made to those without pictures from Veronica.</p>	<p>Directory almost finished. Will put options on the green cards as to how members want these delivered. 4pages pages back to back .</p>

NEW BUSINESS		
	<p>Administrative Assistant: projects and responsibilities</p> <p>Offering envelopes</p> <p>Synod proposal brought to our attention 3/10/09</p> <p>Administrative Assistant: projects and responsibilities</p> <p>Bus to the Girls Tournament</p> <p>Cleaning the office</p>	<p>Need to discuss more once council is all here. She could benefit from being at the Asset Mapping meeting and then take on some advertising/communication tasks to get the word out about the Meeting on May 17th.</p> <p>The rest of the envelopes need to be picked up/handed out to the congregation.</p> <p>Announce the Synod proposal on Sunday, March 22nd, let the congregation know that we will be available for questions for one week and then on the 29th after service the Council would vote on the proposal.</p> <p>Will look into getting a bus for Peace members and St. Paul's members if the DE Girls BB makes it to state.</p> <p>Tangen's, Wayne, Carrie, Myra offered to be on a cleaning rotation for the office. Monthly schedule needs to be set up.</p>
Adjourn		Wayne motioned to adjourn, Jeff seconded.
Next Council Meeting	<p>Upcoming Council Meetings: 6:30 PM</p> <p>Tuesday, April 14th</p> <p>Thursday, May 14th</p> <p>Wednesday, June 3rd</p> <p>Tuesday, August 11th</p>	