



PEACE AND PROCLAMATION

November 2008

A message from Pastor Pete

Peace Building Update

For years I've heard the same question from people. "When is Peace going to build?"

This is a simple question. The simple answer is, "We don't know, but we may have more information soon." Perhaps a better answer is, "It's in God's hands."

Here's exactly where Peace stands. Peace owns the entire lot on the corner of Hwy 42 and Knowledge Road. It has been paid for. As you can see by looking at the lot, it needs a lot of fill to bring it up to the road grade, and that has been happening over the past few years. Contractors have given us the fill for free. We have only had to pay to have it leveled. This is a very good deal for Peace!

Peace currently has just over \$300,000 in a building fund. Right now it is invested with the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA and the money is quite safe from the economic turmoil of the world.

As you probably know, Peace has appointed a Building Planning Team. Right now, the task of the BPT is simply to survey the congregation to determine the ministry activities that would take place *if* Peace built a new building. We have been very clear throughout this process that there are no guarantees that Peace will build soon. This is just the first step in a long process. We hope to have the results of this BPT survey within the month.

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In order to build (and get loans for building), a building program needs to be approved by our national church offices. EOCM (Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission) is the department that oversees these issues. Their goal is to help new congregations determine if a building program is a good idea. They have a number of criteria that they look at, including attendance and giving trends. While Peace meets most of their criteria, the one we miss is 'self-sufficiency.' The offerings that Peace brings in do not match our expenses. Right now Peace still receives support from other congregations. We also are dipping into some operating reserves (separate from the building fund). We recently sent in the application with EOCM and await their response. They may approve the application. Due to concerns about finances, they may not approve the application. If we had income to cover our own expenses (in 2008, our expenses will finish approx. \$60,000 over our offerings), this application would be approved without question. We would be building now.

On Monday, October 20th the church council and finance team met with Phil Roe of the Mission Investment Fund to find out the process for determining the size of a loan that we could take on. The MIF has a worksheet that it uses to help congregations determine a healthy level of debt to finance a building project. This meeting was simply informative. Until EOCM would approve our application to build, MIF will not proceed with a loan.

Even if EOCM approves the application, building would not start right away. We'd need to have a fund-raising campaign specifically for a building. We'd need to work with an architect to get drawings made. The congregation would have to approve the whole project. These things don't happen overnight.

It's time for Peace to place this whole issue in God's hands.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Pete

A message from Amanda:



*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
~Psalm 106:1*

The leaves are falling, the weather is getting colder, and right before our eyes this year is ending. As the year draws to a close, we are given a chance to give thanks for all the blessings we have in our lives. Thanksgiving is a holiday that asks us to look back on the year we are completing with one specific question in mind - what are we thankful for?

When I look back over this year, I find that I have much to be thankful for. I am thankful for wonderful friends who helped me through hard times. I'm thankful for my family and the health and happiness we have enjoyed. I am thankful for the wonderful welcome I received here at Peace and all the things I have learned here already. You are all a blessing to me, and I am honored to be invited into your lives. I am excited to see how these blessings continue into the coming year!

I invite you all to contemplate this question with me - what are you thankful for? After you've made your list, I have another question for you to contemplate - who are you thankful TO? This time of giving thanks is not only a time to tell those around us how much we appreciate them. Let's also take some time to thank God for sending us all the wonderful blessings we have in our lives. I want to leave you with Paul's introduction to his letter to the Philippians - a sentiment which he used to open many of his letters. "I thank my God every time I remember you." What a wonderful way to help a person feel appreciated! When we do things that help or show love to those around us, we are doing God's work.

I do thank God when I think of all of you, and I hope and pray that all of you are blessed with many reasons to give your thanks to God in this coming year.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

November 2, 2008

Worship Asst: John Caflisch
Reader: Becky Crenshaw
Communion Asst's: Cindy Woltman & Steve Szuberski
Hospitality: The Pristash, Rhone, Schreier, Sorom, & Turnquist Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Klein, Helgeson, Turnquist, & Wendt Families



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

November 9, 2008

Worship Asst: Eric Porcher
Reader: Chuck Johnson
Communion Asst's: Jamie Olson & Chris Austin
Hospitality: The Wallace, Welsh, Wendt, Ziemer, & Begin Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Caflisch, Ziemer, & Spafford Families

November 16, 2008

Worship Asst: Jeff Klein
Reader: Myra Wick
Communion Asst's: David & Debbie Turnquist
Hospitality: The Brockway, Caflisch, Crenshaw, Enright, & Hanley Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Szuberski, Peterson, Johnson, & Rucker Families

November 23, 2008

Worship Asst: Tanya Reiman
Reader: Shannon Reuss
Communion Asst's: Emily Porcher & Shelia Mix
Hospitality: Curt & Kathy Olson, & The Helgeson, Sass, Wick, & Tangen Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Porcher, Morton, & Reiman Families

November 30, 2008

Worship Asst: Julie Porcher
Reader: Emily Porcher
Communion Asst's: Al & Jan Begin
Hospitality: Cindy Woltman, & The Reiman, Keach, Klein, & Mickow Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Brockway, Schreier, Wallace, & Austin Families

November Birthdays!

Tara Schultz 11/2

Ryan Keach 11/4

Ryan Olson 11/8

Joanie Mix 11/16

Brianna Johnson 11/17

Michael Nelson 11/17

Ryan Ohl 11/18

Jacob Trom 11/18

Greg Shelquist 11/19

Breanna Ohl 11/21

Ben Sorom 11/21

Chris Wallace 11/21

Jeff Klein 11/27

Taylor Sass 11/27

Jessica Schreier 11/28

Christina Pristash 11/29

Ava Sutton 11/30

Claire Sutton 11/30



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@peaceeyota.org

~November Readings~

November 2

Peter receives the Great Commission
Matthew 28:16-20

November 9

God's pain
Isaiah 5:1-30

November 16

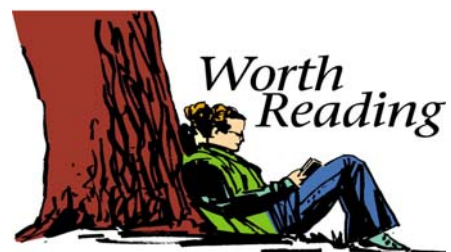
Isaiah called to proclaim
Isaiah 6

November 23

(Commitment Sunday)
Humbled before God
Isaiah 64

November 30

Hope is coming
Isaiah 40



Church News!

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Future hosting dates will be December 21-29.

We are always in need of Meal Hosts, Drivers and Overnight Hosts.
Please contact Carrie Rhone at 545-0101 if interested in volunteering.

December 21-29 - Host Location: Community Presbyterian Church in Plainview



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



Sermons On-Line

If you're going to be away and can't worship on any Sunday, hop onto www.peaceeyota.org.

Sunday School Rotation Leaders

November 2nd

Lisa Finstuen	Movie	Grades 1, 2, 3
Becky Crenshaw, Julie Hanley, Tammy Rasmussen, Laura Welsh	Art	Grades 4, 5, 6

November 9th

Becky Crenshaw, Julie Hanley, Tammy Rasmussen, Laura Welsh	Art	Grades 1, 2, 3
Chris Austin	Movie	Grades 4, 5, 6

November 16th

Laura Welsh	Activity	Grades 1, 2, 3
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November 23rd

Carrie Rhone & Jan Begin	Drama	Grades 1, 2, 3
Laura Welsh	Activity	Grades 4, 5, 6

Dear Fellow Brothers and Sisters of Christ

We would like to invite you to our first Fall Festival **Saturday, November 1st** from noon to 3 p.m. There will be a hot dog meal, baked goods, silent auction and games for all ages. Come and join the fun! Proceeds made will go toward our Christian education and camp fund. Proceeds will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial. Sincerely, Christian Education Board, Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

Our Council Leaders!

Council President: Cliff Schreier
Vice-President: Carrie Rhone
Council Secretary: Su Spafford

Peace Teams and Leaders

Education: Su Spafford
Outreach: Carrie Rhone
Worship: Cliff Schreier

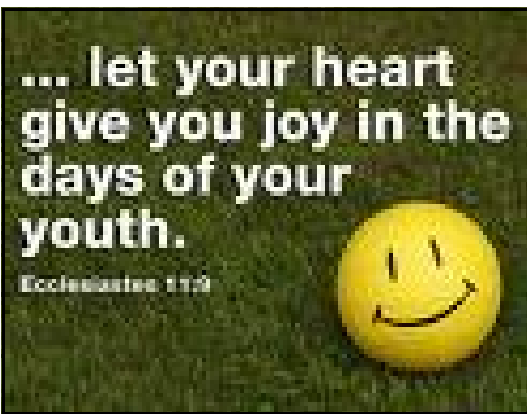
Finance: Jeffrey Reiman
Property: Wayne Mehrkins
Spirituality: Brenda Szuberski



Small Groups Forming

Peace is very excited to have a number of small groups forming. These small groups provide the opportunity to do fun things, get to know people, serve the community, or grow in faith. We have everything from a mom's group, an on-line book study, diaper making, scrapbooking, new member gathering, & date nights. More may be in the works which will be announced at a later date. This is your chance to connect with others and with God!

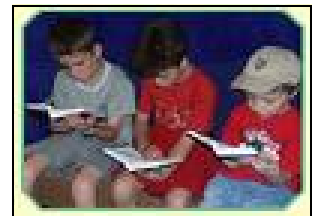
Youth Service Projects



We are trying something new with our Wednesday night youth group on the last Wednesday of each month. We will still have dinner and play Bingo with the residents at Arbor Gardens, but after Bingo we will be doing a service project. To get this going, we need ideas of things we could do to benefit the community, and we need people to help with transportation and chaperone responsibilities. If you have an idea or would like to help us with this project, please check the box on today's welcome card, or talk to Amanda.

Bring your Bibles!

We ask that all the kids bring their Bibles! They will be used! Since so many look alike, please make sure your name is in it.



Christian Education Calendar - updates



Noisy Sundays!!!! 1st Sunday of each month!!!!
Bring your \$hange, bring your child, hear them sing,
The Noisy Sunday Collection (October) was \$84.72



November 23, 2008 - Commitment Sunday

November 26, 2008 - No Weekday School - Thanksgiving

YOUTH MINISTRY AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds”

(Matthew 5:16)



God has a plan for all of us and some have been called to teach, play and share. If you have 45 minutes of time you can share with our youth we are looking for people who can assist in playing games, helping with crafts or telling stories. Sound EASY? It is! *Call us!*

This year Sunday School will have a whole new look and feel, each week the students will act out the story of the day, play a game which emphasizes the message or create something in crafts and of course there will always be music. We are trying out a new rotation style Sunday School which is more like Vacation Bible School and will move very quickly.

Please look at the Christian Education Calendar and if there is a special event that your child may miss due to other family obligations please let us know we will do everything we can to make sure they can still participate. Your child's Christian Education is important, please let us know if you have any suggestions on how we can accommodate your child's learning experience.

Pastor Pete or Amanda Stamp 545-2535

Su Spafford 545-2954

Elvis Concert in Eyota for Channel One featuring Brad Boice Nov. 16th



As a community service/mission project, the youth of Faith United Methodist church in Eyota, MN are coordinating an "Elvis Concert" featuring Elvis impersonator Brad Boice. The concert will be November 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Dover-Eyota High School. There will be a free-will offering to raise needed funds for the Channel One Foodshelf which serves Southeastern, Minnesota. People are also welcome to bring non-perishable food to the concert. For more information, please call 545-2641.

What: Elvis Concert

When: November 16th 4:30p.m.

Where: Dover-Eyota High School auditorium 615 South Avenue Eyota

Why: Fundraiser event for Channel One Foodshelf...free will offering and non-perishable food

Who: You, your family and friends....

Call: 545-2641

Peace Photo Directory



With all the new people around Peace these days, it's time for Peace to do a photo directory to help keep everyone straight! We are working with Veronica Little of Little Photos here in Eyota to get the whole thing put together. Veronica is taking these photos at no cost to Peace. If families would like to purchase any photos, they are free to do so. There is plenty of time for additional family or individual photos to be taken. Many people

already get pictures done to send out in Christmas cards. Feel free to use this opportunity to not only help Peace, but also save yourself some time! Veronica is waving all sitting fees and offering any photos at last year's prices. There will be NO pressure to buy a thing. To get the family photos we need, we have set up three dates for people to come and get their pictures done. On Saturday, November 1st Veronica will be taking pictures from 9:00-8:00. On Sunday, November 2nd she'll be taking them from 11:00-8:00. On Monday, November 3rd she'll take them from 4:00-8:00. All photos will be done at her studio (311 LaFayette Ave) in her home in Eyota. A sign-up sheet will be available starting today to sign up for a time to get your family photo done. We have $\frac{1}{2}$ hour slots for each family. If none of these dates work for you, Veronica is more than happy to set up an alternative time.

Save the date:

Peace Ice Fishing Weekend - **January 24-25, 2009**

High School road tripping! We have three great road trips planned for those in 9th-12 grades!



Trip #1 - Okoboji Bible Camp - Milford, IA - November 14-16

Okoboji is an awesome Bible camp (more like a resort than most camps) that pulls in youth from all over. We'll simply join in the fun that they already have planned! We'll head out Friday night (about 6:00) and be back by late Sunday afternoon. The cost is \$59 per person (which covers everything for the weekend). **There may still be time to get you in!** Winter sports won't have started yet, so it's the perfect weekend!

Trip #2 - Youth Encounter Weekend - Minneapolis - Mar. 27-29, 2009

Youth Encounters bring hundreds of youth together for large scale events. Stay at a hotel - listen to great bands - meet new friends - praise God. It doesn't get much better than that! The cost is \$140 for the weekend. We need to know by December 1st if you can go. There's no school that Friday, so perhaps we could even go up early and hit the mall!

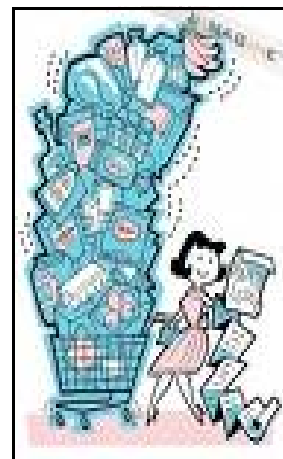


Trip #3 - The Big One!! - August 2-8, 2009



Next summer we plan to take a group on a service trip to....somewhere! We're partnering with Youthworks (who provide AMAZING weeks), and they have events all over the country. We may be in Milwaukee, Chicago, Kansas City, South Dakota, Montana ... The location will depend on availability, but we need to get hopping to be able to have choices open to us! The cost for a week is about \$250. We need to know by November 1st if you can come.

The annual Christmas Shopping Day is December 6th. This is a chance to shop with no kids! Childcare services will be provided at the church office from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by the 7th & 8th grade Midweek Youth. Feel free to drop kids off and pick them up whenever is convenient within that time span. Snacks and a noon lunch will be provided. Warm clothes will be needed to play outside. A free will donation would be accepted to cover the costs of the event.



3 Ways to Serve in December:

I. Bell Ringing for Salvation Army



On Saturday, December 6th Peace will be ringing bells at Walmart South. We have a need for 8 sets of volunteers. Our time to ring is between 10am and 6pm. Contact Carrie Rhone if you could volunteer for an hour.

II. We've adopted two families, now it's time to shop!



Peace has adopted two families that were prior Interfaith Hospitality Network families. We've been given a list and now we just need to do the shopping. Thrivent has given us some money for the effort as well. We would like to provide gifts and provide a Christmas meal as well. If you would like to do some shopping, sign up in church on Sundays, or give Carrie Rhone a call.



III. Support IHN



Support IHN during the week of Christmas in Plainview Many times families are with friends during this time, but we still need to line up volunteers just in case. If you could volunteer to drive, provide a meal or be an overnight host, contact Carrie Rhone. Our dates to serve are December 21, 22, 23, 26, and 27. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day they will be put up in a hotel.

Peace Budget Update (year to date through 9/30/08)

Actual Offerings	\$ 60,440
Budgeted Offerings	\$ 77,797
Actual Mission Partner & Misc. Income	\$ 10,396
Actual Expenses	\$ 106,044
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 111,804
% of Self-Sufficiency (actual offerings vs actual expense)	57%

Small Group Updates

Diapers for Guatemala

This small group is a working group. We will meet the **last Sunday of each month, September thru May (excluding November and December), during the Sunday school hour.** We will create diapers out of old XL or larger T-shirts. Things we will need for this group. We are looking for exciting people who would like to get together one time each month to sew diapers for an Orphanage in Guatemala. Contact Brenda Szuberski 289-6346 if you are interested in being a part of this group.

A Date & Dessert -(no times for the calendar yet)

This small group is for couples. It will center on encouraging couples to devote five Friday nights this next year to spend time on a private date and meet after the date at a predetermined location with three other couples. They will share experiences and devotions and grow closer as a couple, to each other, and to God. Your group leaders will be Brenda & Steve Szuberski 289-6346. Please call Brenda if you are interested in joining this small group.

"Instruments of Peace"

Open to all members of the congregation. We meet the **2nd Thursday of each month 7 - 8:30 PM at Shannon Reuss' home.** If you enjoy singing or playing music please come and be a part of this fun group. Please call Shannon Reuss with any questions, 545-1272.
Bob's - Please get Info from Amanda

Weight-loss Achievers

Coming this January! Starting the **first Thursday of January and proceeding every Thursday for three months starting at 6 PM.** A group for support and weight-less. Every Thursday we will meet at the church office for a weigh in and topic discussion, followed by a walk around the neighborhood. Each meeting will be 1 hour in length. Sheila Mix is the contact person for this small group, 286-9059.

Peace Scrappers

Contact person - Becky Crenshaw-545-1290. We meet in the church office on the **2nd Saturday each month, from 6-10 PM. Our next meeting time is Nov. 8th.**

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

8/11/08

6:30 PM

Devotions: Acts 14:1-7

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call meeting to order: Cliff Schreier		
Secretary's Report: Su Spafford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes 6/08 	Approved June 2008 minutes, Szuberski second Reiman
Treasurer's Report: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Offering balance 	Offerings are down 10%, expenses are at or below budget. Transferred \$10,000.00 out of money market. September noisy offering – World War II Honor Flight Motion Spafford, second Szuberski
Team Reports:		
Education Team: Su Spafford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Education 	Sunday School & Weekday School are in the midst of being planned. Christmas Program volunteers are coming forward. Christian Ed kick off is planned for 9/3/08.
Finance Team: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates 	A stewardship program for children and adults will be introduced soon.
Outreach: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IHN 	IHN volunteers are needed Ministries section of web site is available to church council to advertise.
Property Team: Wayne Merhkens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property Team Set Up Teams Property mowing Building Planning Team 	Building Planning Team has not met this summer. Property has been leveled and mowed. Set Up Teams are set for the rest of the year.
Spirituality: Brenda Szuberski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirituality Summer trips 	Natural Church Development meeting will be Tuesday 8/12/08. Training for small groups is occurring. A book club, scrap book group, mom's group are just a few of the groups. Twins Game 8/19/08
Worship Team: Cliff Schreier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Worship – Park Fall Kick Off Hospitality 	Meeting soon to plan fall kick off. Blessing of animals, August 20
Pastor Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastoral updates 	232 Baptized – 142 Confirmed Baptized – Owen Charles Wallace Vacation 9/24-28 in Chicago Seminary funding is being sought to help pay for internship for people in mission churches.

Intern Update	Intern update	Preached 3 times Been in 2 parades and got to drive the Eyota Days Train Tubing and a sleep over and played guitar here Blessed the bikes Quarterly evaluation went well.
OLD BUSINESS		
		No old business

NEW BUSINESS		
	SE MN Synod	Asking for donations from every church to help support seminary students
Adjourn		Motion Spafford, second Szuberski
Next Council Meeting	September 15, 2008	

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

9/15/08

6:30 PM

Devotions: Acts 15:1-21

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call meeting to order: Cliff Schreier		
Secretary's Report: Su Spafford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes 8/11/08 	Minutes approved as written. Wayne seconded by Jeff.
Treasurer's Report: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates 	<p>General offering more in line. Still under budget for the year. No need to transfer more from the money market. Giving has been strong in September.</p> <p>Raised \$118 during donations for bibles on 9/14. This was an example of a 'special needs free will offering' and this will be done at various opportunities.</p> <p>October donations will tracked as a measuring stick for 'self-sufficiency'. It will be publicized beforehand.</p>
Team Reports:		
Education Team: Su Spafford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Education 	<p>The new Sunday School is getting up and running. A decent number of leaders are in place. The first training went well. Lots of optimism. Amanda and Pete are doing the teaching for the first month. Su is going to book the 'master schedule' for this. May look at having a reminder card for teachers or have it be part of the front part of the bulletin.</p> <p>Livin' the Faith is going on for 4 church members. Commitment Sunday is November 23. Still meeting at Arbor Gardens on Wednesday night.</p> <p>Working on straightening out the VBS finances. This should be coming out soon.</p> <p>Next year, Peace is part of the waffle breakfast at Eyota Days. It made a lot of money so this will be good.</p>
Finance Team: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates 	Envelopes will be ordered soon. They will be here by the end of the year.
Outreach: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IHN 	<p>Have IHN coming up September 28th-October 5th. Six or seven signed up so this is a good turnout.</p> <p>IHN Training will be done at Our Savior's Lutheran on September 17th.</p> <p>Donations to IHN were discussed.</p> <p>Discussed a Peace Lutheran sign for the elementary school saying to enter door number 6 as well as adding the Peace logo.</p>
Property Team: Wayne Merhkens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property Team Set Up Teams Property mowing Building Planning Team 	<p>Set up teams are set for the rest of the year. No responses back for setup team lately.</p> <p>Property has been mowed and we have not been billed.</p> <p>BPT meeting is set for September 21st after Sunday School. Responses will be analyzed and decisions will be made. More surveys will be sent out.</p>

<p>Spirituality: Brenda Szuberski</p>	<p>Summer trips Small groups</p>	<p>Twins game was FUN! It was nearly a full bus.</p> <p>Small groups fair was kicked off on September 14th. There were eight groups in all. Two will be highlighted each week. More groups will likely be added.</p> <p>The web site will contain a PDF of the brochure that was distributed.</p> <p>Prayer retreat in the fall will be discussed later.</p>
<p>Worship Team: Cliff Schreier</p>	<p>Fall Kick Off Nursery update Community grant information Xmas presents for soldiers</p>	<p>Meeting held with the worship team. Rally day kickoff was set up and went well.</p> <p>Will have questions added to the welcome cards for Nursery needs. We will decide how this goes based on the responses goes.</p> <p>Community grant discussion – we will try to get a new projector and speaker system.</p> <p>Tanya Reiman wants to again send Christmas presents to the troops. We will put a note in the bulletin to get names and addresses of servicemen and servicewomen. They need to get sent out in November in order to be there at Christmas.</p> <p>Lemonade will be added to the list that Linda stocks.</p>
<p>Pastor Update</p>	<p>Pastoral updates Vacation plans Cardboard city New member small group First communion Bible handout Synod Theological conference</p>	<p>232 Baptized – 142 Confirmed</p> <p>Vacation 9/24-28 in Chicago</p> <p>Discussed this with other churches. It's lacking organization this year.</p> <p>This will be set up soon.</p> <p>First communion for 2nd graders will be coming in October.</p> <p>Bible handout was very well received. We have a record of who has been given a bible now.</p> <p>Synod conference is the first week of November in Mankato.</p>
<p>Intern Update</p>	<p>Intern update</p>	<p>Writing a lot of curriculum for the church.</p> <p>Contemplating a different way to get information on child education</p> <p>Performed blessing of the animals in August.</p> <p>Half way through the intern assignment!</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>		
	<p>Miscellaneous discussion</p>	<p>Readiness to build paperwork. Need to get the Mission Director to sign off on this so we will need to get with the Bishop on what we need to do. Guidelines and it appears we are close to meeting these.</p> <p>Noisy collection for October will go to the Resource Center in St. Charles.</p> <p>Peace Lutheran Pens were discussed. These will be laid out for during the service.</p> <p>Building planning team discussion on next steps. The council was asked to think about where we should take this next month.</p>

NEW BUSINESS		
	<p>T-shirts to toss out to fans during DEHS games</p> <p>Finance Team discussion – picture directories</p>	<p>Minimum number of shirts is 36 and cost is around \$10 each. Peace would be the exclusive church sponsor. Motion was carried. It will come out of the advertising budget.</p> <p>Discussion of a place where we could just upload photos. This could be very cost competitive. More information will be coming soon. Options for this will be discussed in upcoming meetings.</p> <p>Directory information will be coming around.</p> <p>Discussion of the calendar. Carrie has the master copy of this.</p>
Adjourn		
Next Council Meeting	October 9, 2008	

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

10/13/08

6:30 PM

Devotions: Acts 16:6-10

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call meeting to order: Cliff Schreier		
Secretary's Report: Su Spafford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Minutes 9/08 	Motion by Pastor Pete, seconded by Brenda Szuberski.
Treasurer's Report: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff absent. • Offering balances not where we would like. 	When a transfer is made from money market account, this will be noted in the bulletin. Motion to approve – Brenda, second – Carrie.
Team Reports:		
Education Team: Su Spafford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Education • Sign up for teachers has been slow • Weekday School attendance average – 10 • Sunday School attendance average – 20 • VBS bills have gone out to the Catholic & Methodist churches • Update on Living the Faith & Jr High Weekday School • How many getting confirmed. • Christmas Program – where. 	Teacher assignments are being sent reminder cards. Newsletter will also remind people and it will be online. Response has been positive from teachers who have led things. The kids seem positive about it. Multiple teaching styles work for different kids. Bible school bills have gone out. Methodist has already paid it. Wednesday has about 12 different kids with about 5 showing up each week. Livin' the Faith has 4 kids to be confirmed. For the Christmas program at Wendt's farm – this would be good for an additional program and party.
Finance Team: Jeff Reiman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff absent. 	Pastor Pete to talk with Jeff about how to get the money locked up after church.
Outreach: Carrie Rhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHN 	IHN on September 28-October 5 th . Four people participated (family left on Wednesday). Next IHN is the week of Christmas (12/21-28). We will need to line up people but likely nobody will need the service. Cardboard box city. 5 or 6 are going to participate from Peace Lutheran. Last year we adopted 5 families at Christmas (this was overload) and will plan for 2 families of 4 or 5. Thrivent will give us \$200 towards this effort. Folders have been ordered for new members or people of interest. Pastor Pete to get information. PowerPoint with base information is ready.
Property Team: Wayne Merhkens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Team Set Up Teams • Property mowing • Building Planning Team 	Setup teams have been working well lately. Got charged for mowing the property \$250. BPT has sent out the final survey. Looking for those to come back 10/17/08 and will get input and follow-up for this. Phil Roe will be at Peace to talk about the next part of the assessment on 10/20/08. Readiness to build form has been mailed in. We will see what happens from there.

<p>Spirituality: Brenda Szuberski</p>	<p>Spirituality Updates Small Groups</p>	<p>Small group ministries are slowly starting. People met at Becky's house for scrapbooking. Jan Begin had 2 others at her mom's group so this started ok. Brenda has 3 couples signed up for the Date and Dessert.</p> <p>Konnie Biknesse is starting the weight loss group</p> <p>Amanda has 4 people for BOBS group. The book is available.</p> <p>Prayer102 may be coming later this fall.</p> <p>Men's retreat in January may happen as well.</p>
<p>Worship Team: Cliff Schreier</p>	<p>Nursery update Sermon-time helpers Care packages for the troops IBM Grant</p>	<p>We have only received a few names of people interested in using or staffing the nursery. We will continue to poll for people here but if there isn't enough interest, this may just get dropped.</p> <p>We have received a few names for the sermon-time helpers. We will use these to put together a list of people who can help and get this rolling more efficiently.</p> <p>Tanya Reiman is still interested in sending care packages to the troops serving overseas. We have no names yet. Amanda is going to go through the list of those serving in the military (in the bulletin) and see if these are still valid and use this for our list. (Thanks Amanda!)</p> <p>We received word that the IBM grant for \$1000 was approved for Peace to purchase a laptop projector and associated speaker system!</p>
<p>Pastor Update</p>	<p>Pastoral updates Set 2009 Calendar - where is it? Card Board Box City coming up Class for new members</p>	<p>Daniel Reiman baptism. 233 baptized, 142 confirmed. Amanda and Pastor Pete involved with the crisis team on 10/12 and 10/13. Both went to school and visited with students over lunch hours. DE did a very good job of handling the tragedy. Youth ministry will deal with this in upcoming meetings.</p> <p>School fund 'Angel account' will be where the next noisy collection will go towards – this is a milk break for kids.</p> <p>Jackie Boettcher would like to see some high school youth program. Three trips will be set up: Okoboji Bible Camp 11/14-16, Youth Encounter Weekends 3/27-29/09 and Service Trip with Youth works 8/2-8/09</p> <p>Continuing education: Transforming your Congregation.</p> <p>Synod Theological Conference 11/2-4</p> <p>New members class will likely be during Sunday School hour.</p>

Intern Update	Intern update	<p>Preached 2 times</p> <p>Worked with Junior High Youth group</p> <p>Went to Powder Puff Football game this year – seniors won again!</p> <p>Linda would like to organize the storage closet in the basement! Go for it!</p> <p>Vacation time – going to a friend's wedding in Nebraska on Sunday 10/19</p> <p>Cluster meeting on 10/28</p> <p>Meeting with the Bishop on 10/29 – Brenda to help with Wednesday education.</p>
OLD BUSINESS		

NEW BUSINESS	Carrie Rhone to do calendar updates and send to Cliff.	<p>Picture information will be added to the calendar.</p> <p>Small Group dates will be added by Brenda.</p> <p>Annual meeting to be broken into multiple Sundays. Tentative plan: 1/11, 1/18, 1/25 for team reports and the final meeting on 2/1. Council Retreat will tentatively set up for 2/15.</p> <p>Pastor Pete to get nominating committee together to get replacement council members together.</p>
	Picture directory	<p>Visit from Little photos. Owner came and talked about it. Discussed some software where we can input pictures and we could do our directories on our own. Any digital pictures will work. Software costs only \$70 and we could update it fairly quickly. Multiple different background options and location can be set up at different locations. All orders could be done off the web site with no church involvement. No pressure on the families to order. Will be online for about 6 weeks. This was very flexible – may only get the directory picture.</p> <p>November 1st, 9 AM - 8 PM</p> <p>November 2nd, 11 AM – 8 PM</p> <p>November 3rd, 4 PM – 8 PM</p> <p>30 minute time slots at 311 LaFayette Ave in Eyota. www.mylittlephotos.com</p>
Adjourn	Brenda motioned to adjourn, Pastor Pete seconded.	
Next Council Meeting	November 13 th at 6:30 PM	