



PEACE AND PROCLAMATION

October 2008

A message from Pastor Pete

Many people think of Christians as a very serious people. They think of people who believe in Jesus as folk who don't know how to have a good time. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.

Jesus has already died for our sins, so we're free to LIVE! We're free to enjoy this world that God has given us. Following Jesus isn't some drudgery that we have to endure to get to heaven someday. Faith is a relationship with the living God. While there will always be challenging times in life, there will also be times of pure joy and silliness.

With that in mind, check out these (allegedly) actual questions written to pastors from children across the world.

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8, Nashville.

Dear Pastor, Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9, Phoenix

Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age 10, New Haven

Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8, Chicago

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9. Tacoma

Dear Pastor, Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher. Thank you. Alexander. Age 10, Raleigh

Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph, Age 11, Akron

Dear Pastor, How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, Marie. Age 9, Lewiston

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A message from Amanda:



"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:19-20

We are told as early as *Genesis 2* that it is not good for human beings to be alone. Humans were created to be in relationship - with God, with the rest of creation, and most importantly with one another. In *Genesis* God created marriage to provide human community.

This passage adds to the concept of human community. In this passage we are told that wherever two or three people come together in Jesus's name, he will be there with them! This creates something even more amazing than human community - this creates Christian community. In Christian community we are united with more than just the other people in the group, we are united also with Christ. Sharing our hopes and our joys goes from bragging to a show of gratitude to the One who brought these things about. Sharing our fears and our frustrations goes from complaining to talking with the One who has the power to change things. We are told here that God takes it seriously when we gather together to support and pray for one another.

This month at Peace will bring the start of several Small Groups - groups of people who gather together in Jesus's name. We will have the Peace Scrappers (a scrapbooking group), A Date and Dessert, A Book Club, Diapers for Guatemala, Peace Prayers, BOB's (Believer's Online Bible Study), Instruments of Peace, MIA (Mom's In Action), a weight-loss group, Welcome to Peace (a new member group) and possibly more. All of these groups are meant to intentionally center around Jesus, regardless of the activity the members will be doing. These groups are all meant to call upon Jesus's promise to be with us whenever even just two or three people gather in his name.

We believe that we can scrapbook, make diapers, change diapers, have a date with your spouse, and even surf the net to the glory of God. We will be taking some time during worship to talk about these groups and get some details to you about them, and we have also put out a brochure full of information about these groups. Read over the information and consider giving it a shot! We are also looking for more groups to form, so if you have an idea that's not on this list, let Pastor Pete or Brenda Szuberski know.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT INFORMATION

October 5, 2008

Worship Asst: Tanya Reiman
Reader: Jeff Klein
Communion Asst's: Jeff & Tanya Reiman
Hospitality: The Zeimer, Begin, Brockway, Caflisch, & Crenshaw Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Caflisch, Zeimer, & Spafford Families



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

October 12, 2008

Worship Asst: Julie Porcher
Reader: Kay Klein
Communion Asst's: Lynn & John Caflisch
Hospitality: The Curt & Kathy Olson, & The Enright, Hanley, Helgeson, & Sass Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Szuberski, Peterson, Johnson, & Rucker Families

October 19, 2008

Worship Asst: Steve Szuberski
Reader: Eric Porcher
Communion Asst's: Jeff & Kay Klein
Hospitality: Cindy Woltman, & The Wick, Tangen, Reiman, & Keach Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Porcher, Morton, Reiman, & Jeche Families

October 26, 2008

Worship Asst: Kay Klein
Reader: Tamara Rasmussen
Communion Asst's: Eric & Julie Porcher
Hospitality: Christine & Jamie Olson, & The Klein, Mickow, Mix, & Porcher Families
Set-up/Ushers: The Brockway, Schreier, Wallace, & Austin Families

October Birthday's!

Richard Rhone 10/5

Marilyn Brockway 10/7

James Brockway 10/8

Kay Klein 10/16

Samantha Porcher 10/16

Chuck Johnson 10/18

Jamie Olson 10/18

Myra Wick 10/22

Eric Porcher 10/24

Craig Austin 10/25

Mary Ann Mehrkins 10/25

Kim Helgeson 10/27

John Pristash 10/29

Jackie Boettcher 10/31

Tessa Gilbertson 10/31

Debbie Turnquist 10/31



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

~October Readings~

October 5

Peter and the Temple Tax

Matthew 17:24-27

October 12

Peter asks, "How many times must I forgive?"

Matthew 18:21-35

October 19

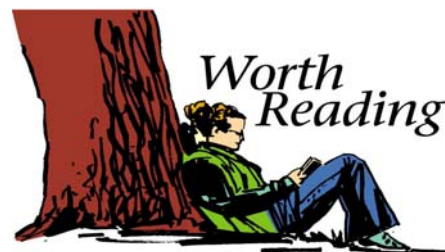
Peter gave everything to follow Jesus

Matthew 19:16-30

October 26

Peter Denies Knowing Jesus

Matthew 26



Church News!

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Future hosting dates will be October 5 and 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.

October 5 - Host Location: Holy Redeemer Church in Eyota

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.



INVITATION FROM OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN (Rochester)

Fair Trade Market Makes a World of Difference for Low-Income Artisans

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rochester, is hosting a **Fair Trade Market** featuring fairly traded handcrafts from artisans in developing regions around the world. The sale will be held **Sunday, October 5, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the church fellowship hall.**

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the life, gifts, and struggles of people in other parts of the world. There will be a selection of unique gifts to consider before the busy holiday season. International foods will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Fair Trade Market features the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) handcraft Project, a partnership of LWR and A Greater Gift, a nonprofit program of SERRV International. There will also be products from MayaWorks of Guatemala, Native American handcrafts and olivewood figurine carvings from Bethlehem.

All of the high quality crafts sold at the Fair Trade Market are handmade by artisans from 35 countries around the world. Every purchase directly helps to improve working conditions and to provide health care and education for the artisans and their families by offering them fair prices for their products.

Come to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1224 Viola Rd NE, on Sunday, October 5th to enjoy the Market. Enrich your life and the lives of Others around the world.

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

Christian Education Calendar - updates

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

Bring your \$hange, bring your child, hear them sing,

The Noisy Sunday Collection (August) was \$.



Christian Education Calendar

October 15, 2008 - No Weekday School -MEA

November 23, 2008 - Commitment Sunday

November 26, 2008 - No Weekday School - Thanksgiving

Peace Budget Update (year to date through 8/30/08)

Actual Offerings	\$ 51,413
Budgeted Offerings	\$ 69,818
Actual Mission Partner & Misc. Income	\$ 10,396
Actual Expenses	\$ 94,120
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 99,381

% of Self-Sufficiency (actual offerings vs actual expense)	55%
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October is 'Self-Sufficiency' month here at Peace

Currently Peace budgets \$12,422 each month to cover all the expenses of the ministry. Our goal in October is to see just how close to that amount we can come! Can we reach 70%? 80%? For at least one month, can we be 100% self-sufficient? With God's help, is it even possible to bring in MORE than our budget for a month?? With God's help, we can do amazing things here at Peace! For the entire year of 2007 our offerings covered 62% of our expenses. As of August we are at 55%, which isn't unexpected given the basement flooding issues that many in the congregation dealt with early this year. We are not walking on water yet, but with your help October will result in more miracles at Peace.

Craft Sale and Soup & Salad Luncheon

The Craft Sale and Soup & Salad Luncheon will be held at the Eyota American Legion Hall on Saturday, October 11, 2008. Craft Sale runs from 9:00-2:00 with over 20+ crafters. Free Admission. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon is from 11:00-1:00, cost is \$4.00. Sponsored by the Eyota American Legion Auxiliary. Information: 876-2855.

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.

Save the date-IHN Box City

Once again plans are being made to send a group to IHN's cardboard Box City on **October 17th**. Several Peace youth joined the Eyota group last year.

Bring your Bibles!

With a new version of Sunday School about to begin, we ask that all the kids bring their Bibles! They will be used! Since so many look alike, please make sure their names are in them.

Do you like to paint?

With the new remodeling of the church office, we still have one room in need of paint. If painting is something you enjoy, let Pastor Pete know. After getting new carpet and new furniture, the walls could use some help!

No youth ministry on MEA week

Please note that all mid-week youth activities will take off a week on October 15th due to the MEA weekend at the school.

Building Team Survey

Earlier this year, the building team sent out a survey to the members of the congregation. We received 15 responses from that survey and will be sending out copies of the results shortly. The main goal of the survey was to determine whether there is a consensus within the congregation if we should construct a building and, if so, what the primary use and purpose of such a building should be.

We will be asking those of you who did not respond to the survey to give us your input, including responding to the results of the survey and providing any additional ideas or thoughts you may have. The charge to the building team is not, at this point, to decide whether or not to build or, if we do build, what type of space would be constructed. The charge is to determine the priorities of the members of the congregation concerning the use and function of any space should we decide to build.

Cleaning Help

With mid-week youth ministry underway once again, Peace is looking for some people to help clean the church office to keep it looking spiffy. If you could help, please talk to Pastor Pete or Intern Amanda.

YOUTH MINISTRY AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

(Matthew 5:16)



od 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