

Ralph Peterson Meet Your District 2 Representative



Ralph J. Peterson was born 12/12/1934 and married Jeannette Lundblad. Together they have raised 3 children and now have 7 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Ralph is up for re-election in 2008.

Previous Work Experience: 1953-1975 Dairy and Hog Farmer
1975-2000 Ordained Lutheran Pastor (Kadoka, SD; Sacred Heart in Buffalo Lake, MN)
2000-2007 Served as Interim Pastor at 5 churches including Swift, Pope and Kandiyohi Counties.

Community Involvement: 4-H Leader
School Board Clerk
Barsness Lutheran Church Chair, Secretary, and farm manager
Deam-Scenic Valley Conference
South West Minnesota Synod-Various Offices
Delegate to the 1982 National Assembly
Council member to WesMin RC&D
Glacial Ridge Trail Board

Education: Grades 1-8 District 78 Country School
Grades 9-12 Glenwood High School
Two Years at the University of Minnesota Morris
Four Years at the Lutheran Seminary in St Paul, MN

Personal Interests: I have an ongoing interest in local, state, and national issues and helping solve problems. Hobbies include farm toy collection and old coins. Big right now: Global Warming!

Why did you run for the position of supervisor on the Pope SWCD Board?

I was first approached by a County Commissioner and asked if I had an interest. My answer was yes! That began the process (as an appointee). Then I was elected to a 4 year term. Concern for soil and water is a continuation of Martin Luther's "First Article" Theology that recognizes all that we have is a gift to us and we have an obligation to be good stewards of these gifts!
Being a Pope County SWCD Supervisors expands that stewardship role to a larger area and hopefully a greater effect on care of soil and water in Pope County.