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The Messenger

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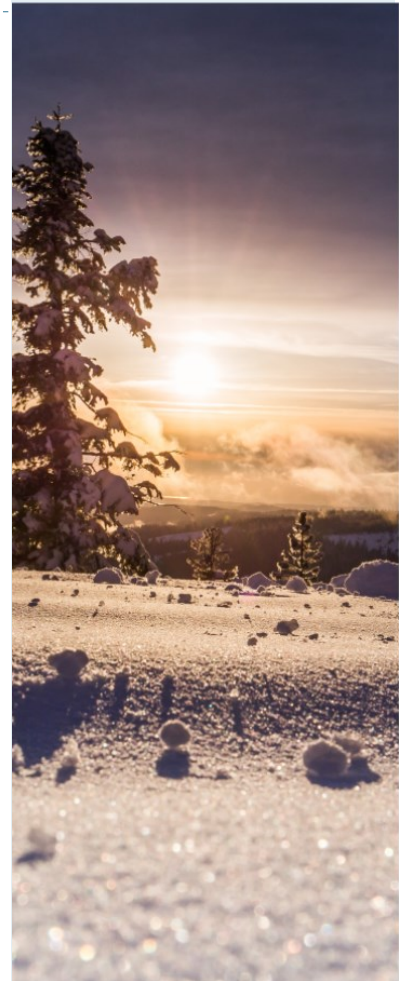
**Annual Meeting of the
Congregation is:
Sunday, January 24
at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom**

St Peder's annual meeting is to be held on the fourth Sunday of January according to our Bylaws. This year, the meeting will be on January 24 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom since we are not yet gathering in person.

A Zoom link will be sent out via email closer to the time of the meeting.

The agenda includes election of Council members, financial report of 2020, update on the pastoral transition, and the annual announcement of the Jorgensen Service Awards.

All confirmed members are voting members. A quorum of 25 members is needed for the meeting. A printed Annual Report will be sent via email or snail mail before the 24th so you will have a chance to look it over before the meeting.



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Letter to the Congregation from Shannon Kearns, Director of Faith Formation

Dear St. Peder's:

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits.

I'm writing to let you know that I will be leaving my position at St. Peder's in May 2021.



I realize this might come as a surprise. Rest assured it's not due to any strife or displeasure with the people of St. Peder's or my role. I have absolutely loved and treasured my time (6 years in May!) serving as your Director of Faith Formation. Rather, this decision is a result of the growth I've experienced in my writing career and my desire to devote myself full time to my work in theatre, writing, and with QueerTheology.com.

I'm letting you know early so that we can transition well. So that I can provide some continuity for the congregation, ease of transition for the interim, and be able to step into any gaps that may arise. I'm excited about the opportunities to love one another well for the beginning of this year and to release one another with grace in May.

Thank you again for the tremendous support you have given me and for the amazing home this has been.

Shannon Kearns
Director of Faith Formation



Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Kids...



...will take place at 11:30 am on Zoom on the following date:

January 17

February 14 and 28.

We'll read a story, watch a video, and connect with one another!

January 4 : Pub Theology!



Join us January 4th at 7 pm on Zoom! ! Gather together and get the new year started right! Grab a pint (and some pizza) and catch up!



Support Businesses Owned by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)

CHX: Owners Frederick Huballa, Shawn Edwards and Marques Johnson
2923 Girard Ave S, Minneapolis 612-759-1787 www.chxmsp.com/about-us



This made to order fast food, centered on local ingredients, is served out of a walkup window on the side of the Pourhouse in Uptown. The simple menu includes fresh chicken tenders, crinkle cut fries, CHX sauce and a homemade buttermilk biscuit. To view the menu and learn more about the three owners, longtime friends from the area, [click here](#).

Trio Plant-Based Owner Louis Hunter
610 W Lake St, Minneapolis 612-326-1326 www.trioplant-based.com



A vegan café offering hearty plant-based fare from burgers to soul food is open for takeout. Their menu includes dishes such as the “Mac Attack” burger, a Beyond burger topped with mac & cheese and crushed potato chips, and the “BBQ jackfruit” wrap filled with southern coleslaw, pepper jack cheese and cilantro aioli. Check out the menu and Hunter’s story at the website above.

From the Racial Justice Team.....



Each month the Racial Justice Team will be sharing some thought provoking statements or questions for you to consider. We hope you’ll take a few moments and engage your heart and mind while pondering them.

Something to ponder...

Privilege is granted to people based on such things as race, ethnicity, gender, ability level, religion, sexual orientation, and/or gender identity. Considering skin color, a white person experiences privileges that people of color cannot count on. Such daily effects of white privilege might include statements such as:

- ◇ I can go into a supermarket and find the staple foods which fit with my cultural traditions or into a hairdresser's shop and find someone who can cut my hair.
- ◇ If a traffic cop pulls me over, I can be sure I haven't been singled out because of my race.
- ◇ If I should need to move, I can be pretty sure of renting or purchasing housing in an area which I can afford and in which I would want to live.

Statements from White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack by Peggy McIntosh 1988

Consider:

- ◇ What are some other daily effects of white privilege in my life?
- ◇ What advantages do I have over people of color?
- ◇ Are these earned or unearned advantages? If unearned how do I come by these advantages? Am I aware of these privileges as I go about my daily activities?
- ◇ How do I feel about my advantages?
- ◇ How do people of color feel about my advantages?



Online Sunday Services

Missed a service? Want to watch it again? You can find all of the services linked on the St. Peder’s website or on our YouTube channel! (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP5r4ROb8KPP2H05ggU9AqQ>)

January Adult Faith Formation: January 17th at 10 am via Zoom Documentary Discussion: Crip Camp



On January 17th we'll be discussing the documentary *Crip Camp*. You can watch it on Netflix then we'll discuss it together. Here's more about the documentary: No one at Camp Jened could've imagined that those summers in the woods together would be the beginnings of a revolution.

In the early 1970s, teenagers with disabilities faced a future shaped by isolation, discrimination and institutionalization. Camp Jened, a ramshackle camp "for the handi-capped" (a term no longer used) in the Catskills, exploded those confines. Jened was their free-wheeling Utopia, a place with summertime sports, smoking and make-out sessions awaiting everyone, and campers experienced liberation and full inclusion as human beings. Their bonds endured as many migrated West to Berkeley, California — a hotbed of activism where friends from Camp Jened realized that disruption, civil disobedience, and political participation could change the future for millions.

Crip Camp is the story of one group of people and captures one moment in time. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of other equally important stories from the Disability Rights Movement that have not yet received adequate attention. We are committed to using the film's platform to amplify additional narratives in the disability rights and disability justice communities — with a particular emphasis on stories surrounding people of color and other intersectionally marginalized communities. We stand by the creed of nothing about us, without us. For too long, too many were excluded, and it is time to broaden the number of voices and share the mic.

February Adult Faith Formation: February 28th at 10 am via Zoom Book Discussion: *For All Who Hunger* by Emily M.D. Scott.

Emily Scott never planned on becoming a pastor. But when she started a church for misfits that met over dinner in Brooklyn, she discovered an unlikely calling—and an antidote to modern loneliness. "I absolutely devoured this exquisitely written memoir."—Nadia Bolz-Weber, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Shameless*

As founding pastor of St. Lydia's in Brooklyn, New York, where worship takes place over a meal, Emily M. D. Scott spent eight years ministering to a scrappy collective of people with different backgrounds, incomes, and levels of social skills. Each week they broke bread, sang hymns, made halting conversation with strangers, then did the dishes. In a city where everyone lives on top of each other yet everyone is lonely, these gatherings around a table offered connection and solace that soon would become their lifelines.

When Hurricane Sandy slams into the coast of New York, Scott and her church members are faced with a disorienting crisis. Startled by the impact of the storm on their more vulnerable neighbors, they learn to work alongside one another, bailing water out of basements and canvassing emptied apartment buildings. Every week, they return to those steady, strong tables at Dinner Church. Together, they find community, even in the midst of disaster. Scott discovers how small acts of connection hold more power than we realize in a time when our differences are being weaponized, and learns to create activism and justice work fueled by empathy and relationship.

With tenderness and humor, Scott weaves stories and reflections from the life of her unlikely congregation while articulating the value of church as a place where people can hear not only that they are loved but that they are good.

For All Who Hunger is a story about a God whose love has no limits and a faith that opens our eyes to the truth. There's a place for you at the table.



Protect our Groundwater: Winter De-icing Tips



Did you know the single biggest water polluter is salt commonly used in de-icing? Just 1 teaspoon of salt impairs 5 gallons of water. Once water is impaired, it can only be re-stored through reverse osmosis, an impossible task for ground water.

St. Peder's is in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. That means whatever enters our storm drains goes directly to Minnehaha Creek and on to the Mississippi. Right now, the water in Minnehaha Creek, running from Lake Minnetonka to the river, is already impaired, as is Brownie Lake, the smallest lake in the chain, and the other lakes are considered at risk.

What can we do? For starters, use far less salt for de-icing this winter. Many people erroneously think that more is better when, in fact, a mug of salt is sufficient for a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. Better yet, avoid salt altogether: many people use grit and sand instead. Whatever substance is used, once it has accomplished its purpose and the ice is melted, sweep it up to prevent it getting into the storm sewers (this also saves money, since it can be used again the next time ice forms).

Sue Nielsen and Jeanne Schleh learned this last winter at EcoFaith Network, an initiative of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA to help individuals and faith communities become 'watershed disciples' by growing awareness of care for the environment and identifying opportunities for advocacy, community action and individual change. We can all do our part!

Volunteer Schedule for January

LSS Safehouse Schedule

January 4: Terri Vetsch & Dan and Karen Vetsch

January 11: Sue and Al Nielsen

January 18: Liz and Forrest Bentley

January 25: Hung & Shelly Brown Ton and Sue Schnickel

On-Line Reader Schedule

Would you like to volunteer as an "Online Reader"? Contact Jeannie in the office to be added to our "Online Reader Volunteer" list. You will need to be able to record yourself.

January 3: Allison O'Day

January 10: Dan Vetsch

January 17: Jasper Gantriis

January 24: Wendy Legge

January 31: Bruce Simpson

Together in Mission 2020

The offerings of your financial resources allow us not only to support the mission of our congregation, but to share our resources with others in ministry so that all may know of Christ's love. TOGETHER we work on Christ's behalf in the world - none of us can do it alone! Thank you for your offerings through the 11th month of 2020. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

Income

Month of November	\$ 23,687.81	Budget for the month	\$ 22,916.66
Year to Date	\$ 233,967.62	Budget Year to Date	\$ 252,,083.34

Expenses

Month of November	\$ 18,404.74	Budget for the month	\$ 24,001.51
Year to Date	\$ 259,713.60	Budget Year to Date	\$ 264,016.49

Mission Support to...

Minneapolis Area Synod	YTD	\$ 12,833.36
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Year End Statements will be mailed no later than January 7th. These will be sent via email. Members who do not have an email address will receive statements via regular mail.

**St. Peder's Evangelical
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St. Peder's affirms the
welcome of God to all persons.

St Peder's welcomes you to a community of faith nurtured by God's abundant grace, Christ's peace and the Spirit's lively presence! In response to such love, we open our hearts and hands and doors to joyfully serve our neighbor - whether it's you or someone across the world. We invite you to join us for worship or any activity at the little church on the corner of 46th Avenue and 42nd Street in south Minneapolis.



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