

The Messenger



From the Pastor....

Easter Greetings!

I saw a post online the other day that jokingly said, "Move over, Jesus. BC means Before Covid now." I laughed a bit, but I also have been reflecting on it since. There have been several things in our world in recent history that have changed the way we look at the world. In these instances, there is a defined feeling of "before-and-after". These can have a pretty wide span of influence depending on how things played out. On a personal level, you might say that the birth of a child fits into this category. In Minneapolis, there is a very clear delineation of "before-and-after" the murder of George Floyd. Nationally, the same is true of the destruction of the World Trade Centers on 9/11/01. Globally, there is no mistaking that the COVID-19 pandemic has drastically changed the way our world works.

In each of these instances (and the countless others that I don't have time to name), there is a pattern that plays out. At first, we have this sense of comfort or routine - we know what to expect and how the world works. During the event, there is often a sense of everything being out of control. And afterward, we have to figure out what reality looks like again in light of what has happened. It is this cycle of Integration-Disintegration-Reintegration that has been a big factor in a lot of human resilience and evolution. It can be incredible disorienting, because all the things we took for granted are suddenly up for grabs and things that we could depend on end up being, to borrow a metaphor from Jesus, a house built on the sand. When this happens, as we are experiencing now, we have choices to make. When we begin to feel like we have a modicum of control, we have the choice to decide what the reintegration phase looks like.

That is what our New Normal gathering will help us look at. During this May 6th event, we will host a conversation where we are able to take a look at who we are in this present moment. I have found that it's really easy for churches to talk about their past, and I know that conversations like that are important and often a lot of fun. I know that, during the transition process which eventually brought me to St. Peder's, this was part of the discussion. Understanding the past is important, but it can also trap us into thinking that the past is the best we have to offer. It's also fairly easy for churches to talk about the future, to dream and plan and hope for what is to come. But understanding who we are in the present, between the before-and-after, is an important piece of growth. After a long time where everything felt out of control, we are beginning to feel like we can do more than just react to the headlines and we have some choices to make about what "normal" looks like again.

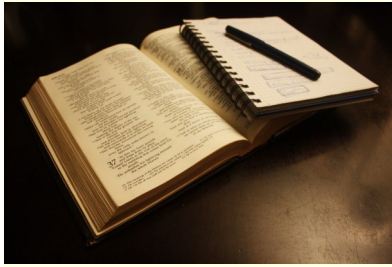
That's why I hope you'll come to the New Normal on May 6th. It's not just important for us as a congregation, but it also gives us a chance to understand how we live out the gospel in our neighborhoods. We are living in light of a lot of before-and-afters, including the before-and-after of Easter, and we have an opportunity not just to decide who we want to be as a community of faith, but also a chance to be honest and celebrate who we are. Hope to see you there.

Peace, Pastor Bryan

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Bible Study, Every Tuesday at 6 pm

Upcoming Dates: May 2, 19, 16, 23, 30

Are you ready to dive a little deeper? We will be starting a Bible study Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. We will take this time to read through and reflect on the readings for the coming Sunday, as well as pray and encourage each other. Come ready to read, discuss, and learn. Bring a Bible if you have one, but Bibles will be provided for those who don't.

Save the Date! The New Normal: May 6th

You are cordially invited to The New Normal, a conversation about the work, fellowship, and neighborhood of St. Peder's. This event will be on **May 6th, from 9:30 until 12** and there will be coffee, treats, and lunch provided. Further information will be coming.



Pub Theology: Monday, May 8 at 7pm

@Parkway Pizza 4359 Minnehaha Ave.

We will continue the discussion of what does the New Normal look like at St. Peder's? How do we use our open hearts, open hands, and open doors to welcome neighbors into our church and to go out and serve our neighbor? Any questions....please contact Michael O'Day mloday14@gmail.com



Monthly Potluck TUESDAYS! **Please note the new day

Next Potluck Tuesday, May 9

All are welcome to share a meal at our monthly potlucks! Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, we will have a brief devotion, prayer, and then we'll enjoy each other's company and cooking. All are welcome to join in, whether you're working from home, on your lunch break, or retired. Can't stay for all of it? That's fine, too!



Confirmation Corner

In April, our confirmation class talked about prayer - why we pray, different ways to pray - and invited them to think about ways that they can integrate prayer into their lives. Can you think of ways that you like to pray? We will have one more confirmation class for this academic year.

We will gather at St. Peder's at 5:30 on May 10th.

Hymns and Hops: May 13th @ Chatterbox

Our next Hymns and Hops will be on May 13th at Chatterbox Pub. They're opening up their back room for us at 2 and singing will begin around 2:30 and last about an hour. We had a great time in February and hope you can join us this month! This is an all ages event and you're encouraged to bring an instrument if you'd like to be part of the accompaniment.



Last day of Faith Formation and Choir

May 14th will be our last day of Youth Faith Formation and Choir for the spring. We will take a break over summer and kick back off in the Fall. See the note about Youth Sunday on May 21st, where we will recognize the students, teachers, and our graduates.

Feed My Starving Children Volunteer Event

Join the St. Peder's Team May 20!

Using teams of volunteers, Feed My Starving Children prepares food packs specifically designed to reverse and prevent malnutrition in areas of greatest need—currently including Somalia, Turkey and Syria. We've reserved a packing slot for St. Peder's on **Saturday, May**

20, from 2-3:45 pm at the Eagan packing center (990 Lone Oak Road, #136). This is a fun and worthwhile activity for all ages, 5 and up! Sign-up sheet for the St. Peder's team is in Fellowship Hall (please indicate if you need a ride). Sign up and mark your calendars now!



Youth Sunday, Sunday May 21st

Join us on May 21st at 9 am as we celebrate another year of Faith Formation coming to a close. We will recognize and bless our graduates and honor our teachers. **To those of you who have children graduating from high school, please send in a photo of your graduate and their plans for post high school life!** This will be included in the bulletin that Sunday. Please send to Jeannie no later than May 16th.

Thank You!!!

A big thanks to everyone who bought beautiful flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter and especially to Andrea Wollak who arranged the plants so beautifully. Easter service was made even more special thanks to our lovely choir and musicians. Also thank you Julie Ebbesen for coordinating the Easter Breakfast and to all the volunteers who helped make this year's brunch a great success!



Also...A big thank you to Kith and Kin for sharing their voices in song with us at worship on April 16th! We are so grateful to share space with such an wonderful group of folks! For more information on this uncommon choir, check out their web-site at: www.kithandkinchorus.com/



Volunteer News and Opportunities



Grocery Delivery:

Volunteer Every Other Month

Are you looking for an impactful way to make a difference with a small volunteer commitment? St. Peder's is looking for 4-6 volunteers on each date to help deliver groceries one Monday evening every other month to the residents at Hiawatha Towers (2121 - 16th Avenue South, Minneapolis) through Community Emergency Services. CES has been working with our neighbors for 50 years. Volunteers should be able to lift 25 pounds. Contact Sue Nielsen if interested in any of the dates below. The residents are so appreciative when they see us.

2023 Dates: Mondays, May 22, July 24, September 25. November 20 **Time:** 6-8 pm

Contact: Sue Nielsen suenielsen76@gmail.com
612-360 3936

Volunteer Conflicts Due May 7

Dear St. Peder's volunteers, thank you for all you do to keep our worship, our building and our social ministry programs running smoothly! The summer conflict form (June, July, August) has been emailed. Please fill out as best you can by Sunday, May 7th. Thank you!

Questions?? Contact Jeannie in the office!

MS Charity Ride in Need of Volunteers!

Bike MS: Twin Cities Ride, is returning on Saturday, **May 13th** and we are in serious need of volunteers. Our start and finish site at 767 N Eustis St in Saint Paul needs volunteers to help set up, register participants, sell jerseys, and more. Set-up commences at about 6:30-7AM and everything is wrapped up and torn down in the afternoon. We have a wide variety of roles with differing hours. For more information please contact Kayle at 763-381-7997 or kayle.Latterell@nmss.org

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, June 11: Blessing of the Bicycles

Sunday, June 18: Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, August 5: Paint-a-Thon

An annual volunteer event!

September 9th: Gather on the Green

Join us for a day of community building, fun and fellowship

Adopt a Garden

"Gardening is learning, learning, learning. That's the fun of them! You're always learning."

-Helen Mirren

As I am writing this in early April, the snow pile at the end of our driveway is over my head. I have spring fever. Bad! If you are looking forward to playing in the dirt this year, St. Peder's would appreciate your help in the gardens.

There are garden beds of different sizes around the church building...front gardens facing south, west side, courtyard, container gardens and east garden. Select any section of any garden that fits for you (you don't have to select the WHOLE courtyard!) You could work alone or with a group on your own schedule. Our hope is that you could provide regular weeding and upkeep during the growing season. You can purchase and plant new plants as desired but that is not required. Tools can be available by request. If you adopted a garden bed last year and want to keep working that one, let me know.

Questions or to sign up, talk to:

Sue Nielsen suenielsen76@gmail.com
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Job Opportunity:

South Minneapolis

Meals on Wheels

Assistant Coordinator to help support our organization. The ideal candidate is detailed oriented, able to work under pressure, good communications skills. Having experience in a commercial kitchen and basic computer skills are a plus. Work is done in the kitchen of the program vender. Duties include; organize and heat meals for daily delivery, deliver sorted packed meals to volunteer drivers for delivery, order meals from program vender, keep detailed records of meals delivered and meals ordered, comply with safe food handling guidelines. Work schedule would be 2 to 5 days per week, 4 hour shift through May 2023. After May, schedule would transition to Wednesday, 4 hour shift plus additional days as needed. \$16 per hour. Contact Julie Cahoy: jtcahoy@gmail.com



Riverside Innovation Hub by Judy Anderson

Our team is in the home stretch of our journey with the Riverside Innovation Hub. Our final (official) gathering will be a Learning Summit at Augsburg University the first weekend in June. Last week our team met with our facilitator, Geoffrey Gill, and members from our cohort churches, Bethel Lutheran in South Minneapolis and Immanuel Lutheran in St. Paul. It was a time to share what we've learned and how we might continue our work once the formal process has ended. We talked a bit about the difference between service and relationship. While service may very well be a by-product of the Public Church, the focus is on cultivating relationships with our neighbors in ways that are, ideally, nourishing and transformative.

Over the next few weeks you will see some post-it notes in the Narthex and hallways at church. Please take a moment to answer the question, "What Makes A Good Neighbor?" We'd love to hear your thoughts on how we as a congregation might engage with our community.

May Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 7

9 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:15 Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, May 14

Last Day of Faith Formation

9 am Worship/ Youth Faith Formation
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:15 Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, May 21: Youth Sunday

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee and Fellowship

Sunday, May 28

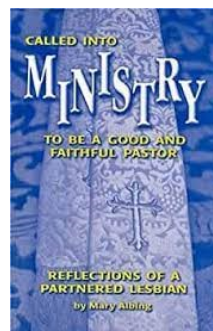
9 am Worship/

Faith Formation Position at St. Peder's

We are seeking a part-time employee (at will) Coordinator of Faith Formation that will function as part of a team with our pastor and the lay people responsible for St. Peder's youth faith formation program. This is a part time (average 12 hours per week, based on the season), salaried position. Check out the details of the position [here](#) or call the office for a paper copy. The job description is also located on the bulletin board.

Library Wish List

Does anyone have a copy of Mary Albing's "*Called Into Ministry: To Be a Good and Faithful Pastor*" that they would be willing to donate to our library—ours disappeared!



Together in Mission 2023

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 3rd month of 2023. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

Income

Month of March	\$ 30,037.09	Budget for the month	\$ 23,124.00
Year to Date	\$ 66,497.35	Budget Year to Date	\$ 69,380.00

Expenses

Month of March	\$ 23,050.44	Budget for the month	\$ 23,627.30
Year to Date	\$ 73,796.43	Budget Year to Date	\$ 72,093.28

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6 pm RIH Meeting 7 pm Music and Worship Mtg.	2 10 am Exercise 2 pm Chronic Pain Support Grp 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Sisters in Crime	3 9 am Quilters	4 9 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance 7 pm Choir	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 9:30 am The New Normal 2 pm Fiber Arts
7 9 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10 am Coffee and Fellowship 10:15 am Adult Faith Formation 4 pm Girl Scouts	8 7 pm Pub Theol- ogy at Parkway Pizza	9 10 am Exercise 12 Potluck 6 pm Bible Study	10 5:30 Confirmation Class @ St. Peder's	11 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance 7 pm Choir	12	13 10:30 am Brownies 12 pm Danebod Rental 2-4 Hymns and Hops @Chatterbox
12 Last Day of Youth Faith For- mation 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation* 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 am Adult Faith Formation 4 pm Girl Scouts	15	16 10 am Exercise 6 pm Bible Study	17 9 am Quilters	18 Newsletter Articles Due 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance	19	27 2 pm Fiber Arts 2 pm Feed My Starving Children
19 Youth Sunday 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 4 pm Girl Scouts	22 7 pm Music and Worship	23 10 am Exercise 6 pm Bible Study	24 7 pm Council Meeting	25 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance	26	27 10:30 am Brownies
26 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 4 pm Girl Scouts	29 Memorial Day	30 10 am Exercise 6 pm Bible Study	31			**Youth Faith Formation is after the Children's Sermon Events in BLUE are community groups that use the building.

May Volunteer Schedule

Thank you for sharing your time and talent at St. Peder's! Please try to arrange your own trades. Reminder emails are sent weekly along with contacts for substitutes. If you are pressed for time or have questions, please contact Jeannie in the office: office@stpeders.org or 612-722-8000

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Greeters: Andrea and Augie Wollak
Ushers: Craig Rocheleau and Tom Goodoien
Acolyte: Aemilia Wollak **Reader:** Tom Goodoien
Bread and Wine: Lisa Rovick
Communion Set Up: JeriLynn Young and Lisa Jensen
Communion Servers: Cameron Jamison, Karen Vetsch and Jackie West
Counters: Jackie West and Karen Vetsch
Livestream Technician: Bruce Simpson
Every Meal for May 12: Sue Nielsen
LSS Safe House Dinner for May 8: Bill and Judy Anderson
Social Hour hosted by **Shepherding Group 4**

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Greeters: Kerry and Jill Audette
Ushers: Jeremy Anderson and Sue Schnickel
Acolyte: Maren Odeen **Reader:** Bruce Simpson
Counters: Steve Austin and Eva Tangen
Livestream Technician: Karen Vetsch
LSS Safe House Dinner for May 15: Kristin Lahti-Johnson and Chuck Johnson, Bethene and Eric Hunsberger
Social Hour hosted by **Shepherding Group 5**

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Youth Sunday

Greeters: Paul Odegaard and Christine Soma
Ushers: Karen Vetsch and Joe Munnich
Acolyte: TBD **Reader:** Alice Petersen
Counters: Cameron Jamison and Curt Petersen
Livestream Technician: JeriLynn Young
LSS Safe House Dinner for May 22: Bob Stanich and Jeanne Schleh
Every Meal for May 26: Karen Vetsch
CES Delivery for May 22: Lorie Gleason, Peter Juhl, Sue Nielsen, Bruce Simpson, Lisa Rovick, Jeanne Schleh, Karen Vestch
Social Hour hosted by **Shepherding Group 6**

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Greeters: Alice Bekke and Bob Stanich
Ushers: Butch Vossen and Lisa Jensen
Acolyte: Elliette Wilson **Reader:** JeriLynn Young
Counters: Bob Stanich and Paul Odegaard
Livestream Technician: Darrick Jensen
LSS Safe House Dinner for May 29: Pat and Cameron Jamison and Alice Bekke
Social Hour hosted by **Shepherding Group 7**



Welcome new renters!

Longfellow/Seward

Healthy Seniors

The LS Healthy Seniors will be at St. Peder's once a month hosting a Chronic/Multiple Disease Support Group. This group will offer support and ideas to help improve health. The in person group is free to attend. Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month from 2-3:15 pm on May 2, June 6, July 11 (second Tuesday to avoid the holiday) and August 1st. For more information contact Mary Albrecht at 612-729-5799 or maryalbrecht@LShealthyseniors.org



**St. Peder's Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

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.



Want to support our mission to joyfully live the gospel with open hearts, open hands and open doors? Make a donation from your smartphone by scanning the QR code or head to this website: <https://bit.ly/stpedersgiving> Thank you for sharing your gifts.

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