

The Messenger

From the Pastor....

Greetings in the name of Christ -

As we approach summer, I'm reminded that there are seasons and transitions, not just for the planet, but for our lives. As a kid, these feel more acute - moving up grades, attending new schools, graduating. When the world is measured by how old you are or how far along you are in school, it's easy to feel the weight of these transitions. Ask a child how old they'll be on their next birthday and you can see the excitement as they imagine what their next transition, their next year of life, might be. And past the point where people start asking you how old you'll be on your next birthday, you might feel this way about a particular milestone, a new job, a move, or some other transition of life. And, of course, not all these transitions are fun or positive - in fact, there are a lot of transitions we would avoid altogether if we could.

Regardless of how these transitions look, they are part of our lives. In fact, I would say we spend most of our lives in some transition or another, because the world is constantly changing. Transitions are do not always revolve around a singular event, but are often made up of an uncountable series of smaller events. The world is changing around us, one decision, one moment, one event at a time.

We, in the church, are not immune to this process. And it's easy to become bogged down in these transitions, because the headlines aren't always encouraging and we, as a species, excel at finding threats - it was a great evolutionary system when we were not the top of the food chain, but is less helpful now. In many ways, it can feel like these transitions are the ending of an era or the worst case scenario.

But I wonder what would happen if we see this life-long process of transition not as a threat, but as an opportunity. Could these experiences be preparing us for something that we are not (or were not) ready for? As our neighborhoods and livelihoods change, I find this question to be more helpful than "what do we do now?" because it acknowledges God's presence in the midst of change and how God often works through change. Transitions, the series of small decisions that each of us make throughout our lifetimes, are not a one time event, but a process of experiencing God's grace.

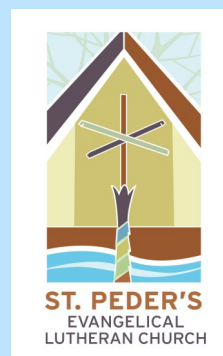
As we transition into summer, I hope we'll be asking the sort of questions that help us consider what God has been preparing St. Peder's for and how we can continue to be part of what God is doing. As we experience all the changes of life, I hope we'll remember God's presence in the midst of everything and we'll understand that God will continue to journey with us. As Jesus told his disciples in John 14, God will not leave us orphaned or abandoned. You are always, through every transition you face, accompanied by a God who loves you deeply and is constantly working out grace in this world.

Peace,
Pastor Bryan



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Bible Study, Every Tuesday at 6 pm

Upcoming Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27

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.

New Members

We are so grateful to have a group of new members join our church at the end of April. We welcome Rick and Carol Weber and Albert Veeder, Abby Loosen, Rosie Veeder, and Cora Veeder into our community of faith. We're so honored that you are here! If you or someone you know is interested in joining St. Peder's, please contact Pastor Bryan to learn more about the process.

Pub Theology Picnic: Monday, June 12 at 6pm

Join us for the Pub Theology Picnic on Monday, June 12 at 6:00. The picnic will be at the home of Michael and Allison O'Day, 4328 44th Ave. All are welcome – whether you have been to Pub Theology once, many times, or not at all. Please bring a food or drink item to share. Brats, buns, and condiments will be provided.



Monthly Potluck TUESDAYS! **Please note the new day

Next Potluck Tuesday, June 13th

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

We finished out our last confirmation class of the academic year with a review of some of the basics covered during confirmation and we took a trip to Bethel Lutheran, where we walked their prayer labyrinth. Thank you to all the students and parents for their work this year. It was a privilege to see the growth of faith the students showed.



Quilters Note....

The quilters will not be quilting in July, but will return to our usual 1st and 3rd Wednesdays starting in August. Just a reminder, even if you do not know how to sew, you are welcome to join!

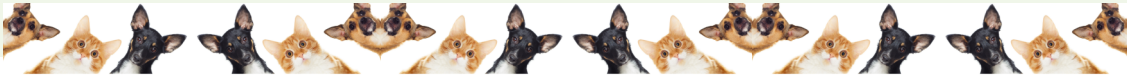


Blessing of the Bikes : Sunday, June 18th

Bring your bike to worship on Sunday, June 18th. We will gather outside for services and Pastor Bryan will bless the bikes! If you cannot bring your bike, feel free to bring your helmet.

Blessing of the Pets: Sunday, July 16

Bring your beloved pet to worship on Sunday, July 16th. We will gather outside for services and Pastor Bryan will bless the pets! If you cannot bring your furry (or fuzzy or scaly) pet, Pastor will have a blessing for you to take home.



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 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@LShealthyseiors.org

News from the Office

Greetings St. Peder's Friends,

As some of you may already heard, my last day at St. Peder's will be on June 12. I am writing this note to you with a touch of bittersweetness, excitement, and gratitude. I have had the good fortune to work at St. Peder's for the past five years and walk with this congregation as you have navigated some big things...Pastor Julie's retirement, Covid, hiring Pastor Eric as your Interim Pastor, more Covid, and finally hiring Pastor Bryan. Everything that this community does is with such care and thoughtfulness, even during really hard times. The culture of kindness and love that you have fostered is palpable and something this congregation should be very proud of.

It is hard to leave a job that I love coming to...it is even tougher to leave my amazing colleagues. But I keep telling myself everything has a season, and it is time for me to move on. I recently accepted a full-time position with the Saint Paul Federation of Educators as their Administrative Clerk. I look forward to supporting our amazing SPPS teachers but will certainly miss St. Peder's. This little church at the corner of 46th and 42nd has a piece of my heart!

Thank you for being a wonderful place to work, grow, and thrive.

Many blessings to you all, the future of St. Peder's shines bright!

Sincerely,
Jeannie Farrell



Volunteer News and Opportunities

Adopt a Garden

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

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 612-360-3936



Thanks to John and Doreen Skraba who adopted the garden patch (see above) in the courtyard. A little weeding, mulch and love go a long way!



Second Sunday Project Day: June 11th

St Peder's Property Committee is inviting everyone to a Second Sunday's Project Day. After our long winter there is much to do for cleanup and gardening at St Peders. We are planning our first Project Day June 11th to work on the grounds and gardens around the building. We need lots of volunteers, of course wear your garden digs to church as we'll be out on the grounds after coffee. We have ordered a few yards of dirt so we can work in some new soil for the plants and grasses. Jim has even offered free riding mower lessons to anyone 14 or above. Just think a few lucky people will get to pull weeds!!! We will be offering a lite lunch for our volunteers. Come and join the crew.



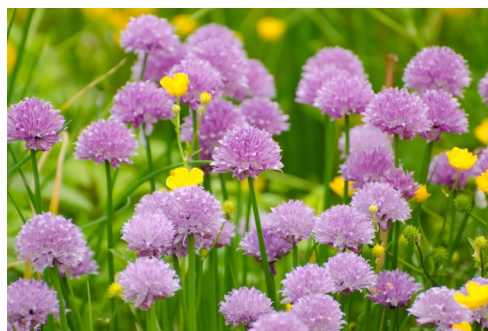
Work at St. Peder's!

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.

Office Coordinator Position at St. Peder's

We are seeking a part-time (at will) Office Coordinator to join our staff. This position will average out to about 16 hours per week with flexible timing. The Office Coordinator plays an important role in preparing worship materials and communicating with members of the congregation and community. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please click [here](#) or call the office to request a paper copy.





Adult and Youth Faith Formation Survey: Due June 14

As we use the summer to prepare for our Faith Formation offerings in the next academic year, we'd like to hear what sort of Faith Formation options you'd like to see at St. Peder's. Please take a moment to fill out the survey. You can use the link [here](#). Paper copies can also be found on the counter in the office. This survey takes approximately 2 minutes to complete. Thank you for your input!

Free Money for St Peder's: Thrivent Choice Dollars, and Thrivent Action Teams

If you're a member of [Thrivent](#), there are ways you can use their money to help St Peder's at no cost to you.

Choice Dollars: As a Thrivent member, you get to direct some of their charitable funds toward nonprofits of your choice - including St Peder's. Simply log on, see your available balance of choice dollars, search for St Peder's Lutheran Church, and follow the prompts to give to church. We received over \$1,000 of these choice dollars in 2022, helping us live out our mission.

Action Teams: Thrivent provides up to \$250 to fund specific projects - St Peder's could use Action Teams to fund everything from Ableskiver breakfast to the Cod Fish dinner, and many smaller projects. Specific instructions on applying can be [found here](#). If there are any questions, feel free to reach out to Susan at bookkeeping@stpeters.org

Thrivent is a holistic financial services organization driven by a higher purpose, helping members make the most of all they've been given. For more information on Thrivent membership, [click here](#). If you have received a paper copy of the Messenger and would like a hard copy of this information, please reach out to the office: 612-722-8000.



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 4th 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 April	\$ 14,914.72	Budget for the month	\$ 23,124.00
Year to Date	\$ 81,412.07	Budget Year to Date	\$ 92,504.00

Expenses

Month of April	\$ 23,831.26	Budget for the month	\$ 23,577.30
Year to Date	\$ 97,627.69	Budget Year to Date	\$ 95,670.58

Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod

YTD \$ 5,833.31

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 am Exercise	2 2 pm Fiber Arts	3 2 pm Fiber Arts
4 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee and Fellowship 4 pm Girl Scouts	5	6 10 am Exercise 2 pm Chronic Pain Support Group 6 pm Sisters In Crime 6 pm Bible Study	7 9 am Quilters	8 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance	9	10
11 9 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Project Day 4 pm Girl Scouts	12 6 pm Pub Theology Picnic	13 10 am Exercise 12 Potluck 6 pm Bible Study	14	15 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance	16	17 2 pm Fiber Arts
18 Blessing of the Bikes Courtyard Worship Fathers Day 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 4 pm Girl Scouts	19 Juneteenth	20 Newsletter Articles Due 10 am Exercise 6 pm Bible Study	21 9 am Quilters	22 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance	23	24
25 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 4 pm Girl Scouts	26 7 pm Music and Worship Commit- tee	27 10 am Exercise 6 pm Bible Study	28 7 pm Council Meeting	29	30	**Youth Faith Formation is after the Children's Sermon Events in BLUE are community groups that use the building.

June 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 the office: office@stpeters.org or 612-722-8000

Sunday, June 4

Greeters: Lisa Jensen and Butch Vossen

Ushers: Sue Schnickel and Steve Austin

Acolyte: Eden Hunsberger

Reader: Chuck Johnson

Counters: Steve Austin and Sue Schnickel

Livestream Technician: Darrick Jensen

LSS Safe House Dinner for June 5:

Craig & Marcia Rocheleau, Dwight & Kari Bullard

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 8

Sunday, June 11: Worship w/ Holy Communion

Greeters: Kristin Lerstrom and Daniel Peterson

Ushers: Jeremy Anderson and Cameron Jamison

Acolyte: Phoebe Anderson

Reader: Martha Olsen

Communion Set Up:

Eva Tangen and Phoebe Anderson

Communion Servers:

Leslee Nestingen, Paul Aitchison, Darrick Jensen

Counters: Cameron Jamison and Eva Tangen

Livestream Technician: Karen Vetsch

LSS Safe House Dinner for June 12:

Dale & Jackie West

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 1

Sunday, June 18, 2023: Courtyard Worship/

Blessing of the Bikes

Greeters: Dwight and Kari Bullard

Ushers: John Skraba and Karen Vetsch

Reader: Bob Stanich

Counters: Bob Stanich and John Skraba

Livestream Technician: JeriLynn Young

LSS Safe House Dinner for June 19:

Sonja Walker, Joe & Annalise Munnich

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 2

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Greeters: Darrick Jensen and JeriLynn Young

Ushers: Shawna Nelsen-Wills and Thomas Goodoien

Acolyte: Isaiah Nelsen-Wills

Reader: Marcia Rocheleau

Counters: Steve Austin and Darrick Jensen

Livestream Technician: Cameron Jamison

LSS Safe House Dinner for June 26:

Glen & Martha Olsen, Paul & Michelle Aitchison

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 3



June Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 4

9 am Worship

10 am Coffee and Fellowship

Sunday, June 11

9 am Worship w/ Holy Communion

10 am Coffee and Fellowship

10:30 Project Day

Sunday, June 18

Blessing of the Bikes

Courtyard Worship

9 am Worship

10 am Coffee and Fellowship

Sunday, June 25

9 am Worship/

10 am Coffee and Fellowship

**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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