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# **The Messenger**

## From the Pastor....

Welcome to Lent!

There are some decisions that can be a struggle for me. Ask me where I'd like to go for dinner, my mind will go completely blank because there are so many great restaurants around here that cover all different cuisines. Ask me what my favorite song is, I will immediately ask for clarification (you've got to at least give me a decade and genre, or there are just too many good songs out there).

Of course, these are two pretty common and shallow examples. Those decisions aren't even that important. When choosing names for our kids, we literally pulled out books and family trees. Some decisions are more important than others and a name, an identifier that will follow a child throughout their lives, was a very important decision to make. When we chose names for our kids, Lisamarie and I wanted to honor the heritage and values of our families but also pick something that our children could grow into and make into their own legacy.

Names are often like that, especially in our faith lives. The Bible is filled with stories of names being given, changed, and lived out. Simon (meaning "shifting sands") becomes Peter (meaning "rock"). Abram (meaning "exalted father") becomes Abraham (meaning "father of multitudes"). These are just two examples and it's worth asking how the names reflect the values and lives of people.

That is why, in Lent this year, we are examining the words of our congregation's name. Throughout this season, a season often marked by fasting and prayer, we're going to be reflecting on what our name means and how we can express the values of that name in the world around us. For generations, this gathering of Christ followers has been known as St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church and each word of that name was carefully chosen. Of course, the meaning of words changes over time, just as the popularity of some names have risen and fallen over time. As we examine, then, what our names mean and have meant, we will also think about what they can mean for us in the future.

In a time when the words and the names we use can become rote and ordinary, I hope that by time we reach the empty tomb of Easter, we'll have been able to spend some good time in reflection and we'll have a deeper understanding of the words of our name together. And as we do this internal work, along with fasting and prayer, we'll also be better equipped to do the external work of faith in the world.

Peace, Pastor Bryan





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# Lent Schedule, Wednesday Evenings

As the front page article said, our Lenten series will be based on the words in our name. The worship services will be live-streamed so that those who are traveling or unable to get out can be part of the conversation. We hope you can join us for dinner, worship, and conversation throughout this Lenten season.

The topic schedule is as follows:

March 1 - SaintSee page 5 for moreMarch 8 - Peder'sSee page 5 for moreMarch 15 - Evangelicalinfo and times...March 22 - LutheranMarch 29 - Church



# Palm Sunday Pageant

The youth will be leading worship on Palm Sunday (April 2) as they tell the story of Palm Sunday and Holy Week through skits and songs. Join an intrepid news reporter as they try to get the scoop on what happened that very first Holy Week. If you have a child who would like to be part of that service, and

didn't receive an email with a sign up form, please let Pastor Bryan or Jeannie know and we'll get you signed up.



## Accompanist

We are looking for musicians to join our team of choir accompanists. If you play piano and are interested in playing with the choir a few times per year, please let Mia or Pastor Bryan know. We will make sure you have time to prepare and will do our best to ensure that the music will match your skills.

# March 18th is National Quilting Day!

Our wonderful Quilter's continue to faithfully meet twice and month and create lovely quilts. The quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief and then distributed worldwide. The sewers and pinners (no sewing experience is needed to join this group!) who meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month are always looking for more members. If you are interested in joining or learning more, talk to Sonja Clementson or Dwight Lundeby. You can also donate fabric (drop off in the office and Jeannie will make sure the quilter's get it).

## **Confirmation Corner**

During Confirmation last month, we talked about how our faith calls us to not only love others but work with others and find common ground. We talked, specifically, about the Dakota people who inhabited this land before settlers from Europe came and how the Christian and Dakota stories of creation share many similarities. From these points of agreement and commonality, we can do work together which protects those things we hold as important.



# Bible Study, Every Tuesday at 6 pm Upcoming Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28

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.



# Friday, March 3, 2023 Seatings at 5 and 6:30

The Cod Fish Dinner has been a been a St. Peder's tradition since 1942! Long time member, Dick Juhl, recently wrote up a short history of this wonderful event. His son, Peter Juhl, now carries on the tradition:

It was a bleak 1942. The Second world war was at it's height at about that time. St. Peder's Lutheran Church was struggling with so many men and women away in the armed services. Food was rationed, as well as things like shoes, tires, and on-and-on. Olaf Juhl, (my father) was also struggling to keep his Olsen's Fish Co. going, as his stock in trade was very limited. Olaf decided that St. Peder's Church should sponsor a cod fish supper to lighten up the tension the war was having on it's members. Olaf supplied the necessary cod. It was not the true cod from the Atlantic, but "black cod" from Alaska. An invitation went out to the membership, which was not very large in 1942. But, about six or eight men, signed up for the dinner, which was to be on a March, Friday as it is today. That beginning led to myself, Dick Juhl, becoming the chief cook for many years, and I did that until my son, Peter Juhl, took over as chief cook a few years ago.

Today, the cod fish dinner is still a highlight for many members, as well as neighbors, folks from around the Twin Cities, and even out of town. A hope of mine, and I believe from our church, that this tradition, of so many members helping out to make it happen all these years, will go, on for many more years of good food and fellowship. *-Dick Juhl* 

**Reservations for Cod Fish Dinner:** Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall and office or you can call or email the office with the following information **:** provide name or names, how many meatball or cod dinners, seating time preference, and phone number if leaving a message.

# Pub Theology

Mon., March 13 at 7pm @Parkway Pizza

## 4359 Minnehaha Ave.



Please bring an unanswered question you have about your faith journey.

We will ponder these unanswered questions as a group. Any questions....please contact Michael

O'Day mloday14@gmail.com

Monthly Potluck Wednesday! March 8 All are welcome to share a meal at our monthly potlucks! Every 2nd Wednesday of the month, we will have a brief devotion, prayer, and then we 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!



# 2023 Easter Flower Order: Due March 21st

Easter plants may be ordered to decorate and beautify our sanctuary for our online Easter Services. Please fill out the form below and mail or drop of to Jeannie in the office with payment. Forms can also be found at church. You can pay with cash, check or online—click this <u>link</u> to pay online or scan the code below. Checks can be made out to St. Peder's.

Your Name:

(Please circle): In Memory of <u>OR</u> In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write legibly and as you would like it to appear. Thank you.



Price Per	Qty.	TOTAL
Plant		
\$12.00		
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#### **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

#### Thank you Council Members!

A big thanks to Council members who have completed their term...Paul Odegaard, who served as Treasurer, Jeremy Anderson, who was our Vice President and JeriLynn Young. We welcome aboard, Kristi Lahti-Johnson as VP, Wendy Legge as Treasurer and Kristi Lahti-Johnson.

## **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 1st month of 2023. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod			YTD \$ 1,166.66
Year to Date	\$	28,524.40	Budget Year to Date \$ 24,918.68
Month of January	\$	28,524.40	Budget for the month \$ 24,918.68
Expenses			
Year to Date	\$	22,087.05	Budget Year to Date \$ 23,132.00
Month of January	\$	22,087.05	Budget for the month \$ 23,132.00
Income			

### March Worship Schedule

Wednesday, March 1 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Worship

Sunday, March 5 9 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10 am Coffee and Fellowship 10:15 Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday, March 8 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Worship

**Sunday, March 12** 9 am Worship/ Youth Faith Formation 10 am Coffee and Fellowship 10:15 Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday, March 15 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Worship

**Sunday, March 19** 9 am Worship/Youth Faith Formation 10 am Coffee and Fellowship 10:15 Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday, March 22 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Worship

Sunday, March 26 9 am Worship/ Youth Faith Formation 10 am Coffee and Fellowship 10:15 Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday, March 29 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Worship

# News from the St. Peder's Library



Shannon Kearns made a generous parting gift to the St. Peder's library, specifically for kids and their families.

Two popular and award-winning graphic novel series for middle and high schoolers: *Lumberjanes and*, *The Backstagers* 

For middle school and younger kids, a collection of books from Flamingo Rampant, a micropress that publishes culturally-diverse books featuring LGBTQ+ kids and their families.

All of these books celebrate friendship, adventure, and non-traditional familes but also solving problems, like being an outsider. As Shannon says, "Everything children love to read about without having to feel shy, bad or "different" about their race, culture, ability, gender, sexuality, or family style."

These books are in the book rack on the library table! Check them out -Jeanne Schleh, St. Peder's Librarian

## **Lenten Soup Suppers**

Beginning on Wednesday, February 22 through Wednesday, April 29th, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for soup supper from 5:30– 6:30. The following Wednesday worships will begin at 6:45.







Fun was had by all at our first Hymns and Hops at Chatterbox Pub! We look forward to doing this again..Stay tuned!

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Women's History Month	1 9 am Quilters 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Worship 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	2 9 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance	3 Annual Cod Fish Dinner, Seatings at 5 and 6:30	4 2 pm Fiber Arts
5 9 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10 am Coffee and Fellowship 10:15 am Adult Faith Formation 4 pm Girl Scouts	6 6:30 Kith and Kin	7 10 am Exercise 6 pm Bible Study	8 12 pm Potluck 5:30 Confirmation Class @ St. Peder's 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Worship 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	9 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance	10	11 10:30 am Brownies Set your clocks ahead tonight!
<ul> <li>12 Daylight Savings Time</li> <li>9 am Worship</li> <li>9 am Youth Faith Formation*</li> <li>10 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship</li> <li>10:15 am Adult Faith Formation</li> <li>4 pm Girl Scouts</li> </ul>	13 6:30 Kith and Kin	14 10 am Exercise 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Christian Life Mtg	15 9 am Quilters 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Worship 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	16 Newsletter Articles Due 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 2 pm Fiber Arts
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26 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation* 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 Adult Faith Formation 4 pm Girl Scouts	27 6:30 Kith and Kin 7 pm Music & Worship Cmt. Mtg	28 10 am Exercise 6 pm Bible Study	29 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Worship 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	30	31	**Youth Faith Formation is after the Children's Sermon Events in BLUE are community groups that use the building.

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, March 5, 2023 Holy Communion by Full Table

Greeters: Eunice Montgomery and Dwight Lundeby Usher: Mark Jenson and Peter Paulson Acolyte: Eleanor Munnich Reader: Joe Munnich Communion Set Up & Clean Up: Chuck Johnson and Kristi Lahti-Johnson Communion Assistants: Paul Aitchison, Dwight Lundeby, Sue Schnickel Bread and Wine: Michael and Allison O'Day Counters: Annalise Munnich and Tim Anderson Livestream Technician: Darrick Jensen and Cameron Jamison LSS Safe House Dinner for March 6: Tim and Elizabeth Anderson Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 8

#### Sunday, March 12, 2023

Greeters: Michael and Allison O'Day Ushers: Sue and Al Nielsen Acolyte: Maren Odeen **Reader:** Judy Hogan **Counters:** Terri Vetsch and Judy Hogan **Livestream Technician:** Karen Vetsch LSS Safe House Dinner for March 13: Wendy and Gordon Legge Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 2

#### Sunday, March 19, 2023

Greeters: John and Doreen Skraba Ushers: Jeremy Anderson and Julie Ebbesen Acolyte: Aemilia Wollak Reader: Elizabeth Anderson Counters: Jackie West and Doreen Skraba Livestream Technician: Bruce Simpson LSS Safe House Dinner for March 20: Mark and Jody Jenson **CES Grocery Delivery for March 20:** Jeanne Schleh, Lorie Gleason, Bruce Simpson, Lisa Rovick, Sue Nielsen, Lisa Jensen, Siri Vossen, Doreen and John Skraba, Peter Juhl and Judy Anderson Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 4

#### Sunday, March 26, 2023

Greeters: Carol Lindsrom and Leslee Nestingen Ushers: Butch Vossen and Lisa Jensen Acolyte: Isaiah Wills Reader: Max Vossen Counters: Steve Austin and JeriLynn Young Livestream Technician: JeriLynn Young LSS Safe House Dinner for March 27: Gleason Family Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 5

#### Soup Supper Shepherding Group Schedule

Wed, March 1	Shepherding Group 7
Wed, March 8	Shepherding Group 1
Wed, March 15	Shepherding Group 3
Wed, March 22	Shepherding Group 6
Wed, March 29	Shepherding Group 8

April is National Volunteer Month!



#### Thank You!

St. Peder's tackled hunger this past February! You raised \$1000 and donated 175 food items for the Minnehaha Food Shelf! Touchdown!

# St. Peder's is hosting a blood drive with the American Red



The American Red Cross urges people to roll up their sleeves. You don't need a specific reason to give blood. You just need your own reason. Help an accident victim, a patient with cancer or a new mother who needs blood during childbirth by making a donation appointment today. The Red Cross depends on the generosity of volunteers to ensure blood products are available when patients need them.

There will be a link to sign up to donate blood in the April Messenger.

We also need Blood Donor Ambassador volunteers! Blood Donor Ambassadors enhance the experience of donating blood by warmly welcoming and providing customer service to blood donors. Questions? Contact Sue Nielsen 612-360-3936. Suenielsen 76@gmail.com

#### 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 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in south Minneapolis.



#### Church Staff:

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