

# St. Peder's Monthly Messenger

May 2025

Greetings in the name of Christ!

There was a moment in our 9 AM Easter service that has continued to fill me with a sense of joy. There was already a lot to be joyful about – our sanctuary was filled with friends and family, the musicians were ready, and the energy in the sanctuary was high. We went through our usual welcome, greeting one other, with a few announcements. After our opening prayer, I stood up to say something like, “We’ve enjoyed some wonderful music already and it’s time for us to join our voices together in our opening hymn.” But before I could get it all out, the brass fanfare began. I think about half the people jumped and the other half smiled and laughed. I will admit, seeing all those reactions (while having one myself, I’m sure), was really entertaining.

But that’s the way it is with Easter. It is surprising. Even when we expect it, we can still be surprised by it. It’s a story that has continued to surprise, inspire, and take on new meaning as we have heard it across generations. And I think the reason it remains so dynamic is because we keep having to look for Jesus. The women who went to the tomb don’t expect to find a resurrection story. The disciples who hear it from them don’t believe it. And it’s okay to admit that some things in our world still feel broken and dismal. Sometimes, we forget (like the women forgot) that this is not where the story ends.

As we enter this season of Easter, of miracles and reconciling relationships, I hope we keep being surprised. We’ll hear the story of Thomas who wasn’t convinced that Jesus had returned to the other disciples. We’ll hear about Jesus finding his disciples on a beach and mending the broken relationship with Peter. And we’ll be asking ourselves where we might find God amid the world around us. If death, sin, and betrayal can’t hold back the love, life, and mercy of God, then what could? If we aren’t finding God, where haven’t we looked. It could be, very likely, that God has been in your midst the whole time and, like the brass players on Easter morning, will surprise you.

I hope you had a wonderful holiday. I certainly enjoyed it. And I look forward to discovering, with you, the surprise and hope of Easter.

Peace,  
Pastor Bryan



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### **Special Thank You from the Juhl Family**

The Juhl family would like to express thanks to the church community, family friends, and everyone else who attended Dick's funeral. The outpouring of love and support during the service was a beautiful and healing thing to experience. The Juhl family is grateful for the kindness shown during this difficult time.

### **Save the Date– May 3rd**

We had such a great time last year with Chef Chris at the Gourmet Dinner that we are doing it again, and adding a cooking class beforehand! This year's **class will be held on May 3rd at 4 pm** here at St. Peder's, and the **dinner will be held afterwards at 6 pm!** This year's menu includes: Appetizers: Shrimp cocktail; GF & Vegan sweet potato canape with pesto; cucumber with goat cheese canape; fig and olive crostini. Entrees: NY Prime cut with bernaise, potato and veg; GF pasta puttanesca with garlic and muffuletta toast; or Chicken breast with mole sauce and rice and vegetables. There will be assorted desserts, some GF choices. Dinner tickets are \$60 each, and \$5 for kids to attend the pizza party. This year's class will include a lesson on basic knife skills. Chef Chris is asking for a free will donation for the 4 pm class before the dinner. Class size is limited, so please register early. For more info, please contact Bruce Simpson at [simbbr2@gmail.com](mailto:simbbr2@gmail.com).

### **A Note of Thanks and A Final Push!**

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have generously contributed to the Organ Fund. Your financial support has brought us incredibly close to fully funding this wonderful addition to our worship space and enhancing the rich history of music we have come to enjoy here at St. Peder's. We are excited to announce that there is only about \$3,800 remaining until the organ is paid in full! Even more encouraging, a generous donor has come forward and offered to match every dollar donated towards this remaining balance— doubling the impact of your gift! If you haven't had a chance to contribute, or if you feel moved to give again, now is the perfect time. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

## **National Night Out**

Minneapolis will celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th! National Night out is a time for city residents to come together and celebrate with neighbors. Many blocks in Minneapolis take this opportunity to reconnect, eat, and build relationships while kids play and bike freely in the closed street. We are hoping to encourage as many Minneapolis residents as possible! Registration is now open and FREE! Sign up early, as registration closes on July 29th.

### **Pre-registration checklist:**

- Include neighbors in your organizing efforts.
- Register only one event per block (appoint one neighbor to register)
- Consider if you want your street blocked off to traffic.
- Checking the box for 75% approval is fine if you plan to notify every household of the event.
- Call 311** to request a firetruck, MPD K9, and/or MPD Mounted Patrol.

### **What to expect:**

- NNO Team will host NNO Pop-Ups around the city throughout the summer; dates and locations will be sent out soon
- Digital copies of NNO Flyers will be sent to registrants via email and will be available (one copy per language per person, please) at NNO Pop-Ups
- Our Team is available to table at your community events to encourage NNO event registrations!
- Confirmation of your event will be sent via email starting Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (print the final page of your registration for your permit number)

To register your block, visit <https://apps.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/>.

## **New Brokerage Firm**

Just an update, St. Peder's is no longer working with Merrill Lynch in a professional capacity. We are currently in the process of finding a new brokerage firm. Until that has happened, please refrain from selling or donating any stock or profits from selling stocks to St. Peder's until a new partnership has been established. We thank you for your help, and we apologize for any inconvenience.

## Kith & Kin Yearly Finale

Kith + Kin Chorus invites you to join them Saturday May 3 for their Season 8 Finale at the Cedar Cultural Center. There are shows at 4 & 8pm. This year they're singing Chappell Roan, Seal, Feist, Maggie Rogers (and more!), collaborating with local artist LAAMAR and proceeds from the show and silent auction go to support Rock the Rez as they expand their music camps for native youth into Minnesota. Tickets can be found at the Cedar's website or through [www.kithandkinchorus.org](http://www.kithandkinchorus.org).



## Danebod Folk Meeting News

Come and experience the Danish Folk school tradition of a life-long learning at the annual Danebod Folk Meeting, where teachers and students learn from each other! At the 2025 Folk Meeting, to be held August 20-24, professionals and participants will come together for three and a half days of mutual learning. Not only will you hear from experts on topics like finding confidence in today's news, the health of America's electrical grid, "de-stressing" in today's world, examining our federal judiciary, and what it means to "live Danishly" like the "happiest people in the world", but you will have the opportunity to let your voice, questions, and perspectives be heard! All events, from lectures to leisure, are designed for maximum interaction and engagement. Reflecting on Grundtvig's goals for life-long learning, we will again offer an afternoon of experiential activity for small groups. Attendees will be able to choose to:

- Join a group to make Danish open-faced sandwiches
- Visit Camden state park for a guided outdoor walk
- Explore your inner artist in an acrylic painting class
- Experience the joy of folk dancing
- Play lawn games like Bocce, Croquet and Kub
- Create new song lyrics to favorite melodies in a song-writing class

For more information or to sign up, please visit [danebodfolkmeeting.org](http://danebodfolkmeeting.org).

## Volunteer News and Opportunities & Financials

### Together in Mission 2024

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

### Income

Month of March: \$17,091

Budget for the month: \$27,162

Year to Date: \$45,140

Budget Year to Date: \$81,485

### Expenses

Month of March: \$27,284

Budget for the month: \$27,162

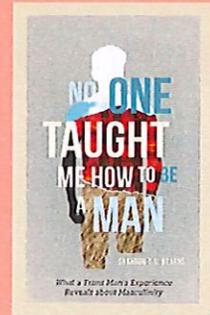
Year to Date: \$79,546

Budget Year to Date: \$81,485

**Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod      \$ YTD**

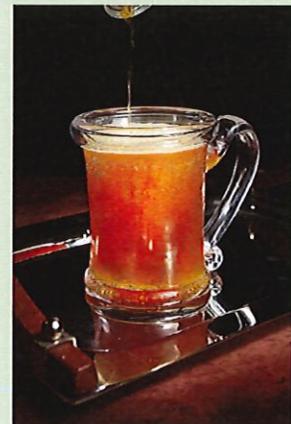
### May's Featured Library Book

We have multiple copies of Shannon Kearns's book, "No One Taught Me How to Be A Man" available to lend out. Those of us who attended his book launch last month were amazed at it's impact on both men and women reader. If you're interested in reading it, sign up for a loaner copy on the library sign up sheet or call the office to reserve a copy!



### Pub Theology

Join us for Pub Theology at **6:30 pm on May 12th. We will meet at Parkway Pizza at 4359 Minnehaha Ave.** There are thousands of denominations and sects in the Christian church. What factors prompt the creation of a new denomination? What is it that draws people to new denominations or needs? What are they searching for? What theological concepts give a denomination "staying power"? We will discuss these questions at our May Pub Theology and we welcome all to join in the discussion.



# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 pm Choir practice	2	3 2 pm Fiber Arts
4 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	5 11:30 am Meals on Wheels pick-up*	6 6 pm Sisters in Crime Meeting* 6 pm Bible Study	7 9 am Quilters	8 7 pm Choir practice	9	10
11 9 am Worship 9 am Faith Formation 10:45 Worship Last Day of Faith Formation	12	13 12 pm Potluck 6 pm Bible Study	14	15 7 pm Choir practice	16	17 10:30 am Brownies* 2 pm Fiber Arts
18 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship Newsletter Articles Due Youth Sunday/Recognition of Graduates	19	20 6 pm Bible Study	21 9 am Quilters 7 pm Council Meeting	22 7 pm Choir practice	23	24 10:30 Brownies*
25 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	26	27 6 pm Bible Study	28	29 7 pm Choir practice	30	31

# May Volunteer Schedule

## May 4

**Greeters:** Dale & Jackie West

**Ushers:** Craig Rocheleau & Al Nielsen

**Acolyte:** Aemilia Wollak

**Reader:** JeriLynn Young

**Communion Set-Up:** Judy Anderson & Karen Vetsch

**Communion Servers:** Paul Aitchison, Judy Hogan & Lisa Jensen

**Communion Bread & Wine:** Judy Anderson

**Counters:** Jerilynn Young & Jackie West

**Livestream Tech:** JeriLynn Young

**LSS Safehouse May 5:** LisaMarie & Bryan Odeen

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 8**

## May 11

**Greeters:** Tim & Elizabeth Anderson

**Ushers:** Peter Juhl & Tom Goodoien

**Acolyte:** Elena Wilson

**Reader:** Leslee Nestingen

**Counters:** Julie Ebbesen & Cameron Jamison

**Livestream Tech:** Cameron Jamison

**LSS Safehouse May 12:** Craig & Marcia Rocheleau, Dwight & Kari Bullard

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 1**

## May 18

**Greeters:** Michael & Allison O'Day

**Ushers:** Tom Goodoien & Butch Vossen

**Acolyte:** Fletcher Campbell

**Reader:** Allison O'Day

**Counters:** Tim Anderson & Jackie West

**Livestream Tech:** Karen Vetsch

**LSS Safehouse May 19:** Dale & Jackie West

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 2**

## May 25

**Greeters:** Kerry & Jill Audette

**Ushers:** Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen

**Acolyte:** Walter Anderson

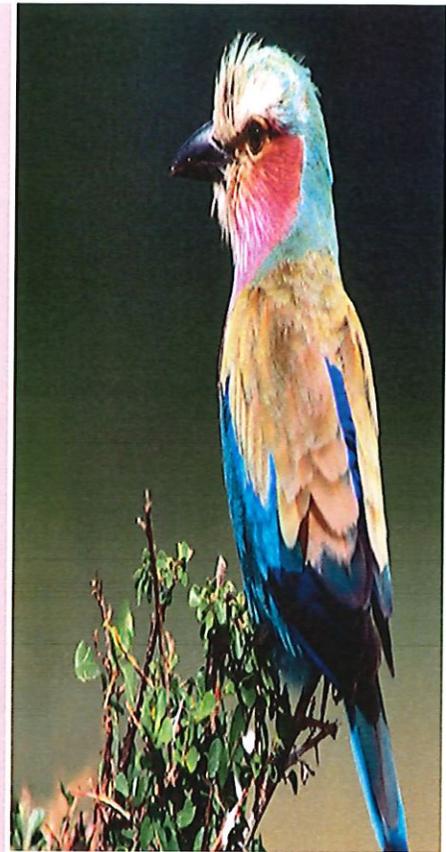
**Reader:** Bruce Simpson

**Counters:** Annalise Munnich & Eva Tangen

**Livestream Tech:** Darrick Jensen

**LSS Safehouse May 26:** Sonja Walker, Joe & Annalise Munnich

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 3**



## May Worship Schedule

### May 4

9 am Worship

10 am Coffee & Fellowship

### May 11

Last day of Faith Formation

9 am Worship

9 am Faith Formation

10 am Coffee & Fellowship

### May 18

Newsletter Articles Due

Youth Sunday /

Recognition of Graduates

9 am Worship

10 am Coffee & Fellowship

### May 25

9 am Worship

9 am Faith Formation

10 am Coffee & 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 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> 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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