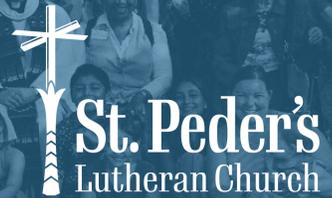


# THE MESSENGER

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- Seeing White: Foundations for White Women



## Greetings in the name of Christ!

Lent is a season of preparation and is both similar and different from Advent. Where Advent is preparation for the birth of the Christ Child, Lent is the preparation for his death and the resurrection that we celebrate at Easter. There is new life in both Christmas and Easter, but one of these events leave scars. Lent is an intentional interruption that changes us, gives us hope and perspective, and, though difficult, also makes space for resurrection to break into our lives, habits, and routines.

But interruptions are difficult. Especially in our fast-paced world, the last thing we have time for is an interruption. A flat tire, a missed deadline, or missing work or school because of an illness can derail a lot of plans and it can take a long time to get "back to normal" (if normal even exists anymore).

Interruptions that impact a whole community become even harder to overcome. Operation Metro Surge, interrupting the Twin Cities and beyond since December, has cost millions of dollars to our local economy, disrupted the school, work, and recreation of thousands of families, and has caused a lot of fear.

And it will take a lot of time to recover from this, and what "normal" will look like after all this is still uncertain.

But I am certain of some things. I am certain that our communities will continue to be there and show up for each other. I am certain that each of us has some part to play in that reconstruction. And I am certain that God can and will use this interruption to prepare us for something good. I believe that we are in a time of Lent that goes beyond the liturgical calendar and that the journey to the cross, to the end of things as we knew them, will yield new life. You can't have Easter without Good Friday and I feel, as difficult as this time has been, that we are living through Good Friday together.

My Lenten hope for you is that you cultivate practices of hope. Keep showing up, with all the gifts and skills that God has given you, to be part of your community. Because God is still showing up. And remember that the cross, that death, and that sin are not the end. Easter is coming. Hold on.

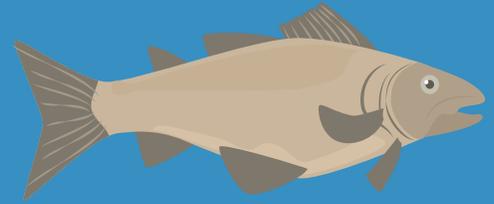
Peace,  
Pastor Bryan

# MARCH AT ST. PEDER'S

## CODFISH DINNER

The Codfish Dinner is just around the corner! Join us on Friday, March 6. There are two seatings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. To make a reservation, please call the office at 612-722-8000 or email [office@stpeders.org](mailto:office@stpeders.org)

and include your name, number of people in your party, your seating preference and whether you'd prefer cod, meatballs, or a combination.



## EASTER LILIES & FLOWERS



Order Easter Lilies or Hydrangeas to dedicate to a loved one. The deadline to order is Friday, March 13.

Add your name and dedication to the sign-up sheet outside the church office or email Office Coordinator, Frances at [office@stpeders.org](mailto:office@stpeders.org).

## SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

The Songwriter Showcase continues on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. featuring Ry Edwards and Dan Moriarty.

Come on out to hear and support local musicians and be part of an hour of good time in community.

## PUB THEOLOGY

Join us for Pub Theology on Monday, March 30th at 6:30 PM at Parkway Pizza! This month's conversation will explore "The Many Names for God."

From ancient titles that speak of power and holiness to intimate names that express closeness and care, we'll reflect on how these names shape our understanding of who God is. Come grab a slice, share your perspective, and enjoy meaningful dialogue in a relaxed setting. All are welcome!

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SERVICE

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lent is a traditional time of fasting and repentance and ends with Holy Week's journey to the cross. Throughout Lent, we will have Wednesday soup suppers at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Lenten worship service at 6:45 p.m. Hymn singing will start around 6:30 before worship starts.

Our Wednesday services will focus on the Healing of the Nations liturgy we have used for the past few years, where we will pray for our state, nation, and world and hear the stories and lessons from people who have worked for the healing we pray for.

Our Holy Week services in the past few years have been done in collaboration with other churches. Last year, we worked with **Bread of Life Deaf Church** and **Bethel Lutheran** and we are excited to see this partnership continue. We will host Maundy Thursday and travel to Bethel Lutheran for Good Friday. More details will be coming at plans are made between the pastors.

## CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY SURVEY

As Pastor Bryan talked about at January's Annual Meeting, this year we will be completing the ELCA's Congregational Vitality Survey. This survey will help us, as a community, take stock of who we are as a community, what our priorities are, and how we want to use our energy and resources. This will be important for helping our leaders make sure that decisions and vision reflect the desires and passions of members of St. Peder's.

The survey will be open from March 8th through the 22nd and can be filled out either online (with a link that will be emailed out in March) or on paper. If you'd like a paper copy, just let Pastor Bryan know.

## ST. PEDER'S COMMUNITY RESOURCE WEBPAGE

We have put together a new page on our website entitled Community Resources which includes local community partners, service providers, and organizations that we trust. This page will be updated regularly with resources, planned demonstrations, and other ways to get involved and help our local community. Visit [www.stpeders.org/communityresources](http://www.stpeders.org/communityresources) or use the QR code to learn more.



Resource Page

## SEEING WHITE: FOUNDATIONS FOR WHITE WOMEN

Conscious Revolution's Seeing White: Foundations for White Women, is a 9-week community cohort designed for individuals identifying as White women. Participants will develop a structural analysis of race, while conditioning the mind and body to further commit to racial equity. We'll examine White women's alignment with power structures that perpetuate patriarchy and racism, from slavery to the meme Karen. Foundations offers a unique exploration into the role and opportunity for White women to contribute to building anti-racist organizations and solidarity movements.



Conscious Revolution is offering White Women Foundations as a complement to White Men for Racial Justice's Seeing White: WMRJ Foundations 101 cohort offering. WMRJ and Conscious Revolution have been partnering together to bring this program to individuals identifying as White women.

For more information, please scan the QR code. This group will run on Tuesday from March 10 to May 5 on Zoom.

## SAVE THE DATE - DANEBOD FOLK MEETING

You are invited to join us here on the Danebod Campus for the 80<sup>th</sup> annual Folk Meeting, August 19-23, 2026. Founded in the Danish folk school tradition of lifelong learning in community, the Folk Meeting attracts interesting people from across the country to a residential living, learning and socializing experience. Treat yourself to a break in August and join your fellow guests for three and a half days of learning, singing, story-telling, socializing, dining, and folk dancing.

Each year the Folk Meeting program seeks to offer a broad liberal arts curriculum. In 2026 you will engage with experts in a "prophecy" of economics, American political campaigns, and learning with Legos. You will have the opportunity to learn about chamber music, Danish author Louis Jensen's "Square Stories," and the responsibilities of the Danish Consul in Iowa.

Experiential learning workshops will spur your creative side with options for exploring the arts of paper-cutting, painting, making Danish pastry, writing poetry, savoring the magic of a nature walk, or honing your skills in folk dancing or wood-carving.

If you are interested in learning more about the Danebod Folk Meeting, visit their website at [danebodfolkmeeting.org](http://danebodfolkmeeting.org). Registration materials will be available in early May.

# March

# 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9 am Worship 10 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6 pm White Men for Racial Justice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6 pm Sisters in Crime 6 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Wednesday Service 7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 pm Songwriter Showcase</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5 pm Codfish Dinner 1<sup>st</sup> seating 6:30 pm Codfish Dinner 2<sup>nd</sup> seating</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 am Confirmation Retreat 2 pm Fiber Arts</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9 am Worship 10 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6 pm White Men for Racial Justice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12 pm Potluck 6 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Wednesday Service 7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:30 am Brownies</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9 am Worship 10 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6 pm White Men for Racial Justice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Newsletter Articles Due</b> 9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Wednesday Service 7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10 am Deaf Blind Club Meeting 2 pm Fiber Arts</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9 am Worship 10 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6 pm White Men for Racial Justice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Worship Service 7 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:30 am Brownies</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9 am Worship 10 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6 pm Bible Study</p>				

## MINNEHAHA FOOD SHELF

Job Opening: Part-time Food Shelf Manager

Minnehaha Food Shelf is seeking an experienced general manager who has a passion for our mission to feed, nourish and strengthen our community. This individual will lead and manage our all-volunteer staff, order food from partner food banks, manage food inventory and distribution, oversee operations, and implement Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). This position requires approximately 20 hours per week.

Find more information visit [www.minnehaha.org/foodshelf](http://www.minnehaha.org/foodshelf) or use the QR code.



## AGATE HOUSING SERVICES

Agate Housing and Services is the Minneapolis nonprofit formed from the merger of St. Stephen's Human Services and House of Charity. They are seeking groups to prepare lunches for our guests at our downtown couples' shelter and the new women's shelter The Valiance. We need folks to make and deliver bag lunches for 50 people. If you're up for it, jumping in one or two times a month with friends, family, or neighbors would be truly amazing. For more information about this or about any of Agate's work to end homelessness, please check out [www.agatemn.org/lunch](http://www.agatemn.org/lunch) or contact Mike Menner at [mike.menner@agatemn.org](mailto:mike.menner@agatemn.org).

## HOLY LAND TRIP

Pastor Bryan has been in contact with Bright Stars of Bethlehem since the presentation we had with their Executive Director, Tracie Ortman, a few months ago. A few people expressed interested in traveling to see their work. After some conversation, it was determined that early January 2027 will be the best time for this trip.

Sami Khoury of Shepherds Tour & Travel is helping form an itinerary for this trip that will cover a mix of relationship and perspective building through Dar al-Kalima University, cultural trips, and some traditional sightseeing in Israel and Palestine. If you would like to see a sample itinerary for the trip, have questions, or would like to sign up for the trip, please let Pastor Bryan know. The trip will be available to anyone, so if you have friends or neighbors interested in this life-changing experience, know that they are welcome.



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# MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## MARCH 1 - Holy Communion

Greeters: Paul Aitchison & Andrea Wollak  
Ushers: Lisa Jensen  
Acolyte: Augie Wollak  
Reader: Shawna Nelsen-Wills  
Counters: JeriLynn Young  
Livestream Tech: JeriLynn Young

Communion Setup: Lisa Jensen  
Communion Servers: Peter Juhl, Susan Nielsen, & Lisa Rovick  
Communion Bread & Wine: Lisa Jensen  
LSS Safehouse March 2: Peter & Sheryl Juhl  
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 3

## MARCH 8

Greeters: Darrick Jensen  
Ushers: Lisa Jensen & John Skraba  
Acolyte:  
Reader: Gordon Legge  
Counters: Lisa Jensen

Livestream Tech: Darrick Jensen  
LSS Safehouse March 9: Bill & Judy Anderson  
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 4

## MARCH 15 - Holy Communion

Greeters: Doreen & John Skraba  
Ushers: Paul Aitchison & Thomas Goodoien  
Acolyte:  
Reader:  
Counters: Doreen Skraba  
Livestream Tech:

Communion Setup:  
Communion Servers: Leslee Nestingen  
Communion Bread & Wine: Lisa Rovick  
LSS Safehouse March 16: Kristi Lahti-Johnson & Chuck Johnson, Eric & Bethene Hunsberger  
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 5

## MARCH 22

Greeters:  
Ushers:  
Acolyte: Walter Anderson  
Reader: JeriLynn Young  
Counters: Eva Tangen

Livestream Tech:  
LSS Safehouse March 23: Bob Stanich & Jeanne Schleh  
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 6

## MARCH 29

Greeters: Jill Audette & Kerry Audette  
Ushers: Jim and Heidi Nelsen  
Acolyte:  
Reader: Jill Audette  
Counters: Jackie West & Paul Aitchison

Livestream Tech:  
LSS Safehouse March 30: Cameron Jamison & Alice Bekke  
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 7

# MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## March 1

Holy Communion  
9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship

## March 8

9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship

## March 15

Holy Communion  
9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship

## March 22

9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee &  
Fellowship

## March 29

9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee &  
Fellowship



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