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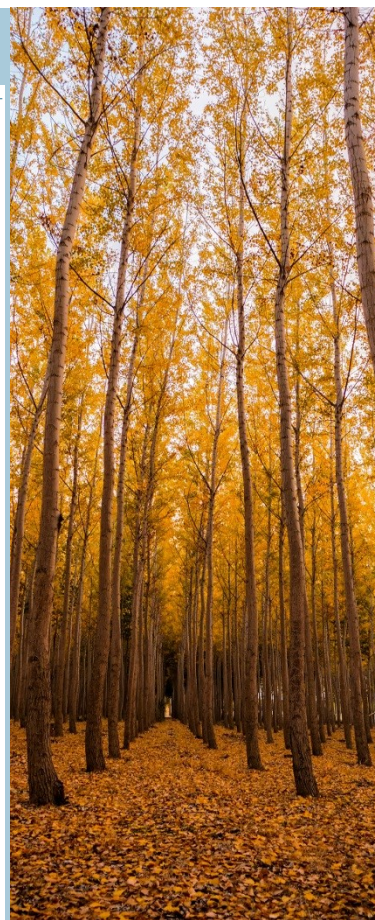
# The Messenger

## Safe Gathering Task Force is Hard at Work!

St Peder's Council has organized a Safe Gathering Task Force in order to prepare policies and procedures regarding use of our building and when it is safe to gather again. Part of their work includes a survey which has been sent via email and snail mail to the congregation. The survey is only 5 questions long and should take less than five minutes to answer. Please take the time to complete it. The more information we have, the better. If you did not receive the link via your email, please contact Jeannie in the office (or see the link below). For those of you who do not use email, you will receive a paper copy in the mail to complete and return to the office. Data from the surveys will be **due no later than Monday, October 12th.**

For the foreseeable future, we will continue to worship online and meet via Zoom Calls. Once the Council has approved the recommended policies, those will be made available to the congregation.

Look for more information in the November Messenger. Click [here](#) to link to the survey.



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*"Rooted in our heritage and embracing the future, we joyfully live the gospel with open hearts, open hands and open doors."*

## Join Us for a Zoom Blessing of the Animals!



On **Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m.** we will have a Zoom Blessing of the Animals in honor of St Francis of Assisi Day. He is the patron saint of animals, so it's fitting for us to take the time to give thanks for our pets and to bless them.

An email blast will be sent out on Friday, October 2, with the Zoom Invitation - and the brief "bulletin" of the service. While we won't be able to see each other's pets in person, you're encouraged to have them nearby so we can meet them on camera - it makes for a more peaceable kingdom that way, too!



## Vote November 3, 2020

### Your vote is your voice and your voice matters!

Our state and national elections are rapidly approaching. This is an important election and our participation is essential.

Prepare to vote:

- ⇒ Check to assure you are registered to vote.
- ⇒ Review the slate of offices and learn about the candidates.
- ⇒ Consider the issues that are important to you and compare them to the platforms and views of the candidates, including the issue of racial justice. There may not be a perfect candidate, but think about the issues and candidates most in line with your views.



Act:

- ⇒ In person early voting is available **now**. The Early Vote Center for Minneapolis is located at the Elections and Voter Service Center, 980 E. Hennepin Ave. The center is open Monday through Friday 8:00-4:30 with weekend hours added as the election nears. For non-Minneapolis voters you can vote in person at your county election office. Check with your city clerk for other possible locations.
- ⇒ Vote by mail. Upon receiving your ballot, read the instructions carefully and make your candidate selections. When returning the ballot, pay attention to the signature envelope. Don't delay, **return the ballot immediately**.
- ⇒ Vote in person on **November 3rd**. Polling places are usually open from 7am to 8pm. You can find your poll location at one of the websites listed below.
- ⇒ Inspire your family and friends to vote.

Information to register to vote, assure you are registered, request an absentee ballot, vote in person early, sample ballot, track your mailed ballot, poll locations, and county election office addresses can be found at <https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/> or <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us> For non-computer users the phone number for the Hennepin County election office is 612-348-5151.

## Explore More Black Owned Businesses From the Racial Justice Team

Please share BIPOC owned businesses you know of by sending an email to St. Peder's racial justice email box at [racialjustice@stpeders.org](mailto:racialjustice@stpeders.org) and your suggestions will be shared in future Messengers.

### **The Dripping Root** Owner Catiesha Pierson



This is a juice bar located in our neighborhood at 4002 Minnehaha Avenue South. Against the odds, delayed by the pandemic and unrest following the death of George Floyd, it opened recently. The Dripping Root serves cold pressed fruit and vegetable juices, ginger shots, smoothie bowls, chia seed pudding and kombucha. The flavors such as Sunshine, Sweetest Drip and Goal Digger are enticing! You can read about Catiesha and her story online in the July 3, 2020 Star Tribune article about the Dripping Root.

### **Lutunji's Palate** Owner Lutunji Abram

Lutunji is a baker with a mission to unite and encourage people around the world to appreciate the rich diversity amongst us. Some of her signature items include Harriet's Escape Peach Cobbler (Buttery Butter & Vegan), Dr. T. Adams Philosophy Pecan Cobbler, Exquisite Nicksology Macaroons and The Kings Coconut Cake Bite Bars. Her gourmet desserts can be purchased at several locations around town including the Farmers Market Annex at 200 East Lyndale Ave N, Lunds and Byerlys Downtown, Northeast, and Uptown. Visit her website at [lutunjispalate.com](http://lutunjispalate.com)



### **MN African American Heritage Museum & Gallery**



Co-founders Tina Burnside, civil rights attorney, and Coventry Cowens, writer/education administrator.

Located at 1256 Penn Ave N, on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, the Museum's purpose is to preserve, record and highlight the achievements, contributions and experiences of African Americans in Minnesota. The mission is carried out through exhibits, workshops, and events that educate and inform the public about the history, culture, and art of African Americans in Minnesota. George Floyd and the related protests are the theme for some of the current exhibits. Admission and ramp parking are free, however currently tickets must be reserved. See the website for hours and ticket reservations [maahmq.org](http://maahmq.org)

## Updated Member Directories!

Greetings Members! Many things have changed in the months since I last printed our St. Peder's Member Directory. In October, I am planning on sending out updated hard copies to those who would like one (if you use the app or log in on your computer, updates happen automatically!). Members that would like a hard copy of the updated directory, which will be sent out in October, please contact me in the office and I will be sure to add you to my mailing list. Thank you for helping me keep track of all of our wonderful members!

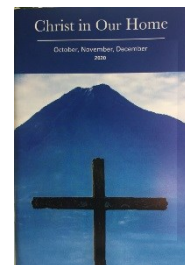
For those of you who use the directory online, you can edit your information anytime! Log into <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> (if using the app) and click on "Edit My Family". You can also email me photos or updates or drop off a photo for me to scan in.

Contact me with any questions!  
Jeannie Farrell, Office Coordinator

## Christ in Our Home Devotion Booklet

I still receive the quarterly devotion booklets in the mail here at church. If you would like me to send you one in the mail, please give me a call or email and I would be happy to send your way!

Jeannie Farrell, Office Coordinator,  
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## Sunday Services

Missed a service? Want to watch it again? You can find all of the services linked on the St. Peder's website or on our YouTube channel! (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP5r4ROb8KPP2H05qqU9AqQ>)

## Would you like to help South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels?

SMMOW has volunteer opportunities to serve, beyond delivering meals, by helping to direct and manage SMMOW's capability to deliver hot meals to the elderly, those with disabilities, or challenged by inability to prepare their own meals. There are open opportunities to serve on specific committees or the Board of Directors. For more information, please contact Marian Blattner at [marian.blattner@gmail.com](mailto:marian.blattner@gmail.com), Mary Engen at [engenmary@yahoo.com](mailto:engenmary@yahoo.com) or check with Sonya Clementson, St. Peder's SMMOW representative and driver coordinator. SMMOW website is <https://www.southmplsmealsonwheels.com>.



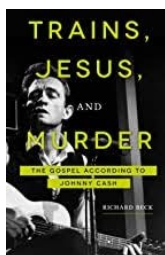
## Adult Faith Formation is Back (online)!

### Children and Youth Zoom Meeting

For **children and youth** we'll meet on Zoom on **October 11 and 25 at 11:30**. We'll sing together, check in, share a story, and do some activities. Depending on how many people attend we might also split up into age related groups, but if it's a small group we'll all stay together.



### Adult Faith Formation



For **adults** we'll have Faith Formation on **October 11 at 10:00am on Zoom**. To participate email Shannon ([faithformation@stpeders.org](mailto:faithformation@stpeders.org)) and he'll send you a copy of the Zoom link. We'll be discussing **Trains, Jesus, and Murder The Gospel according to Johnny Cash** By [Richard Beck](#). Pick up a copy of the book and get ready to discuss it (and your favorite Johnny Cash songs)!



### Pub Theology

Pub Theology will take place at **7pm on October 5th on Zoom!** To participate email Shannon and he'll send you a copy of the Zoom link.

[faithformation@stpeders.org](mailto:faithformation@stpeders.org)



### Together in Mission 2020

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 8th month of 2020. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

#### Income

Month of August	\$ 17,766.09	Budget for the month	\$ 22,916.66
Year to Date	\$ 134,849.05	Budget Year to Date	\$ 180,333.36

#### Expenses

Month of August	\$ 22,356.69	Budget for the month	\$ 24,001.51
Year to Date	\$ 179,256.15	Budget Year to Date	\$ 192,011.96

#### Mission Support to...

Minneapolis Area Synod	YTD	\$ 9,333.35
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**St. Peder's Evangelical  
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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.



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