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# The Messenger

## **Don't Miss St. Peder's Annual Codfish and Meatball Dinner on Friday, March 6th!! Two Seatings: 5:00 & 6:30 p.m.**

The dinner also includes boiled potatoes with our famous mustard gravy, peas and carrots, Havarti cheese on pumpernickel, cupcakes and beverages.

The cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. There are sign-up sheets outside Fellowship Hall, or call the church office at 612-722-8000 for reservations. (Please provide name or names, how many meatball or cod dinners, seating time preference, and phone number if leaving a message.)

This dinner is a success because so many people volunteer and make it happen. If you are able to help with setup, cleanup, serving, cooking, cupcakes, cashier duty, or anything else, please see Sue Nielsen.

**We hope to see you there!**



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Volunteer Schedule
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## **Mark Your Calendars: Shepherding Group Sunday is February 2! It's soon time to meet and plan!**

After worship and some social time together in the Fellowship Hall, we'll gather in our Shepherding Groups to make plans for Lenten Soup Suppers (that begin with Ash Wednesday on February 26) and other service commitments and opportunities.

The current Shepherding Groups will remain intact for this next year. **If you're not currently assigned to a Shepherding Group, let Pastor Julie know and we'll get you signed up!**

The Shepherding Group lists will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office – and space assignments for the meetings that day will be posted as well.

Thanks for all you do in your Shepherding Groups throughout the year to support St Peder's mission and ministry!



## **Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26**

We begin our traditional observance of the Lenten season with soup supper at 5:30 and worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 p.m.

On the following Wednesdays (through April 1) we will meet for soup suppers at 5:30 with our Lenten service beginning at 6:45 p.m. Look for more information coming soon about this year's Lenten focus.

## **Sound Files of Church Services Available**

If anyone wishes to have recorded church service files sent to them, they can send me an email to our volunteer sound engineer, John Geroux at [jgeroux@cadets.com](mailto:jgeroux@cadets.com). He will send a link to the file, which can then be downloaded.



## **Minneapolis Area Synod 2020 Assembly Worship: April 24-25 Remembering and Imagining: A time for joy, a time for change**



The Minneapolis Area Synod gathers annually to conduct business in the Synod Assembly, which is the synod's highest legislative authority. More than 400 participants attend the Synod Assembly each year, including representatives from each congregation and all active rostered leaders. The gathering is filled with worship, inspiration, presentations, and necessary business.

**Friday, April 24th evening** worship at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

**Saturday (day), April 25th:** Plenaries & Speakers at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Ramsey

All voting members are encouraged to attend both days.





### **Retired Folks Winter Potluck on Friday, February 21.**

All retired folks (and friends) are invited to a potluck luncheon on Friday, February 21 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite winter comfort food to share - and join us for good food, good conversation, and a good time in these winter days!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to grace my home with an inspirational St. Peder and Jesus sculpture this past year. What a beautiful reminder of our daily reliance on God's grace and support in our lives. Grateful for the vibrant ministry and outreach through each of you, here, at St. Peder's,

*Dwight Lundeby*

Dear Church,

With sadness I bring you the news that Presiding Bishop Emeritus Herbert W. Chilstrom died at home early this morning (Sunday, January 19). His wife, Pastor Corinne Chilstrom; his son, Chris Holt; and family were with him.

Bishop Chilstrom was the first presiding bishop of the ELCA. Many of you knew him in those early days when the ELCA was just getting started – there was no furniture at the Lutheran Center, files were in boxes, phones were on the floor, and the skeleton staff worked on card tables and folding chairs. He was once told by a corporate executive sitting next to him on a plane that this was no way to start a corporation and it would never work. Thirty-three years later we are still here, entrusted with the ministry of the gospel and serving the neighbor.

I can't imagine the uncertainty and chaos of those first months, but all I know we were filled with hope for this new church the Spirit had brought into being. And I know that Bishop Chilstrom served out of the conviction that it was God's will to raise up an ELCA witness to the gospel, and with God, all things are possible.

I remember Bishop Chilstrom saying once that his mother told him: "Herb, you might be the only Bible some people read." It was her way of telling him, and his way of telling us, that we are living witnesses to the grace of God.

Bishop Chilstrom chose "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" (ELW, 873) to be the sending hymn at his funeral. Verse five announces:

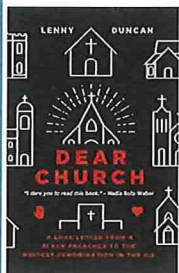
At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice! Give thanks and sing!

Through tears, but in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we rejoice.

Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# Faith Formation

## February 9, 16, 23: Book study on "Dear Church" by Rev. Lenny Duncan led by Shannon Kearns



Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work--drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers.

Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice.

It is time for the church to rise up, dust itself off, and take on forces of this world that act against God: whiteness, misogyny, nationalism, homophobia, and economic injustice. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus.

*There will be no Faith Formation for adults on February 2 because of Shepherding Group Sunday.*

## February Sheridan Story Schedule

**February 7**  
Jeanne Schleh

**February 21**  
Sue Nielsen

## Teacher Schedule: Children & Youth Faith Formation

**February 9**  
Karen and Jeremy

**February 16**  
Shawna and Chris

**February 23**  
Julie and Karen



## February 3 : Pub Theology!



Join us at Parkway Pizza from 7pm-8pm! All are welcome (though you must be 21 or over to drink). Our topic for the evening: What is the meaning of Heaven in a modern religious conception? What is Heaven? Who is it for? All this and more on the 3rd!

## Looking ahead! March 28th: 6-8pm Game and pizza night All ages



Bring your favorite board game and a drink or dessert to share! Shannon will provide the pizza. (Please RSVP to him so he knows how much to get). We'll eat pizza and play some board/card games! All ages are encouraged to attend!



## A Green 2020 by Judy Hogan

Pretty much everyone I know recycles to some extent. Most places make it easy for us to choose to put a pop can or water bottle into the recycling vs the trash. But, most of us don't recycle as much, as consistently or as accurately as we could. So, before we begin talking about what to recycle, let's take a look at three good reasons to recycle.



*We've seen a lot of change in waste management. Many of us can recall when back yard burning barrels and open dumps were the standard way to dispose of trash.*

**Environmental** – In Hennepin County 74% of our trash is made up of materials that can be recycled or composted (measured by weight in 2013). This gives us a huge opportunity to reduce the amount of trash put into local landfills – and reduces the need to convert more acres into future landfills. We can also keep much of our trash out of our municipal waste incinerator. Yes, the incinerator does produce energy, but even the most

advanced technologies cannot avoid the release of heavy metals, dioxins and other toxins that can contribute to global warming, contaminate air, soil and water, and end up entering the food chain.

**Economic** – This one can surprise many people. Did you know that in Hennepin County alone recycling supports 3,725 jobs? In the state there are well over 11,000 people employed in this field. In an assessment of 2018 economic impact, recycling and composting provided \$251M in wages at the county level (\$784M at the state level) and an overall economic impact of \$746M (county) and \$2.3B (state). This puts the recycling industry on par with the radio and television, building services, and warehousing/storage industries.

**Spiritual** – This one gets a little more personal, but please indulge me. Many people fall short of their recycling potential because they believe that their efforts won't really make a difference. "What can one person do?" Also, for many of us the biggest environmental issues seem far in the future – perhaps they are even "after I'm dead" concerns. I consider recycling an act of trust – trust that if I take an action, that action will be repeated by enough other humans that together we *can* make a difference. I also see recycling/composting a small act of providing for our youth and future generations. It's a way of blessing them - not just in thought or word, but in action.

Over the next few months I'll be sharing more background information about the power and act of recycling/composting. I'll also be posting information at church as well as sharing information with Shepherding Groups, and others who plan events. Please contact me if you have questions or would like added information about recycling/composting.

## February Worship Schedule

### Sunday, February 2

9 am Worship with Holy Communion  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship  
10:30 Shepherding Group Gathering

### Sunday, February 9

9 am Worship/Youth Faith Formation  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship  
10:30 Adult Faith Formation

### Sunday, February 16

9 am Worship/Youth Faith Formation  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship  
10:30 Adult Faith Formation

### Sunday, February 23

9 am Worship/Youth Faith Formation  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship  
10:30 Adult Faith Formation

### Wednesday, February 26

#### Ash Wednesday

5:30 pm Soup Supper  
6:45 Worship

### Saturday, Feb. 29, 9am "Allies and Friends" Muslim Solidarity Workshop at Christ the King, Bloomington



Dear Friends,

A year ago more than ninety people gathered in the basement of Grace University Lutheran Church to begin a journey of reconciliation. We heard stories, talked at tables, and learned more about the need for Christians to become skillful allies in support of our Muslim neighbors.

The task of bridgebuilding is more urgent now than ever. We Christians and Muslims need one another to work effectively for peace and to inspire one another spiritually. To that end, the synod task force is hosting another Allies and Friends Workshop on Saturday, February 29, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington.

This year we'll have two tracks, one repeating the format and speakers from our 2018 workshop. The "Next Steps" track is designed for those who already have a basic understanding and are ready to strategize and build networks for action. A flyer is attached, and you can learn more at our website, [www.alliesandfriendsworkshop.weebly.com](http://www.alliesandfriendsworkshop.weebly.com).

We hope you'll join us February 29 for this vital work. Whether or not you can attend, we encourage you to invite others in your circle of influence to come. A flyer is attached to help you.

We know committing is difficult in our very busy lives, but we're encouraging early registration so we can plan well. You can find the link at <https://mplsareasynod.regfox.com/2020-allies-and-friends-workshop> Feel free to email with any questions.

Please hold our work in your prayers - we hope to see you on the 29th!

Blessings,

Connie Fourré, Chair  
Minneapolis Area ELCA Synod Task Force  
on Solidarity with Our Muslim Neighbors

**St. Peder's member, Sue Schnickel, is part of this task force. If you have questions or would like to attend, you can contact Sue at: 612-721-2269 or [schnick@mtn.org](mailto:schnick@mtn.org)**





## Soup Supper Schedule for Lent

Thanks again to the Shepherding Groups for making our soup suppers possible during the weeks of Lent!

|                            |         |                     |         |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Ash Wednesday, February 26 | Group 1 | Wednesday, March 18 | Group 4 |
| Wednesday, March 4         | Group 2 | Wednesday, March 25 | Group 5 |
| Wednesday, March 11        | Group 3 | Wednesday, April 1  | Group 6 |

## EcoFaith Power Up: Determining Our Collective Path Forward: Saturday, February 8, 2020 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. Location TBA

This first-time event invites members of congregations across the Minneapolis Area Synod to engage in conversation around creation care, identify common environmental issues to galvanize around, and move forward with collective, concrete action. We will intentionally gather right before the beginning of the 2020 legislative session to discuss collective action that Lutherans in MAS can take to positively affect creation in Minnesota. The structure of our time together will include a worship service, workshops, breakout sessions, a speaker or two, and the chance to meet with watershed district representatives.

Lunch will be provided and monetary donations to cover the cost of food is requested. If you have questions about the gathering, please contact Grace Corbin, [g.corbin@mpls-synod.org](mailto:g.corbin@mpls-synod.org) or Mariah Norell, [m.norell@mpls-synod.org](mailto:m.norell@mpls-synod.org).

## Community Gathering Kindred Spirits: Thursdays (2/27, 3/26, 4/23)

Kindred Spirits is a monthly gathering of people seeking meaningful connections to thrive physically, emotionally, and spiritually during these times of intense upheaval. This is a safe space to reflect on how to respond to challenging energetic forces and how to best navigate our lives so as to serve the greatest good. The requested contribution is from \$5 to \$25 per session—pay what you can. Pre-registration is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. Meetings held at St. Peder's. RSVP online: [healing-ground.com/events/](http://healing-ground.com/events/) Questions? Email Mary at: [info@healing-ground.com](mailto:info@healing-ground.com) or leave a message at (612) 345-8434. Learn More: <https://healing-ground.com/events/>

## Together in Mission 2019

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 12th month of 2019. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

### Income

|                   |               |                      |               |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Month of December | \$ 24,673.99  | Budget for the month | \$ 23,750.00  |
| Year to Date      | \$ 247,452.32 | Budget Year to Date  | \$ 285,000.00 |

### Expenses

|                   |               |                      |               |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Month of December | \$ 23,484.67  | Budget for the month | \$ 24,528.91  |
| Year to Date      | \$ 286,724.24 | Budget Year to Date  | \$ 298,561.00 |

### Mission Support to...

|                        |     |              |
|------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Minneapolis Area Synod | YTD | \$ 14,000.00 |
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*Thank you for volunteering your time and talent at St. Peder's.*

*Please try to arrange your own trades. If you are pressed for time or have questions or concerns, please contact Jeannie in the church office at :*

*612-722-8000 or  
office@stpeters.org*

## **February Volunteer Schedule**

### **February 2, 2020 Holy Communion by Full Table**

**Greeters:** Joe and Annalise Munnich

**Ushers:** Jim Nelson and Steve Austin

**Acolyte:** Siri Vossen

**Reader:** Lisa Rovick

**Communion Set Up & Clean Up:** Sue Schnickel and Beverly Jensen

**Communion Assistants:**

Bruce Simpson, Bob Stanich and Shawna Nelsen-Wills

**Bread and Wine:** Alice Bekke

**Nursery:** Karen Vetsch and Meg Petersen

**Counters:** Bob Stanich and Julie Ebbesen

**LSS Safe House Dinner for February 3:** Dale and Jackie West

**Sheridan Story for February 7:** Jeanne Schleh

**Social Hour hosted by Christian Life**

### **February 9, 2020**

**Greeters:** Nick and Anne Legeros

**Ushers:** Butch Vossen and Dan Peterson

**Acolyte:** Alec Peterson

**Reader:** Maria Rocheleau

**Nursery:** Eric Hunsberger and Eva Tangen

**Counters:** Marcia Rocheleau and Tim Anderson

**LSS Safe House Dinner for February 10:** Jim and Heidi Nelsen

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 7**

### **February 16, 2020**

**Greeters:** Curt and Meg Petersen

**Usher:** Dan Vetsch and Paul Aitchison

**Acolyte:** Max Sandstrom

**Reader:** John Skraba

**Nursery:** Alice Bekke and Shawna Nelsen-Wills

**Counters:** Cameron Jamison and Doreen Skraba

**LSS Safe House Dinner for February 17:**

Allison & Michael O'Day and Jill & Kerry Audette

**Sheridan Story for February 21:** Sue Nielsen

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 8**

### **February 23, 2020**

**Greeters:** Peter Paulson and Gina Sekelsky

**Ushers:** Wendy Legge and Mark Jenson

**Acolyte:** Elliette Wilson

**Reader:** Shawna Nelsen-Wills

**Nursery:** Curt Petersen and Scott Wilson

**Counters:** Terri Vetsch and Karen Vetsch

**LSS Safe House Dinner for February 24:**

Judy & Mike Hogan and Bev Jensen

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 1**

### **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 Ash Wednesday**

**Ushers:** Lisa Jensen

**Acolyte:** Alice Petersen

**Communion Set Up & Clean Up:** Karen Vetsch, Bev Jensen



# FEBRUARY 2020

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                            | Saturday              |
|---|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2<br>9 am Worship w/Holy Communion<br>10 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 Shepherding Group Gathering            | 3<br>11:30 Meals on Wheels<br>7 pm Pub Theology<br>7pm Choir | 4<br>10 am Aerobics<br>11:30 Meals on Wheels<br>6 pm Twin Cities Sisters in Crime | 5<br>9 am Quilters<br>11:30 Meals on Wheels<br>6:30 pm Confirmation   | 6<br>10 am Aerobics<br>11 am Staff Meeting<br>11:30 Meals on Wheels                                | 7<br>11:30 Meals on Wheels        | 1<br>2pm Fiber Arts   |
| 9<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am Youth Faith Formation<br>10 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Adult Faith Formation  | 10<br>7pm Choir  | 11<br>10 am Aerobics  | 12<br>6:30 Confirmation   | 13<br>Newsletter Articles Due<br>10 am Aerobics<br>11 am Staff Meeting<br>6:30 Health Care for All | 14                                | 15<br>2 pm Fiber Arts |
| 16<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am Youth Faith Formation<br>10 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Adult Faith Formation | 17<br>7 pm Choir   | 18<br>Newsletter Articles Due<br>10 am Aerobics                                   | 19<br>9 am Quilters<br>6:30 Confirmation  | 20<br>10 am Aerobics<br>11 am Staff Meeting  | 21<br>12 pm Retired Folks Potluck | 22                    |
| 23<br>9 am Worship<br>9 am Youth Faith Formation<br>10 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Adult Faith Formation | 24<br>7pm Choir  | 25<br>10 am Aerobics  | 26 Ash Wednesday<br>No Confirmation<br>5:30 Soup Supper<br>7 pm Worship with Holy Communion<br>8 pm Council Meeting | 27<br>10 am Aerobics<br>11 am Staff Meeting<br>6 pm Kindred Spirits                                | 28                                |                       |

**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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