

# The Messenger

## ***In the Interim: Our Mission***

### **-Pastor Eric Luedtke, Interim Pastor**



As we continue in this liminal (in-between) time at St. Peder's, I've had the chance to talk with many of you about various aspects of St. Peder's ministry. I find my conversations draw me back to the mission statement that tells a story about this congregation:

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

There is a lot packed into these words. Reflection on who St. Peder's has been, aspiration for who St. Peder's will be. There are words of comfort and words of challenge. Most of all, these are words of action!

**Rooted in our Heritage** – like a tree, we gain support and energy from the influence of those who have gone before us and have provided a firm foundation for the ministry we are called to be part of today. We give thanks for the many who have led ministry at St. Peder's over the years, those who have given of their talents to build, clean, and create, those who made wise investments and provide a solid financial foundation on which we continue to draw to carry out the ministry of St. Peder's.

**Embracing the Future** –as I have conversations with members about the future there is not an idle hope about what is to come, there is a confidence that God is leading St. Peder's forward. We are not deceived that the future will be free of challenges, we may not know exactly what that future will look like, but we trust that as we go forward together there is a purpose and a plan unfolding for how we will support those who have long been part of this community and those we are just getting to know.

**Joyfully Living the Gospel** – it has been made clear to me from day one that St. Peder's is a congregation of "Happy Danes" and I'm pretty

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### Official Announcement : Congregational Budget Meeting

The annual congregational meeting to vote on the proposed budget for 2022 will be on **Sunday, November 14th at 10:30 a.m.** All confirmed members are voting members and are invited to attend. The meeting is in the sanctuary.



### Information about Gift Sunday Coming Soon.....

We're hoping to have Gift Sunday again this year on December 5. But, we're waiting for agencies to determine their holiday needs and distribution opportunities.

We're hoping to have information to share before mid-November, so hang in there!

Thank you, St Peder's folks, for your great generosity year after year! Please take note that we will also offer the opportunity to donate to the PCYC Children's Gift Sale, we are waiting on more information from them as well!

### Interested in seeing the inside of the parsonage? Volunteers wanted.

Join a group of us to refresh the interior walls of the parsonage.  
Activities include prepping and painting the rooms.  
Supplies and paint will be provided.

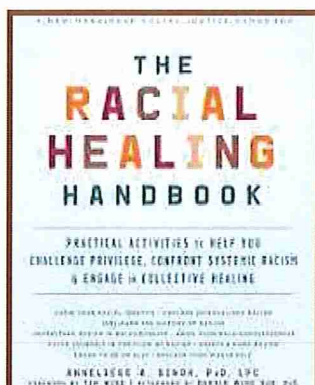
**Nov. 6th Saturday 10 am - 2 pm**

(Come burn some calories before Aebleskive Sunday).

**Nov. 18th Thursday evening 5pm-7pm**

(If needed future dates will be scheduled)

Interested in helping? Please contact:  
Dan or Karen Vetsch 612-721-7385 boodjv@yahoo.com



### Fall Book Study /Adult Faith Formation

**November 21 at 10:30 am**

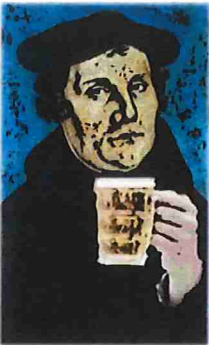
This month we will explore Chapter 1 - Know your Racial Identity. Racial Identity is described as a social construct that generally refers to a group that is thought to share a racial heritage. Once we weed out what makes up our identity we can chat about developing a positive racial identity. Having a positive identity means you have spent time learning about who you are as a racial being - both the privileges and the disadvantages it affords you.





### REMINDER!

Set your clocks back an hour when you go to bed Saturday night, November 6... It is the end of Daylight Savings Time!



### Pub Theology

Pub Theology is back and in-person at Parkway Pizza:  
4359 Minnehaha Ave.

Come join us at **7:00 on Monday, November 1st**. We will be discussing the 95 theses Martin Luther posted some 504 years ago.

Please contact Karen Vetsch or Allison O'Day if you would like to be added to the Pub Theology mailing list.

### November Worship Schedule

#### November 7

All Saints Sunday  
Ingathering Sunday  
Aebleskive Breakfast  
9 am Worship w/Holy Communion,  
10 am Aebleskive Breakfast

#### November 14

9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee & Fellowship  
10:30 Congregational Budget Mtg  
11:30 Zoom Youth Faith Formation

#### November 21

9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee & Fellowship  
10:30 Fall Book Study  
11:30 Zoom Youth Faith Formation

#### November 28

9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee & Fellowship



### Aebleskive Breakfast

Mark your calendars for the Aebleskive Breakfast after church on **Sunday, November 7**. We will be serving with COVID protocols in mind. You will pick up your aebleskive and can sit where you feel most comfortable in the Fellowship Hall, Lounge, Conference Room or take your aebleskive to go!

## Celebration of Life Services for Gerda Lyon



The family of Gerda Lyon will be holding a Celebration of Life on Saturday, **November 13th at St. Peder's with visitation at 10 am, celebration of life service at 11 am and a lunch to follow.** Gerda passed away on October 10, 2020. She was a long time member of St. Peder's (she joined when she was 18!), and performed many roles at St. Peder's. She served as the church secretary, on the altar guild, sang in the church choir for many years, and embroidered a large part of the St. Peder's historical mural in the lounge. Gerda was blessed with a beautiful soprano



voice and she shared this gift at many occasions. She expressed her deep and abiding faith through music and by service at St. Peder's. Pastor Linda Rozumalski, pastor at West Denmark Lutheran Church in Luck, Wisconsin, Gerda's hometown, will be the officiant at her Celebration of Life Service.

## What's Brewing.....

We're back together in the sanctuary and the coffee is brewing! The Peace Coffee Corner is up and running in the back of the Fellowship Hall. To celebrate the new season, we will be brewing the special fall seasonal roast, Nocturnal, for you to taste.

Coffee is available for you to purchase. If you would like to order a variety that you don't see on the table, please drop a note into the payment container and you should receive your order by the following Sunday.

### Available to purchase: 12 oz bags

"regular" coffee \$11.00

decaf coffee \$15.00

available for custom order:

any of the Peace Coffee varieties 12 oz. bags priced as above

5 pound bags \$50.00

I'll start the Nocturnal for church as soon as I receive the order (probably in 2 weeks)



-Lisa Rovick

## Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettia season always sneaks up on me! Orders are due November 2nd. Plants are \$11 each and come in either red, white or pink. We will decorate the sanctuary with the plants and you can take them home on 12/26. You can fill out the form below and mail in, drop off in the office at church or call me with your order. Cash, check (made out to St. Peder's) or click [here](#) to pay.

Thank you! Jeannie

**How many plants would you like?** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$11 each** **Color (s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE:** In Memory of OR In Honor of

Please write as you would like it to appear in bulletin. Thank you.







### From the Racial Justice Team.....

Each month we will be sharing some thought provoking statements or questions for you to consider. We hope you'll take a few moments to engage your heart and mind while pondering them.

#### Something to ponder...

"The goal is not to live in a color-blind world. I don't want to not be African. The goal is to live in a world where my race doesn't limit my access." *-Kerry Washington*

"The beauty of anti-racism is that you don't have to pretend to be free of racism to be anti-racist. Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it's the only way forward." *-Ijeoma Oluo*

"It's up to all of us--Black, white, everyone-- no matter how well-meaning we think we might be, to do the honest, uncomfortable work of rooting it out." *-Michelle Obama*

### Support Businesses Owned by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color



#### Shifa Restaurant,

Co-Owner Abdullahi Mohamed, 3621 E Lake St, 612-886-1952 [shifaminneapolis.com](http://shifaminneapolis.com)

Sue Schnickel recommended this restaurant, noting the food was absolutely banging. It is a family run restaurant offering a special blend of Indian and Somali cuisine. It recently reopened for inside dining but take out is also available. Hours are Sunday-Tuesday 11:00am to 9:00pm. Check out the [menu](#) and order [here](#).

#### C&J Lawn Care & Snow Removal

Owners Shain Williams, Ruth Buycks, 1845 Stinson Blvd, Suite 101, Minneapolis, 763-283-8051 [cjlawnmpls.com](http://cjlawnmpls.com)

C&J Lawn Care, based in Minneapolis, specializes in residential and commercial offerings including spring cleanups, fall cleanups, fertilizer/weed control, full-service mowing/trimming and snow removal. Call or email [swilliams@cjlawnmpls.com](mailto:swilliams@cjlawnmpls.com) to arrange a visit.

**Dessertopia** Owner Ebony Turner, 20 W 66th St. Richfield (in Hub strip mall) 612-354-2786 [dessertopia2021.com](http://dessertopia2021.com)

Dessertopia specializes in custom treats and desserts as well as a fully stocked ready to go bake case. The menu includes cakes, mini-Bundt cakes, sweet rolls, and a variety of cupcakes: chocolate cupcakes filled with caramel sauce and topped with whipped cream frosting and crushed Heath bars, vanilla cupcakes filled with cream cheese and strawberries and finished with vanilla buttercream icing, carrot cake filled with cream cheese and candied carrots and topped with cream cheese frosting and a drizzle of honey, to name a few. Check out their [website](#), call to order or email at [dessertopia2021@gmail.com](mailto:dessertopia2021@gmail.com)







### Updates for Riverside Innovation Hub by Karen Vetsch

As we move forward on our learning journey we are exploring the art-form of accompaniment and how to practice it in our space. We gathered in-person and via zoom along with 14 other churches involved with this project. The gathering took place at Hoversten Chapel on the campus of Augsburg University. As a group we collaborated on what components are part of accompaniment. How does accompaniment start? How do you move forward in accompaniment? What does accompaniment lead to or cause. We also reflected on Why Accompaniment.

The basic concept of "accompaniment" is that of walking alongside others. Not necessarily having an agenda, not necessarily having specific questions or expected answers, but being willing to learn from one another as we simply engage life together in some way. Accompaniment may start as being a listener at a community meeting or scheduling a one-to-one conversation over coffee for the sheer sake of getting to know someone new. When we pause and reflect on accompaniment it often leads us to find places where God is already present in our communities, maybe simply dressed in a way we weren't expecting.

I will share some of my takeaways from this gathering. Being in accompaniment with others and our neighbors allows organic relationships to form. I can learn much by asking questions, listening, and asking clarifying questions. Being engaged as I'm in conversation with another person lets them know I am listening and care about what they have to say. I feel these conversations will be awkward and even scary at first. I hope as the conversation flows, I should be able to find a commonality between us. This sense of connecting can feel like a community is opening up wider. I desire for the conversations to bring me closer and experience deeper connection. Friendships can evolve, fears will decrease as my conscious and unconscious biases are resolved. Mutual relationships will grow which will allow both of us to learn and understand each other's needs and offerings. As we learn and grow in our relationships, the possibilities for enriching our church and community will become known. We then can continue to evolve as we and the community relationships change.

I ask myself, "why work on being in accompaniment with others and how could this work for our church when it could be so much easier to tell someone else what to do and how to do it?" Better yet, I could just do nothing. Well if you're like me - I don't like to be told what to do or how something must be done. I do not like the current vibe of the world/US/MN/Minneapolis dare I say church environment. I want to be part of change. I believe using some of the art-forms of accompaniment in our relationships along with our St. Peder's neighbors we can build a stronger community by growing one relationship at a time.

### Gently Used Clothing Drive & New Toiletries

Support local Veterans, sponsored by Social Ministries

Every Third Saturday-ETS Supply Store 4303 East 54th St. Minneapolis, MN 55417

Since 2008, ETS has distributed over 500,000 items to veterans. Everything from hotel size shampoo, clothing, winter coats, new snow boots. *They accept gently used clothing and shoes. Please no household items.* Drop items off at church in the designated tubs. Any questions please contact Karen Vetsch 612-721-7385.

**Supplies in Need:** 2x, 3x, 4x and 5x T Shirts and Underwear, Diabetic Socks, Peroxide, Soft Soap Hand Soap, Mouthwash, Sewing Kits, Muscle Rub/Icy Hot, Hand Lotion, Foot Powder, Baby Powder, Baby Wipes, Q-Tips, Chapstick.



### Free Concert on November 14th by the Roseville String Ensemble\*

Come hear a variety of music for string orchestra by old and new composers, including Vivaldi and two women composers: Elena Kats-Chernin and Jocelyn Hagen. **Sunday, November 14th, 3:30 p.m.**, Sundin Music Hall, Hamline University, 1531 Hewitt Ave., St. Paul. "Meet the Music" talk begins at 3:00 p.m. For more information, see [rosevillestrings.org](http://rosevillestrings.org).

Mask and either proof of Covid vaccination or a negative test within 72 hours is required. Bring ID.

\*Wendy Legge and Lisa Jensen play violin in this orchestra.



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sure that moniker comes from the joy that y'all exude each time we gather together. Oh, sure, we have moments of deep and serious conversation, we have moments where we lament and grieve, we have moments of challenge and conflict, but in the end this is a congregation of people who see beyond the moment to the good news of Christ's presence in and among us as we interact with one another and serve the wider world. It is not a fleeting feeling that comes and goes, joy is a sense of the deep abiding presence of Christ in each of us.

**Open Hearts, Open Hands, Open Doors** – being open is a gift. Being willing to open ourselves authentically to one another, our hands in helping, our doors in welcome is a gift that cannot be measured, but it can be felt. In a world that tells us to protect our "stuff" and to watch out for "others," the people of St. Peder's exhibit a willingness to share the very essence of who we are and what we proclaim to be true in our lives and we remain open to the stories and perspectives that others share - stories that very well might change our way of thinking in the world.

So as we enter this month of November, a time when many of us pause to be thankful for what we've been given, there is much to give thanks and praise to God for as a congregation. We also know this isn't a moment to rest on where we have come from or what has been said about us – we are called forward to continue using our gifts and sharing what God has given us with the world we are sent to serve.

### Together in Mission 2021

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 9th month of 2021. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

#### Income

Month of September	\$ 13,942.59	Budget for the month	\$ 20,833.33
Year to Date	\$ 151,182.92	Budget Year to Date	\$ 187,500.01

#### Expenses

Month of September	\$ 17,554.09	Budget for the month	\$ 20,630.94
Year to Date	\$ 185,321.79	Budget Year to Date	\$ 202,878.18

#### Mission Support to...

Minneapolis Area Synod	YTD	\$ 10,500.03
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**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.



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# November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 pm Pub Theology	2 Election Day	3 9 am Quilters	4 7 pm Transition Team Meeting	5	6 10-2 Paint the Parsonage 2 pm Fiber Arts <i>*Set your clocks</i>
7 All Saints Sunday Ingathering Sunday 9 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10 am Aebleskiver Breakfast	8	9	10 7 pm Council Meeting	11 Veterans Day	12	13 10 am Gerda Lyon Celebration of Life
14 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Congregational Budget Mtg 11:30 Zoom Youth Faith Formation	15	16	17 9 am Quilters	18 Newsletter Articles Due 5-7 Paint Parsonage 7 pm Music and Worship Committee	19	20 2 pm Fiber Arts
21 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Fall Book Study 11:30 Zoom Youth Faith Formation	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Native American Heritage Day	27
28 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	29	30				



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, contact the church office or email Jeannie:

office@stpeders.org  
612-722-800

## **November Volunteer Schedule**

### **November 7, 2021 Holy Communion by Full Table, All Saints Sunday, Ingathering Sunday, Aebleskiver Breakfast**

**Greeters:** Andrea Wollack and Susan Schnickel

**Ushers:** Joe Munnich & Steve Austin

**Acolyte:** Eleanor Munnich

**Reader:** JeriLynn Young

**Communion Set Up & Clean Up:** Shawna Nelsen-Wills, Bev Jensen

**Communion Assistants:**

Dwight Lundebly, Judy Hogan, Tim and Elizabeth Anderson

**Bread and Wine Provided By:** JeriLynn Young and Darrick Jensen

**Counters:** Bob Stanich and Tim Anderson

**LSS Safe House Dinner for November 8:** Bill and Judy Anderson

**Sheridan Story for November 12:** Sue and Al Nielsen

### **November 14, 2021 Congregational Budget Meeting**

**Greeters:** Paul Odegaard and Christine Soma

**Ushers:** Al Nielsen & Tom Goodoien

**Acolyte:** Alice Petersen

**Reader:** Peter Anderson

**Counters:** Annalise Munnich and Shawna Nelsen-Wills

**LSS Safe House Dinner for November 15:**

Kristi Lahti Johnson and Chuck Johnson, and Bethene and Eric Hunsberger

**Sheridan Story for November 18:** Sue and John Schnickel

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 7**

### **November 21, 2021**

**Greeters:** Alice Bekke and Beverly Jensen

**Ushers:** Scott Wilson & Craig Rocheleau

**Acolyte:** Isaiah Wills

**Reader:** Dwight Lundebly

**Counters:** Cameron Jamison and Julie Ebbesen

**LSS Safe House Dinner for November 22:** Tim and Elizabeth Anderson

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 1**

### **November 28, 2021:**

**Greeters:** Kristofer and Julie Coffman

**Ushers:** Peter Juhl & Dale Montgomery

**Acolyte:** Elliette Wilson

**Reader:** Max Vossen

**Counters:** Jackie West and Darrick Jensen

**LSS Safe House Dinner for November 29:**

Craig and Marcia Rocheleau and Dwight and Kari Bullard

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 2**

**Sheridan Story for December 3:** Dwight Lundebly and Karen Vetsch