

St Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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December 2021

The Messenger



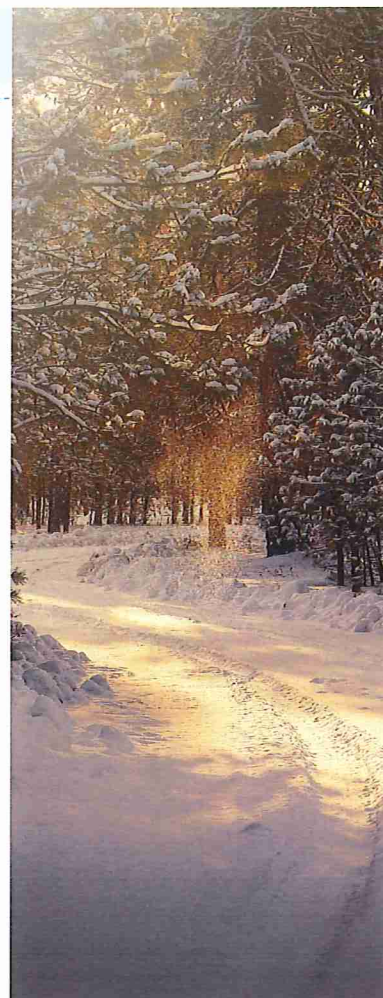
*For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.
Luke
2:11*

Blessed Advent and Christmas to
each and every one!

St. Peder's Staff

Pastor Eric Luedtke Mia Kruse

Jeannie Farrell Deb Wolking Jim Austin



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In the Interim

Pastor Eric Luedtke, Interim Pastor



As we head into December, we are surrounded by a number of transitions. The weather is turning wintery, the liturgical calendar sends us into Advent, and we at St. Peder's are moving into the next stage of our transition process.

With great congregational input from our gatherings over the summer, the Transition Team has been working hard to encapsulate your thoughts and ideas into the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) this is the document that prospective Pastors will receive to learn about St. Peder's and the ministry of this congregation.

On Sunday, December 5, we have an opportunity as a congregation to meet with Bishop Ann Svenningsen to discuss this document and for her to ask clarifying questions so that she and her staff can help identify potential candidates for St. Peder's.

In the new year the Call Committee, a separate team from the Transition Team, will begin their work. The Call Committee will prayerfully consider potential candidates, interview them, and then recommend a candidate to be called by the congregation as the next pastor for St. Peder's Lutheran Church. The congregation will then vote to extend a call to this candidate. We might anticipate this process to take much of the winter with a new pastor potentially starting by Easter.

As we eagerly anticipate the transition to a new pastor, if you have any questions, please reach out to a Council member or Pastor Eric.

The Transition Team of St. Peder's Invites you to a **Meeting with Bishop Ann Svenningsen,** **Sunday, December 5 at 10:15 am**



The Transition Team is nearly complete with their work in preparing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). On Sunday, December 5 we invite the congregation to meet with Bishop Ann Svenningsen of the Minneapolis Area Synod, as we share conversation around the MSP that will help Bishop Ann and her staff identify potential candidates as St. Peder's next pastor.

Prior to the meeting the Transition Team will share a summary of the MSP to help you prepare for the conversation with Bishop Ann.

Using congregational feedback from the December 5 meeting, the Transition Team will make any necessary changes to the MSP and present it to Council for approval at their December 15 meeting. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to a member of the Transition Team:

St. Peder's Transition Team:

Curt Petersen, Team Chair
Judy Hogan, Team Secretary
Casey Clementson
Peter Juhl

Gordon Legge
Sue Nielsen
Lisa Rovick
Jeanne Schleh

Welcome Mia Fjerstad Kruse!

Mia Kruse is the new Organist/Music Ministry Coordinator for St. Peder's. She joined the St. Peder's team in early November and we are excited that she will be helping to lead us in worship!

Mia is a graduate of Concordia Moorhead and brings over 20 years of experience as an educator and professional musician. Mia has extensive experience in leading congregational hymnody as an organist and accompanist. She recently moved here from Huron, South Dakota, where she worked as the Director of Orchestras for the Huron Public Schools. As the orchestra director, she taught beginning 4th grade strings as well as high school orchestra. Mia has spent over 15 years serving as a music director, choir director, organist, and leader of children's music ministry in various churches throughout South Dakota and Michigan. She grew up in rural Minnesota and received a Bachelor of Music degree from Concordia College, Moorhead in piano performance. Over the past twenty years she has led a busy life as a private piano and vocal teacher, freelance performer, church musician, and mother of four.



In addition to helping lead us in worship, Mia will work closely with Pastor Eric and the Worship & Music Committee to plan worship themes and coordinate special services. Mia will schedule and coordinate volunteers to provide music during services.

Please join us in welcoming Mia!

Coffee Hour Announcement

On November 22, St Peder's Council convened a special meeting to discuss best practices for the congregation in light of the rising COVID-19 rates in our community. Out of an abundance of caution, the decision was made to **suspend serving food or coffee during Sunday Fellowship Hour for the next two weeks (November 28 and December 5)**. Council will continue to monitor the case rates and make decisions regarding future Sundays on a rolling basis. Council continues to ask all who enter the building to wear masks.

Also in response to rising COVID-19 rates, Council recognizes that some of you may choose to stay home and utilize the LiveStream option for worship. With **Gift Sunday coming on December 5, we invite those who choose not to attend worship in person to drop gifts off at the church on Tuesday, Nov. 30 or Thursday, Dec. 2.**

Paint the Parsonage!

Are you still interested in seeing the inside of the parsonage? Couldn't make the last volunteer dates? Join a group of us to refresh the interior walls & ceilings of the parsonage. Activities include prepping and painting the room. Supplies and paint will be provided. Interested in helping please contact Dan or Karen Vetsch 612-721-7385
boodjv@yahoo.com

December 9th Thursday 5 - 7:30 pm

January 6th Thursday 5 - 7:30 pm

January 22nd Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

(If needed, future dates will be scheduled)



Gift Sunday Is December 5!*



As you do your holiday shopping, don't forget an opportunity we have at St Peter's to share our blessings with others. This year's gifts will go again to the Center for Victims of Torture and The Division of Indian Work. Every year, your generosity is received with gratitude by these organizations!

Sunday, December 5th is Gift Sunday when you'll be invited to bring your unwrapped gifts or gift cards forward as we gather them around the altar (we do not need wrapping paper or ribbon). Please read on for more information about the organizations we are working with and gift ideas:

Because many refugees are not from cold climates, The Center for Victims of Torture is requesting gift cards to Target and Old Navy for clients to purchase snow boots and appropriate winter shoes. They are mostly still working virtually with clients so gift cards are easier to distribute than actual clothing, however they will still be able to accept actual winter wear items, as well. And the gift cards can be distributed year round.

The Division of Indian Works is looking for gifts for the 12-18 year olds. The suggested list includes: Hair and skin care products, Hair dryers, Bath stuff, Games, Electronics / head-phones, and Gift Cards from the following locations: Best Buy, Target, McDonalds, Chipotle, Amazon and Spotify. Thank you so much for your generosity!

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PCYC Childrens Sale

Every holiday season for 55 years, PCYC, Plymouth Christian Youth Center, has transformed its campus into a gift store where up to 650 North Minneapolis youth shopped for gifts for up to five family members. Our church has participated in the PCYC Children's Gift Sale, collecting and donating gifts, for over 30 years. Once again, they are asking for our help.

PCYC's 2021
Reimagined
Children's Gift Sale

Last year, though, they were unable to host their regular shopping event due to COVID. Instead, the Gift Sale was reimagined, and thanks to everyone's generous contributions, PCYC distributed a special holiday gift of \$100 to North Minneapolis families who have children and youth enrolled in PCYC programs.

This year PCYC staff, board and community members again considered the safety of children and families in North Minneapolis and decided to hold the reimagined event once more. They will distribute a monetary gift to more than 100 current PCYC families who can use the gift as they wish and in a way that will bring them joy.

To make this happen, we're collecting financial contributions instead of gifts. Every dollar donated will be divided among registered PCYC families. We're collecting donations online here or by check mailed to:

PCYC Gift Sale 2210 Oliver Ave North Minneapolis, MN 55411

Donations must be received by Wednesday, December 8.

More information here. Questions? Contact Megan Fair mfair@pcyc-mpls.org or call 612-643-2092. Thank you!

End of Year Offerings Due in Office by Friday, December 31st

Our 2021 fiscal year ends as we usher in a new calendar year, and we want to make sure any gifts you intend to give this year are counted. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



Offering Envelopes for 2022 are on the table in the narthex. Please take yours home after worship. (If you would like yours mailed to you, please call or email Jeannie in the office).

Taize Service, Minnehaha United Methodist Church

It's easy to get caught up in the daily demands of life. In our busyness, we can lose track of ourselves, and of what God is calling us to be and to do. Take an opportunity to slow down, to rest in silence and music. On the **second Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. from October through May**, Minnehaha United Methodist Church (3701 E. 50th St., Minneapolis) offers a Taize service; a time of sanctuary, a time for prayer, a time for community, and a time for silence. As we sing and pray, our hearts are opened so that we may hear God speaking to us. **Please join us this month on December 10** (masks are required). You can also catch a livestream of the service by finding the Taize button on our website – www.minnehaha.org

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

Maria's Cafe Owner, Maria Hoyos 1113 E Franklin Ave 612-870-9842 www.mariascafe.com/



Maria's is a family restaurant located in the Ancient Traders Market serving breakfast and lunch. Maria from Medellin, Colombia, serves Colombian and regional specialties such as Arepas Rellenas, Paisa Bowl, Huevos Pericos and my favorite, Chachapas Venezolanas (corn pancakes), as well as eggs, pancakes, omelets, breakfast wraps, fajitas, burritos, quesadillas, vegetarian sandwiches, burgers and more. See Maria's full menu [here](#). Dine in, order by phone or online for pick up, or

for delivery by Doordash.

Capitol Cafe Owner, Tsegaye Sombo 2417 E Franklin Ave, 612-354-791

www.capitolcafempls.com



Located in the Seward neighborhood of Minneapolis, Capitol Café serves East African-American infusion food. Check out the menu including coffee, tea, smoothies, sandwiches, crepes, paninis, bowls, Somali sambusas coffee, tea, smoothies as well as desserts. Dine in, order by phone or online for pick up.

Catering is also available at 612-354-2515.

Elite Cleaners & Launderers Owners, Pinky and Samir Patel
3101 Minnehaha Ave 612-721-3141 www.elitecleanersmn.com

Elite Cleaners, across the street from the former Longfellow Post Office, has re-opened their counter service after significant damage during the riots of May 2020. The Patel's, immigrants from India, have owned the business for less than five years. They were able to transfer the backroom cleaning operation from the devastated Minneapolis location to another dry cleaner they own in St. Anthony Village. Soon construction will begin to renovate and expand Elite and two other minority-owned businesses from the neighborhood. As part of the plan, the three minority-owned businesses will eventually be owners of the property rather than tenants.





December Updates for Riverside Innovation Hub

By Karen Vetsch

This work is hard and uncomfortable. We are trying to move forward with an unknown process. Our task was to start a conversation with a stranger, hoping to find a common element. Yet, how do we make the first connection?

Last month we updated you that our group is entering the "get to know our neighbor" or trying to be in accompaniment with our neighbor phase. As a reminder, 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. Conversations could lead to learning some of the many ways St. Peder's church can be used in God's plans.

Being tasked to actually connect with people in our community and have one-on-one conversations is out of my comfort zone. We go forward with this work in the hopes of finding friends and learning together how St. Peder's church is recognized in our community. We hope to learn how we can become a better neighbor.

Good news is that we have about three months to begin the work on this phase. I will tell you that I am dragging my feet. I will also tell you that I have started to "practice" with friends in our congregation. The conversations have been informative, genuine and comforting. For now I will leave you with that. Next update you should be reading about reflections & learnings from others in our group.



Pub Theology

In this season of giving, we will discuss the difference between giving for short term needs (charity) vs. giving to solve longer range problems (philanthropy). Is one more important than the other? Should religious organizations, such as the ELCA, focus more on one than the other? How do you choose between giving now vs. giving more later? Come join us at **Parkway Pizza**, 4359 Minnehaha Avenue, on **Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 PM** for a lively discussion and your favorite beverage.

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.

Worship Opportunities for Advent & Christmas



Sunday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent Worship
 Holy Communion, Gift Sunday and
 Meeting with Bishop Svennungsen

Sunday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent Worship
 Worship

Sunday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship
 Song Service with singing around the Christmas
 tree reception following worship

Christmas Eve Services:
 2:00 – Festival Worship
 3:15 – Danish Service
 5:00 – Festival Worship

Sunday, December 26 at 9:00 a.m.
First Sunday after Christmas worship
 Worship

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 10th 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 October	\$ 21,402.36	Budget for the month	\$ 20,833.33
Year to Date	\$ 172,585.28	Budget Year to Date	\$ 208,333.34

Expenses

Month of October	\$ 17,648.49	Budget for the month	\$ 20,430.94
Year to Date	\$ 202,970.28/	Budget Year to Date	\$ 223,309.12

Mission Support to...

Minneapolis Area Synod	YTD	\$ 11,666.70
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December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9 am Quilters	2	3 Dale Montgomery : Memorial Service 10 am: Visitation 11 am :Funeral 12 pm: Luncheon	4 2 pm Fiber Arts
5 Gift Sunday 9 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 Mtg w/ Bishop Svenningsen	6 Meals on Wheels 7 pm Pub Theology	7 Meals on Wheels	8 Meals on Wheels	9 Meals on Wheels 5-7:30 Paint the Parsonage	10	11
12 9 am Worship	13	14	15 9 am Quilters 7 pm Council Mtg	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17	18 2 pm Fiber Arts
19 Song Service 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 2 pm Festival Worship 3:15 Danish Worship 5 pm Festival Worship	25 Christmas Day
26 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve See you next year!	

December Volunteer Schedule



Thank you for volunteering your time and talent at St. Peder's.

Please try to arrange your own trades - reminder emails are sent weekly along with contacts for substitutes.

If you are pressed for time or have questions or concerns, contact the church office or email Jeannie:

office@stpeders.org
612-722-800

December 5: Holy Communion by Full Table, Gift Sunday, Mtg w/ the Bishop

Greeters: Andrea and Jon Wollak

Ushers: Peter Juhl and Nick Legeros

Acolyte: Isla Wills

Reader: John Skraba

Communion Set Up & Clean Up: Wendy Legge, Lisa Jensen

Communion Assistants: Paul Aitchison, Kristi Erickson, Judy Hogan Dick Juhl

Bread and Wine: Paul and Michelle Aitchison

Counters: Marcia Rocheleau and Paul Aitchison

LSS Safe House Dinner for December 6: Bruce Simpson and Lisa Rovick

December 12

Greeters: Shawna Nelsen-Wills and Steve Wills

Ushers: Wendy Legge and Jim Nelsen

Acolyte: Isaiah Wills

Reader: Bob Stanich

Counters: Bob Stanich and Tim Anderson

LSS Safe House Dinner for December 13:

Sonja Walker and Joe and Annalise Munnich

Sheridan Story for December 16: Bob Stanich and Jeanne Schleh

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 4

December 19, 2021, Song Service

Greeters: Jackie and Dale West

Ushers: Jeremy Anderson and Mark Jensen

Acolyte: Alice Petersen

Reader: Chuck Johnson

Counters: Steve Austin and Eva Tangen

LSS Safe House Dinner for December 20:

Glen & Martha Olsen and Paul & Michelle Aitchison

Social Hour hosted by St. Peder's Council

December 24, 2021, Festival Service, 2 pm

Greeters: Karen and Dan Vetsch

Ushers: Sue Schnickel and Paul Aitchison

Acolyte: Isla Wills

Reader: Shawna Nelsen-Wills

December 24, 2021, Danish Service, 3:15 pm

Greeters: Lisa Jensen and Butch Vossen

Ushers: Sue and Al Nielsen

Acolyte: Siri Vossen

Reader: Lis Jorgensen

December 24, 2021, Festival Service, 5:00 pm

Greeters: Elizabeth and Forrest Bentley

Ushers: Joe Munnich and Nick Legeros

Acolyte: Eleanor Munnich

Reader: Tim Anderson

December 26, 2021

Greeters: Milda Ruud and Leslee Nestingen

Ushers: John Skraba and Craig Rocheleau

Acolyte: Eleanor Munnich

Reader: Allison O'Day

Counters: Annalise Munnich and Sue Nielsen

LSS Safe House Dinner for December 27: Jeannie Farrell

**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 46th Avenue and 42nd Street in south Minneapolis.



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