

# The Messenger

## Holy Week 2022

*As we draw to the close of the season of Lent, we engage the story of Jesus from the confusion of the Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday through the pain of trial and crucifixion culminating in the joy of resurrection on Easter Sunday. The services of Holy Week build upon one another like chapters in a book. We hope you will make this part of your worship journey from Lent into Easter – and please invite friends and family to join us as well.*

### **Palm Sunday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m.**

Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheers of Hosanna! The people are expecting the Messiah to bring change, but Jesus knows they are not expecting what is to come in the week ahead. Join us in worship as we raise palm branches and join in the crowd that welcomes Jesus to Jerusalem.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

Jesus and his disciples gather for the Passover meal where the host becomes servant and sets a new mandate (command) in front of them, "love one another as I have loved you." This worship service includes Holy Communion.

### **Good Friday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

A service of Tenebrae (darkness) reflecting on the seven last words of Jesus. As we ponder the solemnity of Christ's death on a cross, we grieve with Mary and the disciples, but we also know this isn't the end of the story.

### **Easter Sunday, April 17: 9:00 am and 10:45 am Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

A jubilant ensemble of musicians lead us in joyous hymns and bold acclamation as we witness the empty tomb revealing Jesus is alive and that we are called to proclaim that Good News through open hearts, open hands and open doors. We celebrate Holy Communion as part of our worship and invite you to join us for a celebratory time of fellowship and feasting between the two worship services.

*Each worship service will be held in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel (visit [www.stpeders.org](http://www.stpeders.org) for the bulletin and*



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### **In the Interim: Easter People** **by Pastor Eric Luedtke, Interim Pastor**

As we approach the end of Lent and the celebration of Easter, I am reminded of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's proclamation that as Lutherans we are "Easter People." Particularly as an Interim Pastor, I find a lot of encouragement in that proclamation because I recognize that congregations that are in transition are moving from one part of their story to another, one chapter to the next.

We don't typically like to use the metaphor of death to talk about things that once were, maybe because we are fundamentally uncomfortable with the idea of our own mortality. But the promise of resurrection resonates loudly for many of us because we can focus on what is next.

At St. Peder's we have done our share of lamenting "what was" whether that be pre-pandemic or maybe another stage of the life of the congregation. But you are not dwelling there. You are Easter People. You are looking forward to what God is doing next.

Rejoice, Easter People! Remember God is leading the way.

Join us for a "Kicked Up Coffee Hour"  
following **the April 17th 9 am**  
**Easter Service.**

A light breakfast will be served.  
More information to follow via email.

Check your mailboxes...Pastor  
Eric recently sent out a letter  
via snail mail with follow up  
information from Shepherding  
Group Sunday!!



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Sunday, April 24th**  
**10:15 am**

**All ages welcome, kids bring your own baskets! Older kids  
can help hide the eggs. Candy and trinkets for all!**

## Faith Formation Bible Study Series

### BELONGING TO GOD'S GOOD A Church Anew Study on Genesis

Many of us recall that "In the Beginning ... God created ... and called it good" but sometimes how we learned Biblical stories or remember Biblical stories doesn't reflect that *goodness*. In *BELONGING TO GOD'S GOOD* we receive teaching via video from local pastors who reframe the story for us, then as a group we discuss and reflect what we have learned.

**April 3, 10:15am**

**Episode 5: See & Be Seen** (Genesis 16 and 21:8-21) While Abraham and Sarah are two of the most revered people in the Bible, they are capable of great wrong-doing. They send Hagar and Ishmael to the wilderness to die. They cannot imagine God's promise for those outside their own community. Rev. Sung asks, "How many people do you think the church is throwing away because they don't seem good enough or holy enough or well-behaved?" Written by Rev. Jenny Sung

**April 10, 10:30am**

**Episode 6: Jacob's Blessing** (Genesis 32:22-32) In this episode, we will consider familial relationships. How does birth order and family folklore limit and fragment your soul identity and wholeness? In what ways do you keep score? When we follow Jacob's lead and bravely ask God to bless us just as we are, God showers us with unconditional love. Written by Rev. Meta Herrick Carlson

**May 1, 10:15am**

**Episode 7: Dreams for Healing** (Genesis 37, 45) Joseph could have used the power of his elevated position to seek revenge and continue the generational cycle of abuse. Instead, Joseph uses his power to create space for healing, including a food justice program. How is God calling your body, your family, and your community into healing and restoration? Written by Joe Davis



### Pub Theology: Monday, April 4th at 7 pm

Come and join in a lively discussion, good food, and your favorite beverage at Pub Theology! We meet at Parkway Pizza, 4359 Minnehaha Avenue.

#### Topic for discussion is: Purpose of Prayer.

According to the dictionary, prayer is "a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God or an object of worship." Let's discuss why people pray.

All are welcome! Questions? Contact Allison O. or Karen V.



## Invest in Our Planet:

### Neighborhood clean up - Celebrate Earth Day

All are welcome: families, friends, neighbors and pets **to** join in a neighborhood clean up walk. Meet at St. Peder's parking lot on **Saturday April 23, 2022. 9:00 am to 11:00 am**. We can walk, talk, and clean up our church neighborhood. Supplies will be provided. This is an outdoor event. Dress appropriately. Sponsored by Karen Vetsch in support of Mother Nature (or Mother Earth)



### Communion Class

Pastor Eric will be hosting a Communion Class on Sunday, **April 3 from 10:30-12:30**. The class is geared for children and their parents to talk about what Communion means and why we celebrate it as part of worship, particularly those who are preparing for their first Communion. We'll be baking bread and sharing stories. If your child would like to participate and you haven't yet talked to Pastor Eric, please let him know you are interested.



### Lent 2022: The Masks We Wear

Throughout the last two years we've been wearing masks to protect ourselves and others from the spread of COVID-19. But there are other masks we use for ourselves and others, not physical masks, but metaphorical ones. Some of these masks help us but many times they hide our true selves from one another.

During the Wednesdays of Lent we will be examining some of these masks as the theme for our worship services. **We'll gather in the sanctuary at 7pm for worship (live stream options for those who aren't able to physically join us)**. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer service to guide us through our evening as we consider the ways our masks can both help and hinder as we interact with one another.

### Lenten Meals - "BYOD" Bring Your Own Dinner

As we prepare for Lent, you are invited to gather on **Wednesday evenings at 6pm** for a time of fellowship and breaking bread with one another. In the past we have shared soup - this year we invite you to bring your own dinner for your family. Each week a Shepherding Group will provide beverages and dessert.



Come with your family, your shepherding group, or just see who else shows up.

## April is National Volunteer Month!

**You can make a difference: Be a Champion! Give Blood!**



**St. Peder's is hosting** a blood drive with the American Red Cross at St. Peder's on **Tuesday, April 19 from noon-6:00 pm.**

The American Red Cross urges people to roll up their sleeves. You don't need a specific reason to give blood. You just need your own reason. Help an accident victim, a patient with cancer or a new mother who needs blood during childbirth by making a donation appointment today. The Red Cross depends on the generosity of volunteers to ensure blood products are available when patients need them.

You can help by **signing up either online or at church during coffee time** and selecting a convenient time to donate blood.

Use this link to register.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=stpeders>

We also need Blood Donor Ambassador volunteers! Blood Donor Ambassadors enhance the experience of donating blood by warmly welcoming and providing customer service to blood donors. **Sign up to be an ambassador** with Sue Nielsen: 612-360-3936 or [suenielsen76@gmail.com](mailto:suenielsen76@gmail.com)



## April Update for Riverside Innovation Hub

by Judy Anderson

If you've been following our team's progress with the Riverside Innovation Hub (RIH), by now you've heard about Accompaniment, the initial stage of getting to know who our neighbors are. Lately we've been identifying the key themes that emerged from our conversations, including:

**Partnership.** Our neighbors are looking for opportunities to engage, to share with one another. There is a desire for ways to gather. Several neighbors mentioned that our location on a busy street corner makes it an ideal neighborhood space for sharing and being a community partner.

**Land Stewardship.** One of the things our neighbors like best about the neighborhood is proximity to the river and parks. Being good stewards of our land is a high priority for many of our neighbors.

**Fear.** Rising crime, especially car jackings and home break-ins. Racial and economic injustice. (un)Affordable housing. High anxiety among our kids. COVID fatigue/frustration. Although most of the neighbors we engaged with love their community, expressions of fear popped up in many of our conversations. In Accompaniment lingo, these are known as *places of desolation*. Many of us probably experience some or all of these same fears.

Even as we continue the work of Accompaniment, we are moving into the next phase, that of Interpretation. This involves the rather daunting task of identifying what "core theological commitments" we, as a congregation, hold and then connecting our findings back to what we've learned in Accompaniment. For us to figure this out, we will be looking for input from you! In the coming weeks, look for opportunities to share what you see as St. Peder's core values/beliefs.

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



**XL Feet**, owner Adrian Coulter, 242 E Fillmore Ave,  
St Paul, 651-797-6000 [xlfeet.com](http://xlfeet.com)

XL Feet was as found out of necessity by Adrian who had size 16EE wide feet. His shoe size matched his age from 7 to 16. From 12 years on he had a hard time finding everyday shoes, dress shoes, boots, skates or other specialty footwear because he had extra large/wide feet. Few stores carried extra large sizes so Adrian started his own store in 2008, but it wasn't easy. He spoke to hundreds of vendors but only one let him sell their shoes. Building the business was a slow process, initially he sold online out of his house. He now offers more than 50 brands of footwear, shoes, boots, sandals, slippers, and insoles in sizes 7-20 and in as many widths. If you or someone you know has a hard time finding shoes, Adrian understands and will help you find the best fitting width and/or size. Give him a call or checkout his website!

## Plastic Alternatives Fair: April 24th



Join us on the Sunday after Earth Day for our own Earth Day celebration! As part of our ongoing Plastic-Free Challenge (see February Messenger) and as follow-up to the informational Zoom meeting on February 13, we realized creative St. Peder's members have come up with many ideas for addressing this ecological crisis and that we all might benefit from a hands-on experience.

We're inviting all members to bring their favorite products for reducing plastic to the fair so we can pick them up, compare them and ask questions. And, other than products, bring your tips and ideas for reducing single-use plastic bags and bottles, and we will create a handout!

We would love to hear your tips and tricks for reducing plastic! What do you do at home or at work or on the go? Tell us [here!](#) We will share our collected findings at the meeting!

## Together in Mission 2022

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 2nd month of 2022. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

### Income

Month of February	\$ 15,364.25	Budget for the month	\$ 22,833.34
Year to Date	\$ 31,918.80	Budget Year to Date	\$ 45,666.68

### Expenses

Month of February	\$ 20,918.36	Budget for the month	\$ 23,605.07
Year to Date	\$ 40,305.98	Budget Year to Date	\$ 47,210.14

**Mission Support to...Minneapolis Area Synod** YTD \$ 2,333.32

## Eastern Europe Crisis Response

The Social Ministry Committee and Church Council voted to donate \$2000 from Tabitta Kasen to help the Ukrainian refugees. LDR is on the ground and already working to assist refugees fleeing the war.

If you would like to make an additional donation check out their website or fill in the form below. Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. Click [here](#) to give online or fill out the form below.

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**Yes, I want to help!**

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to  
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center,**  
**P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009** and write "Eastern Europe Crisis  
Response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.

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A sure sign that changes are in the air, Peace Coffee's Pollinator Seasonal Blend is finally here! This bright and sweet coffee ushers in a hopeful time of planning for the growing season and gives us reasons to focus on the warmth ahead!!

This year's version of Pollinator features a natural-processed coffee from SCFCU in Ethiopia, which provides unique red fruit flavors! To balance that fruity goodness, coffee from Sol Y Café in Peru buzzes right in with its elegant smoothness.

**Interested members should contact Lisa Rovick ([lprovick@stkate.edu](mailto:lprovick@stkate.edu)). Lisa purchases Peace Coffee for members to buy. You can pick up your order at church.**

# April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 2 pm Fiber Arts
3 9 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 Bible Study 10:30 Communion Class	4 7 pm Pub Theology	5	6 9 am Quilters 6 pm Lenten Dinner 7 pm Worship	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study	11	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Worship	15 Good Friday 7pm Worship	16 2 pm Fiber Arts
17 Easter Sunday 9 am Easter Worship 10 am Kicked Up Coffee Hour 10:45 am Easter Worship	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19 12:00-6:00 Blood Drive	20 9 am Quilters	21	22	23 9 am Earth Day Clean Up
24 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 Easter Egg Hunt Plastic Alternatives Fair	25	26	27 7 pm Council Meeting	28	29	30





## **April Volunteer Schedule**

### **Sunday, April 3, 2022: Holy Communion by Full Table**

**Greeters:** Jean Evers and Alice Bekke    **Usher:** John Skraba and Wendy Legge  
**Acolyte:** Alice Petersen    **Reader:** Leslee Nestingen  
**Communion Set Up & Clean Up:** Lisa Jensen and Siri Vossen  
**Communion Assistants:** Dwight Lundeby, Shawna Nelsen-Wills, Kristi Erickson  
**Bread and Wine:** JeriLynn Young and Darrick Jensen  
**Counters:** Jackie West and Doreen Skraba    **Livestream Technician:** Bruce Simpson  
**LSS Safe House Dinner for April 4:** Sue and Al Nielsen  
**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 1**

### **Sunday, April 10, 2022: Palm Sunday**

**Greeters:** Casey Clementson and Benjamin Campbell    **Ushers:** Jim Nelsen and Peter Juhl  
**Acolyte:** Siri Vossen    **Reader:** Lisa Rovick    **Counters:** Terri Vetsch and John Skraba  
**Livestream Technician:** JeriLynn Young and Darrick Jensen  
**LSS Safe House Dinner for April 11:** Shawna Nelsen Wills and Steve Wills  
**Sheridan Story for Friday, April 15:** Bob Stanich and Jeanne Schleh  
**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 2**

### **Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7 pm: Maundy Thursday**

**Usher:** Bob Stanich    **Acolyte:** Isla Wills    **Communion Set up and Clean Up:** Dwight Lundeby  
**Communion Assistant:** Elizabeth and Tim Anderson  
**Bread and Wine:** Bob Stanich and Jeanne Schleh    **Livestream Technician:** Karen Vetsch

### **Friday, April 15, 2022 at 7 pm: Good Friday**

**Usher:** Sue Schnickel    **Acolyte:** Alice Petersen    **Reader:** Bob Stanich  
**Livestream Technician:** Bruce Simpson

### **Sunday April 17, 2022, Easter Sunday 9 am and 10:45**

**Greeters: 9 am:** Nancy and Stephanie Hawkinson    **10:45:** Kathryn Jensen and Butch Vossen  
**Ushers: 9 am:** Andrea and Amelia Wollak    **10:45:** Sue and Al Nielsen  
**Acolyte: 9 am:** Eleanor Munnich    **10:45:** Isaiah Wills    **Reader: 9 am:** Martha Olsen    **10:45:** Allison O'Day  
**Communion Set Up/Clean Up:**  
**9 am:** Eva Tangen & Phoebe Anderson    **10:45 am:** Lisa Jensen & Siri Vossen  
**Communion Servers: 9 am:** Sue Schnickel, Tim and Elizabeth Anderson  
**10:45 am:** Paul Aitchison, Peter Juhl, Leslee Nestingen  
**Bread and Wine: 9 am:** Alice Bekke    **10:45 am:** Paul and Michelle Aitchison  
**Livestream Technician: 9 am** Karen Vetsch    **10:45:** Bruce Simpson  
**Counters:** Annalise Munnich and Sue Nielsen    **Cross Bearer:** Dwight Lundeby  
**LSS Safe House Dinner for April 18:** Meg and Curt Petersen  
**Social Hour hosted by Youth Families**

### **Sunday April 24, 2022**

**Greeters:** Mark and Jodi Jenson    **Ushers:** Tom Goodoien and Joe Munnich  
**Acolyte:** Siri Vossen    **Reader:** Dwight Lundeby    **Counters:** Bob Stanich and Bruce Simpson  
**Livestream Technician:** Darrick Jensen and JeriLynn Young  
**LSS Safe House Dinner for April 25:** Kathryn Jensen, Lisa Jensen and Butch Vossen  
**Sheridan Story for Thursday, Friday, April 29:** Sue and John Schnickel  
**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 3**

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](mailto:office@stpeders.org) 612-722-8000



**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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