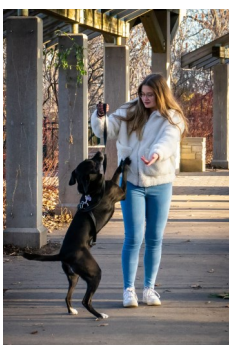


The Messenger

Congratulations St. Peder's 2021 Grads!

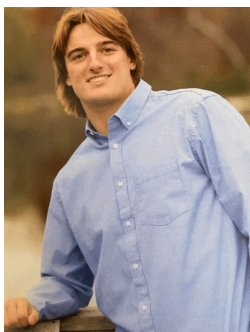


Helen Anderson

Helen will be graduating from Roosevelt High School in June. She plans on attending Minneapolis College in the fall and working. Her favorite St. Peder's memory are all the nice people!

Rasmus Gantriis

Rasmus James Gantriis will be graduating from Mahtomedi High School, and plans to attend U of M to pursue a degree in Food Science. Rasmus's favorite St. Peder's memory took place several hours away from church on a country road near the BWCA during a trip lead by the fearless Dan Vetsch. Several of the youth took turns showing off their new driving skills, and it was memorable to say the least! He also loves coffee hour, dancing around the Christmas tree and singing Happy Birthday to fellow members.



Cole Nelsen

Cole Nelsen is graduating from Eagan High School. He will be attending University Minnesota Duluth in the fall. Majoring in Biology and possibly Education. Favorite St Peder's memories are playing football in the hallway after Sunday school, Aebleskiver Sunday breakfast and he really enjoyed two trips to the Boundary Waters.



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***In the Interim: What Do You Notice?* by Pastor Eric Luedtke**



As the “new guy” at St. Peder’s, I have eyes to notice things around St. Peder’s that cause me to ask questions. Some of these questions are to learn how things are done or to find things I need. Some are intended to help people identify for themselves themes and trends I’ve noticed. Others are just my inquisitive nature (What are the buzzer switches in the sanctuary used for?)

As I walk around the empty building, I wonder about how St. Peder’s has used this space and will use it again. I imagine the joy of children singing in the Sunday School room where an upright piano sits quiet, but ready to lead songs again. I imagine the challenging questions of high school youth as they ponder life together on the couches of the Youth Room. I imagine the sound of a sanctuary filled with worshippers. I imagine the murmur of conversation during the fellowship time – and yes, I can even imagine the kids who ask “are mom and dad done talking yet?” I imagine the quilters who lovingly tie quilts. I imagine the council engaged in conversation to make challenging decisions and then breaking into laughter. I imagine the relationships that cross the ages and hold us together as God’s people.

I also notice things about the physical building. I notice the beautifully carved baptismal font and pulpit, the Danish furnishings in the lounge, the stainless steel kitchen ready to serve, the library filled with books waiting to be read. I notice the worn carpet in the pastor’s office, the weeds that are beginning to emerge near the sidewalk, windows bearing the dust of winter, bulletin boards eager to hold updated information.

As we gather members of the Transition Team and begin to engage the congregation in conversation about who we have been and who God is leading us to be, I invite you to think about some of your stories at St. Peder’s. What is prominent in your mind as you think about this congregation and your time here? What are you most looking forward to resuming? Are there activities that you’ve been involved with in the past that you’re realizing you really haven’t missed in this time apart?

If you have some time, I invite you to come and walk around outside the church building. What catches your eye as you walk (or drive) up to the building? Are there items that need to be updated or repaired? Are there stories to be told about how this building has been used in the past? Ideas about how it could be used in the future?

Since most of you have been away from St. Peder’s for over a year now, I invite you to view this space with new eyes and to consider anew what God might do from this space. Write those notes down and share them with me, members of the transition team, the council. This is an opportunity for us as a church to stay rooted in those stories and traditions that give us life, to prune those branches that have ceased to bear fruit, and to focus our efforts on the growth that God is leading us into.

“I have come that you may have life, abundant life!” ~John 10:10b





Help Us Create New Favorite Hymns!!

It is time to refresh the list of favorite hymns so we can include your favorites in our worship services. Send us as many favorite hymns as you like. Submission are due June 30th. The Music and Worship Committee will need to know the following:

Name

First line of hymn OR first line of the refrain:

Season when the hymn is most often sung:

Where the hymn is located (hymnal or other source) or if you know it, the hymn number or where you sang or heard the hymn:

You can submit hymns three ways:

Fill out this form and send it into the office.

Click on this [link](#) and fill in the form online.

Call/email member Lisa Rovick (612-716-4418 or lprovick@stkate.edu), who is on the Music and Worship Committee, and let her know your selections.

Virtual Fair Trade Event



This year's Fair Trade event will again be a virtual event due to the pandemic. Now that many of us have gotten more adept at online shopping... Pour yourself a cup of Peace Coffee while you browse through the Ten Thousand Villages store website. (You can order Peace Coffee online and have it delivered to your home.) The village artisans still need us to help support their work. Check out their website to order beautiful gifts! At the check out, you will be able to show that you are supporting the St.

Paul Ten Thousand Villages store. When you are ready, check out the St.

Paul Ten Thousand Villages Store in person at 520 Selby Avenue. Social Ministry looks forward to having our Fair Trade Sunday Event Live and In Person in 2022!

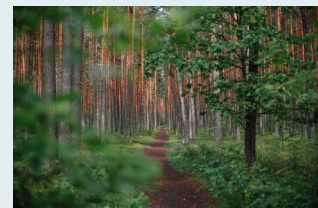
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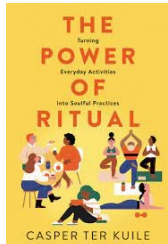
Shannon's Last Day

Sunday, May 30th will be Shannon's last Sunday at St. Peder's. We will be celebrating his ministry with us. He will be sharing the sermon at Outdoor Worship (pending good weather) that day.



Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation: May 23rd at 10 am via Zoom



Faith Formation for adults will take place on Zoom at 10am. On May 23rd we'll be discussing [The Power of Ritual: Turning Everyday Activities into Soulful Practices](#) by [Casper ter Kuile](#). A description: Casper ter Kuile, a Harvard Divinity School fellow and cohost of the popular *Harry Potter and the Sacred Text* podcast, explores how we can nourish our souls by transforming common, everyday practices—yoga, reading, walking the dog—into sacred rituals that can heal our crisis of social isolation and struggle to find purpose—a message we need more than ever for our spiritual and emotional well-being in the age of COVID-19.

“After half a decade of research and hundreds of conversations with people around the country, I am convinced we are in the midst of a paradigm shift. That what used to hold us in community no longer works, and that the spiritual offerings of yesteryear no longer help us thrive.”—Casper ter Kuile

What do Soul Cycle, gratitude journals, and tech breaks have in common? For ter Kuile they offer rituals that create the foundation for our modern spiritual lives. We are in crisis today. Our modern technological society has left too many of us—no matter our ages—feeling isolated and bereft of purpose. Previous frameworks for building community and finding meaning no longer support us. Yet ter Kuile reveals a hopeful new message: we might not be religious, but that doesn't mean we are any less spiritual. Instead, we are in the midst of a paradigm shift in which we seek belonging and meaning in secular practices. Today, we find connection in:

- ♦ CrossFit and SoulCycle, which offer a sense of belonging rooted in accountability and support much like church groups
- ♦ *Harry Potter* and other beloved books that offer universal lessons
- ♦ Gratitude journals, which have replaced traditional prayer
- ♦ Tech breaks, which provide mindful moments of calm

In *The Power of Ritual*, ter Kuile invites us to deepen these ordinary practices as intentional rituals that nurture connection and wellbeing. With wisdom and endearing wit, ter Kuile's call for ritual is ultimately a call to heal our loss of connection to ourselves, to others, and to our spiritual identities.

The Power of Ritual reminds us that what we already do every day matters—and has the potential to become a powerful experience of reflection, sanctuary, and meaning.

Faith Formation for Kids....



will take place at 11:30am on Zoom on the following dates: **May 9th and 23rd**. We will check in, read a story together, and have fun!

Pub Theology: TBD

Pub Theology in May will be an outdoor gathering! Stay tuned for more information on date/time (we're waiting to see how the weather shakes out). If you want to be kept in the loop, let Shannon know! (If you're already on the Pub Theology email list, you'll get the information!)





Youth Sunday, May 16th

Youth Sunday will be on May 16th We'll be celebrating our graduates and another year of Faith Formation. Shannon Kearns, Director of Faith Formation will preach at outdoor worship (pending good weather).

Volunteer Schedule for May

LSS Safehouse Schedule

May 3: Daniel Peterson & Kristin Lerstrom John & Doreen Skraba

May 10: Bill & Judy Anderson

May 17: Kristi Lahti-Johnson & Chuck Johnson, Bethene & Eric Hunsberger

May 24: Pat & Cameron Jamison, Alice Bekke

May 31: Bob Stanich & Jeanne Schleh

On-Line Reader Schedule

May 2: Jasper Gantriis

May 9: Dan Vetsch

May 16: Lisa Rovick

May 23: Allison O'Day

May 30: Bruce Simpson



May Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 2:

Fair Trade Sunday: Online Event!

9 am Online Worship w/ Holy Communion followed by online Coffee & Fellowship (Zoom link coming!)

Sunday, May 9:

Happy Mother's Day

9 am Online Worship
11:30 Faith Formation for Kids

Sunday, May 16:

Youth Sunday

9 am Outdoor/In-Person Worship (weather permitting)

*Live streamed for those who cannot join in person

Sunday, May 23

9 am Online Worship

Sunday, May 30

Farewell to Shannon

9 am Outdoor/In-Person Worship (weather permitting)

*Live streamed for those who cannot join in person

Join Us for Zoom Coffee Hour!



Please join us on the **first Sunday of each month** for coffee hour from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Bring a cup of coffee or tea and connect with St. Peder's members virtually. Here are the dates for the next few months, be sure to mark your calendar:

Sunday, May 2

Sunday, June 6

Sunday, July 4

Sunday, August 1

Worship & Holy Communion: May 2



Sunday, May 2 we will have Zoom Worship and Holy Communion at 9 am. Prepare a piece of bread or cracker and wine or juice and join us

for worship. Watch for a link in an email the week before.

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.....

Restrictive racial covenants and redlining were strategies commonly used to prevent people of color from buying homes. The lack of home ownership has created generational poverty among people of color. In contrast home ownership along with appreciation of home values over the decades has created generational wealth for white families

- ◆ Fact: In 1946, sixty percent of Minnesotans surveyed believed that African Americans should not have the freedom to live in any neighborhood.
- ◆ Fact: In 2019, Minneapolis' Black homeownership rate of 25% was the lowest of any metro area in the **nation**.

In an article from Urban Homework's, Arian Arriola describes the historical impact of racial discrimination using the game of Monopoly as an analogy, "Imagine playing Monopoly for 400 years, never being able to purchase property or collect \$200 when you pass Go. Then one day, those restrictions are lifted, rendering you now "equal" to the other players. The other players who owned all the property and were always able to collect their \$200 have built up so much wealth over the years that the rule change did not fix any economic disparity. Not only that, but the generations to follow inherited all the wealth of those players creating generations of economic disparity to come."

Consider:

- ◆ Could you afford to purchase your home today? Rent in your neighborhood?
- ◆ How would you feel if someone of color moved in next-door?
- ◆ Are you content with your neighborhood just as it is?

On the link below you can check out your neighborhood to see if you have a racial covenant on your house. You can also take steps to get rid of it from directions on that page. It is a free process that absolutely needs to be done according to the website as racial covenants continue to perpetuate segregation in many cities. To learn more about racial covenants click [here](#).

To read the entire Urban HomeWorks article click [here](#).

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 3rd 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 March	\$ 16,538.11	Budget for the month	\$ 20,833.34
Year to Date	\$ 44,279.99	Budget Year to Date	\$ 62,500.02

Expenses

Month of March	\$ 26,418.39	Budget for the month	\$ 24,030.88
Year to Date	\$ 65,652.02	Budget Year to Date	\$ 72,092.64

Mission Support to...

Minneapolis Area Synod	YTD	\$ 3,500.01
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Support Businesses Owned by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color



Jay Jay's Jams and Such Owner Jocelyn Beard

3245 Sheridan Ave North, Minneapolis 612-512-1375 jjjamsandsuch.com

Enjoy local and seasonal produce year round with these handmade, small batch, flavorful jams, jellies and salsas. Current products include strawberry, pear, raspberry mango, blueberry, balsamic fig, and carmel apple jams, apple butter and mango salsa. The products are tasty spread on a waffle or bread, swirled into yogurt, fill for a layer cake, added to a cheese plater or to a vinaigrette. Shop online at their new [website](#) for pick up orders. Or watch their website for frequent in person pop ups around town.



Dumpling, Asian Fusion Restaurant Owner Bunbob Chhun

4004 Minnehaha Ave South, Minneapolis 612-724-8795 dumplingmpls.com

Try some Asian comfort food inspired by Dumpling's Cambodian American owner with a fusion of "Far East meets Middle East" flavors from contributions of their Palestinian chef. They offer a variety of gluten free, vegetarian, and vegan options. Examples from the [menu](#) include pork, vegetable, orange chicken and falafel dumplings, dumpling sampler, ramen, egg rolls, Pad Thai, Fried Rice, Lo Mein, Coconut Green Curry and much more. Call to order or place your order in person at the pick-up window Friday-Sunday, 11am-8pm.

Hybrid Nation Clothing Co-owner Jeremy Sutherland

Hybrid Nation Headquarters, 2400 N 2nd St, Unit 202, Minneapolis 612-735-1949

hybridnationclothing.com



In Diversity We Trust and *Unity* are two of the logos employed by Minneapolis' Hybrid Nation (HD) on their products. They state HD is "a socially-conscious street-wear and lifestyle brand that is creating social change by selling products with a meaningful cause behind them." Their goal is to act as a catalyst for continued action and conversation focused on promoting the importance of diversity and social equality. [Shop](#) products for men, women, kids, pets and home including crewnecks, sweatshirts, workout attire, caps, accessories, blankets, pillows, towels, shower curtains, bath mats, dog beds, and more.

Help Us Plan for Reopening | Take the Safe Gatherings Survey Today

Hello! It was so great to see so many of you virtually at the Easter Coffee Zoom and in person at the Easter Egg Hunt. (Hopefully May will cooperate and I will see many of you at our planned outdoor services as well.) As staff and Council leadership begin making plans for how and when we resume in-person worship, we'd like to hear from you! A survey will go out to members on Tuesday, April 27 (both via e-mail and by hard copy if you don't have e-mail.) Please complete or return the survey by **Monday, May 3** if possible. We greatly appreciate your input!

Thank you also to those who have volunteered for some of the important roles coming up as we take time during the interim to look at our history, our current congregation, our surrounding community, and what is important to us as we move forward. If you have any questions about serving on the Transition Team or the Call Committee, please don't hesitate to reach out at shawnanelsen3@gmail.com. We will be finding ways via Zoom and in-person to hear from others in the congregation as well. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers for our church and community! Please stay safe and healthy!

In gratitude, Shawna Nelsen-Wills, Council President

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



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