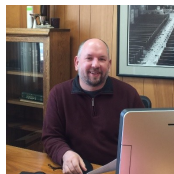


The Messenger



In the Interim by Eric Luedtke, Interim Pastor Summer

It has been reported to me that the members of St. Peder's really enjoy "getting away" during the summer months. Last year it was hard for me to feel that impact because I was new, but also we were emerging from quarantine and hadn't yet established any discernable attendance trends.

This year, as we move from May into June, I have been reminded that historically the people of St. Peder's spend their summer days "out and about." Some of you travel to family cabins and lake homes, others are camping, some enjoy long bike rides and runs, some gather with family and friends. These are all fundamentally good things, but when we engage them on Sunday mornings it means we miss being able to gather in community and begin to feel disconnected.

This raises the question – how will we stay connected over the summer? As we engage our various activities, how do we make sure that we don't let our relationships suffer? If we have needs that could be met by the St. Peder's community, how do we communicate those to one another?

Please know that the office is ALWAYS a connection point for you. Jeannie will continue to staff the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can leave a voicemail or send an email. If your concern is of an urgent nature, you can connect with Pastor Eric on his mobile phone (text or voice) 510.853.1386.

Our Shepherding Groups remain a tool that we can utilize to stay connected with one another. Over the summer would be a great time for Shepherding Groups to gather in a park or at someone's home to enjoy ice cream together, have a picnic, just to check-in with each other and say hi! Maybe if your group is more ambitious you might go to a sporting event together or plan a camping trip. If the idea of gathering seems like too much to take on, your shepherding group can connect by phone or text or email over the summer, again, just to say hi.

Take Flat Jesus with you wherever you go this summer. Whether it's your Shepherding Group that gathers or your family or you individually, be reminded that Jesus goes with you wherever you go. Take a

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The beautiful tree in bloom in our courtyard was planted years ago by Harry Lindstrom. He has passed on but this tree remains!

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Summer Brings Outdoor Worship

As the summer weather begs us to be outside, we plan to hold outdoor worship at 9 am on the Third Sunday of the month during **June (19), July (17), and August (21)**. Bring a chair (or we'll have some setup as well) and we'll join in the courtyard area and spill out into the lawn as we worship. There will be sidewalk chalk for those who feel creative. (in case of inclement weather we will move into the sanctuary). Invite a friend and join us this summer.



Pub Theology: End of Year Picnic

Pub Theology will be wrapping up the season with an end-of-year picnic. Whether you've attended Pub Theology regularly, once, or have always thought about coming – all are welcome!

The picnic will be at Michael and Allison O'Day's patio on **June 6, 6:00**. Brats, buns, condiments and beer will be provided. Please bring a picnic item to share.

Questions? Please call Michael or Allison.

Summer Reads at St. Peder's

Summer's a perfect time to curl up with a book, and the St. Peder's library has lots of new books on current topics for adults, kids and families! You'll find the featured books listed below (and other great choices) in the Gene Paulsen display case on the wall. Check the regular shelves, too and notice the stickers indicating Best Sellers and Award Winners. And don't miss the picture books in the display case and in the red cart—some astounding art and engaging language, not just for little kids!

Everything is Beautiful, and I'm not Afraid—imaginative graphic novel about gay immigrant teen searching for belonging and identity in a new land (recommended for teens 15 and up).

Master of Mindfulness: How to be your own superhero in times of stress—5th graders learn the benefits of mindfulness meditation (techniques of Jon Kabat Zinn for kids)

March (Books 1-3)—the story of John Lewis and the Civil Rights Movement in graphic novel format (recommended for teens and adults)

American Dirt—provocative novel about the desperation that drives some immigrants across our southern border (NYT best seller, and a great choice for a book club)

Unsettling Truths: The ongoing, dehumanizing legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery



Darrell Jodock & William Nelsen

Embracing DIVERSITY

Faith, Vocation,
and the
Promise of America



Adult Forum and Book Signing: Sunday, June 12 at 10:30 ***Embracing Diversity, Faith, Vocation and the Promise of America***

Rev. Dr William Nelsen will join us following worship for a discussion around his book. Written for people in local communities and congregations, encouraging us all to embrace, and not to fear, our growing diversity and to work together for the common good

Please let Jeannie in the office know if you would like to pre-order a book. We will also have copies available on the day of the event.

About the book: "Throughout its history, America has been confronted with two views of its identity. It is a deeply Christian nation called to purity in the face of a challenging world? Or is it a beacon of hope and openness, a land where many can work together for a common good? In this timely book, the authors challenge readers—especially those in Christian communities—to step up to the promise of an America that works for the good of everyone who calls this nation home."

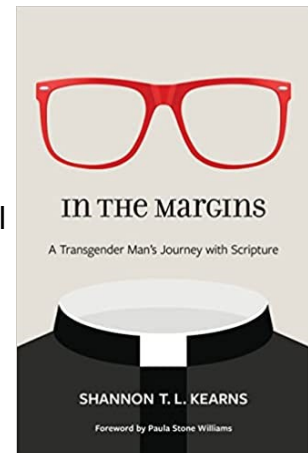
Authors: Rev. Dr. William Nelsen, ELCA Pastor, Former President, Augustana University, and Former Academic Dean, St. Olaf College and Dr. Darrell Jodock, Professor Emeritus Gustavus Adolphus College



Our Plastic Alternatives Fair on April 24 generated a lot of interest. Check out the fabulous list of tips for reducing plastic St. Peder's members collectively produced found [here](#)! (A paper copy of the list can also be found in the church office.)

Save the Date: Book Release Party and Signing!

Our beloved former Faith Formation Director, Shannon Kearns, has a book coming out this August and we get to celebrate with him! Save the date for the book release party and signing that will be held at St. Peder's on **Wednesday, August 17th at 7 pm**. More information about how to order his book, *In the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture*, and the book party will be sent out this summer!



Adventures of Flat Jesus

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
~Matthew 28:20b

This summer we want to remind ourselves that wherever we go Jesus goes with us.

Here's what to do:

1. Decorate your Flat Jesus and laminate (we'll have a laminator in the office if you want to stop by.)
2. Take Flat Jesus wherever you go (beach, cabin, grocery store, vacation, sporting events, orchestra concerts, doing yardwork, the list is endless) and snap photos (be creative about how Flat Jesus might show up in the photo, too)
3. Email your photos and a brief description of your event (where and what is happening) to Jeannie office@stpeders.org Submitting photos is your act of consent for St. Peder's Lutheran Church to use the photos on St. Peder's Website, Social Media, and printed and posted around the building (if you would prefer your photos not be used on Social Media, please note that when submitting).
4. Talk with family and friends about what you and Flat Jesus experienced.

Have fun and be open to the ways Flat Jesus creates opportunity for conversation about your faith.

You can find copies to color in the office or print out your own at home by clicking this [link](#). Jeannie is happy to drop a hard copy in the mail too!



**Flat Jesus visits
the office! Where
will you take Flat
Jesus?**

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photo with Flat Jesus and email it to Jeannie office@stpeders.org with a brief description to share your summer activities with the St. Peder's Community.

Of course we'll be gathering each Sunday morning through the Summer for worship and we look forward to sharing those experiences together. Also be on the lookout for a few special events to invite your neighbors to as summer progresses.

And if you are away any Sunday, our LiveStream is always an option to join us for worship. Just visit www.stpeders.org and the link is right there to connect to our worship LiveStream (the bulletin gets linked there, too).

May this summer be a blessing to you and may we all endeavor to stay connected to one another so that our community can thrive and grow through the summer.

RIH Update: June Reflection

by Judy Anderson



Our group continues to engage with neighbors, trying to learn their stories and connect those stories to the story of our congregation, with an eye toward forming relationships. And often we worry that we are doing it wrong, that we'll say the wrong thing or look silly. It's not just us; when we engage with our cohort made up of other RIH churches, we hear the same frustrations and insecurities.

At a recent meeting, one of our mentors said that the work we are doing reminds her of the story in Luke 24 about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on that first Easter evening. It's about being open to walking with others without bringing our own expectations, about finding joy and meaning in the unexpected. About being transformed by those we encounter. When we listen to our neighbors, their stories become part of our story. She tried to reassure us that we do this work more naturally than we think.

In March, with the Minneapolis Teacher's strike dragging on, St. Peder's opened its doors to the neighborhood, with volunteers from our congregation providing child care for what eventually grew to thirteen kids. Our neighbors had a need and we responded, without overthinking it or expecting something in return. I doubt anyone involved thought, "oh, this is what Accompaniment looks like," but it is. Sometimes we do it without even knowing we're doing it.

First Communion Celebrants!



On Sunday, June 5, Eden Hunsberger, Clara Odegaard, Augie Wollak, and Leo Odegaard will be celebrating their first communion at St. Peder's. While we, at St. Peder's, recognize the invitation to Holy Communion comes from Christ Jesus, and all are always welcome at Christ's table, we also mark milestones in the lives of our family of faith, so we celebrate on this day and celebrate God's continued blessing on Eden, Clara, Augie, and Leo as they continue the journey of faith and the promises made at their Baptism.

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 4rd 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 April	\$ 17,443.60	Budget for the month	\$ 22,833.34
Year to Date	\$ 76,102.64	Budget Year to Date	\$ 91,333.36



Expenses

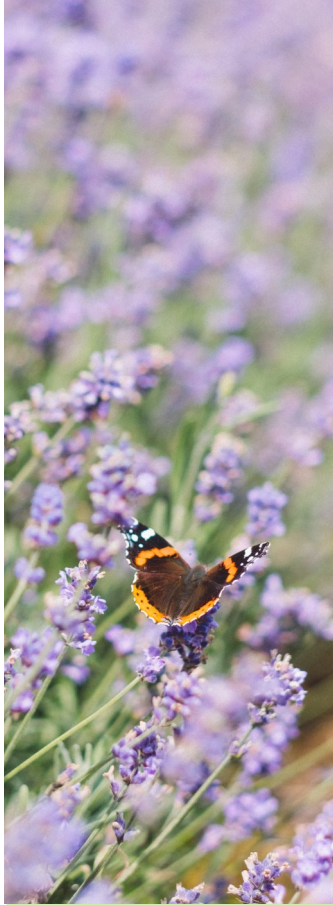
Month of April	\$ 19,633.74	Budget for the month	\$ 23,605.06
Year to Date	\$ 82,352.51	Budget Year to Date	\$ 94,495.27

Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod

YTD \$ 4,666.66

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9 am Quilters	2	3	4 2 pm Fiber Arts
5 First Communion 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	6 7 pm Pub Theology Picnic	7	8	9	10	11
12 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Forum & Book Signing: <i>Embracing Diversity</i>	13	14	15 9 am Quilters	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17	18 2 pm Fiber Arts
19 Happy Father's Day! 9 am Courtyard Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	20 Meals on Wheels	21 Meals on Wheels	22 Meals on Wheels 7 pm Council Meeting	23 Meals on Wheels	24	25
26 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	27	28	29	30		



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 Jeannie in the church office:

Jeannie:
office@stpeders.org
612-722-8000

June Volunteer Schedule

June 5, 2022 Holy Communion by Full Table

Greeters: Bill and Judy Anderson **Usher:** Lisa Jensen and Jim Nelsen

Acolyte: Siri Vossen **Reader:** Elizabeth Anderson

Communion Set Up & Clean Up:

Judy Anderson and Shawna Nelsen-Wills

Communion Assistants: Kristi Erickson, Tim and Elizabeth Anderson

Bread and Wine: Marcia and Craig Rocheleau

Counters: Annalise Munnich and JeriLynn Young

Livestream Technician: Darrick Jensen and JeriLynn Young

LSS Safe House Dinner for June 6: Craig and Marcia Rocheleau and Dwight and Kari Bullard

Sheridan Story for June 10: Sue and John Schnickel

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 1

June 12, 2022

Greeters: Jackie and Dale West **Ushers:** Sue and Al Nielsen

Acolyte: Isla Wills **Reader:** Shawna Nelsen-Wills

Counters: Jackie West and Tim Anderson

Livestream Technician: Karen Vetsch

LSS Safe House Dinner for June 13: Bruce Simpson and Lisa Rovick

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 2

June 19, 2022

Greeters: Chris and Mindy Anderson

Ushers: Sue Schnickel and John Skraba

Acolyte: Alice Petersen **Reader:** Martha Olsen

Counters: Cameron Jamison and Paul Aitchison

Livestream Technician: Bruce Simpson

LSS Safe House Dinner for June 20:

Sonja Walker and Joe and Annalise Munnich

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 3

June 26, 2022

Greeters: Eric and Bethene Hunsberger

Ushers: Mark Jensen and Tom Goodien

Acolyte: Isaiah Wills **Reader:** Marcia Rocheleau

Counters: Marcia Rocheleau and Doreen Skraba

Livestream Technician: Darrick Jensen and JeriLynn Young

LSS Safe House Dinner for June 27: Glen and Martha Olsen and Paul and Michelle Aitchison

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 4

**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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