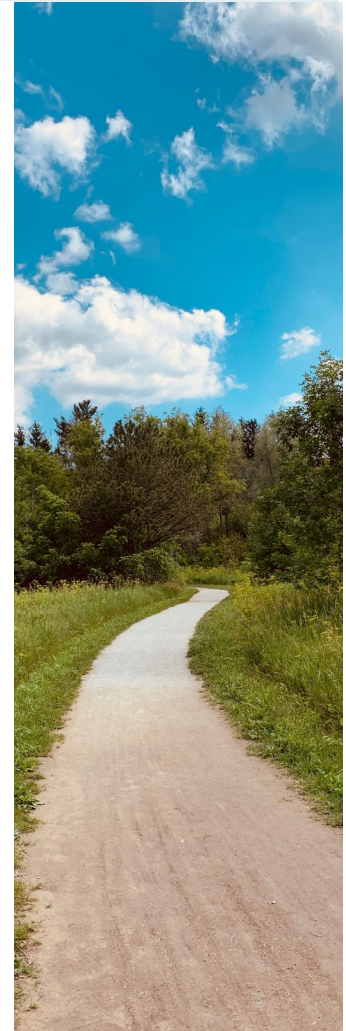


The Messenger

A Special Congregational Meeting to Call a New Pastor for St. Peder's

Sunday, July 10th
following worship, 10:15

All voting members
(confirmed members) are
invited to attend
this meeting.



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In the Interim by Eric Luedtke, Interim Pastor Liminal Seasons, Prolepsis, the Now and Not Yet

Over the past few years we've heard use of phrases like "unprecedented times" or I coined the idea of "[insert adjective here] time" to describe the events surrounding us, particularly as COVID-19 dramatically impacted (and continues to impact) our lives.

Theologians have big words for these experiences as well.

Futurist Theologian Ted Peters writes about *prolepsis*, the idea that events of our lives are drawn into the future – he specifically notes the ways that Jesus life, death, and resurrection impact all of our futures through the impact Christ's forgiveness has on our heavenly future.

I've often used Peters' more "everyday language" of "the now and not yet" – that we live in a time where we know things to be true even if we haven't concretely experienced them for ourselves.

Contemplative Theologian Richard Rohr speaks of this phenomenon as *liminal seasons* in which we find ourselves between the known history of the past and the anticipated, but yet unpredictable, events of the future.

As a congregation, St. Peder's has been in just such a season. We've called it *Interim* or *Transition Time*.

For the past 18 months (likely longer) as a congregation we have been living in a season that holds us between what we knew and what is on its way. In fact we've experienced that season in overlapping ways through the transition of multiple staff members, through the impact of COVID-19, and the reality that over the past two years over a dozen long-time members have died. We know that what was will not return, but we also look forward to what will be – trusting that it is God who holds that future.

The transition to a new pastor has been happening over these 18 months. The work the Transition Team did set-up the countless hours that the Call Committee put in to narrow the candidates to the one the congregation will vote on. Through that time the Congregation Council has been continuing their work of moving the ministry of St. Peder's forward. Members of the congregation have all played important roles in maintaining and building relationships with one another – one of my favorite overheard comments at St. Peder's is "I never knew that about you" – people who have been members together for years are still digging deeper and learning more about one another.

As we prepare to welcome a new pastor to St. Peder's I invite you to take some time to think about what this *liminal season* of *transition time* has meant to you. **What has happened in these last 18 months that you are excited about? What has happened that you wish would have been different? What is one thing that surprised you during this time?** Take some time to think about those questions. Write them down. Share them with others. Share them with Council members, with me, with anyone who will listen. I bet we could fill a wall in Fellowship Hall with our answers.

Upcoming Events, Save the Dates!



Join us for Open Eye Theatre's Driveway Tour Puppet Show

We are hosting a performance of
TUCKERS' ROBOT!!

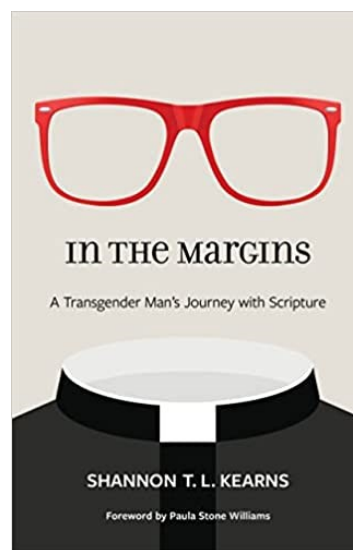
Wednesday, August 3rd at 6pm in the Courtyard.
Join us in our courtyard for this free neighborhood event. All ages welcome! Invite friends and neighbors!

About the play:

Tucker is a young boy who needs to go back in time to face a group of neighborhood bullies. How do you go back in time? With a time-traveling robot, of course! Together, Tucker and his robot discover the importance of friendship and the courage to face bullies. Full of surprises, a little danger and some really funny characters. Contains puppetry, live music, and fun for families and children of all ages.

Save the Date: Book Release Party and Signing!

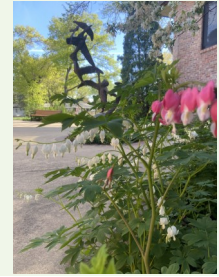
Our beloved former Faith Formation Director, Shannon Kearns, has a book coming out this August and we get to celebrate with him! Save the date for the book release party and signing of **"In the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture"**. This event will be held at St. Peder's on **Wednesday, August 17th at 7 pm**. This special evening will consist of storytelling and reading from the book, as well as time for Q&A. We'll also hear music from Kith + Kin Chorus, an uncommon choir in the Twin Cities, which strives to build community, spread joy and give in service to others through harmony. After the program there will be a reception and book signing. Online or bookstore price is \$19.99 but you can order a book through St. Peder's to get a special discounted bulk price of \$17. (Sign up sheet in the office.) This will be a great chance to see Shannon in person as he has now moved to Kansas! We will be using this book for a book study in the fall, and Shannon has agreed to join us by Zoom for the first session. Order now, and finish the book before the study begins!



RSVP to the book launch event (for free!) here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-margins-book-release-and-signing-tickets-352167832467> or call or email Jeannie in the office to RSVP! 612.722.8000 or office@stpeters.org

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 **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.



Memorial Service for Connie Muller

St. Peder's member, Connie Muller, passed away on April 5, 2022. A Celebration of her life will be held **at the Danish American Center July 23 from 11-2**. Members welcome to attend. Pastor Hans Jorgensen will lead the service.

Parsonage

Work Days: Volunteers Needed!

There is still a bit more work that needs to be done at the parsonage and many hands make light work! We still need to do a bit more painting in the basement, get the

Work days, join us!

Thurs., June 29 from 5-8 pm

Sat., July 16 from 9-1

More great summer reads in the St. Peder's library...

If you've never looked at books in the graphic novel format, you'll be amazed at the impact art makes. Some examples currently on display: **March**—the story of John Lewis and the Civil Rights Movement; **Side A**: A Music lover's graphic novel; **A Wrinkle in Time**; **Everything is Beautiful**, and **I'm not Afraid**.



Wondering what all the **Antiracist Baby** fuss is about? Take a look, and decide for yourself. While you're at it, check out the other picture books, including our newest gorgeous addition, **Mother God** (includes a parents' guide to all the scripture-based references to the female attributes of God).

Adventures of Flat Jesus

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

~Matthew 28:20b

Thanks to everyone who has sent in pictures of their Adventures with Flat Jesus! It is fun to see his travels. We are looking forward to seeing more of your adventures—don't forget to send in your pictures! 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).

You can find copies to color outside the office or print out your own at home



Adopt a Garden!

"God is entirely and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, in the field." Martin Luther

Whether you are a master gardener or just beginning to dig in the soil, St. Peder's invites you to adopt a garden bed at church. There are garden beds of different sizes around the church building...front gardens facing south, west side, courtyard, container gardens and east garden. Select any section of any garden that fits for you (you don't have to select the WHOLE courtyard!) You could work alone or with a group on your own schedule. Our hope is that you could provide regular weeding and upkeep during the growing season. You can purchase and plant new plants as desired but that is not required. Tools can be available by request.

Questions or to sign up, talk to Sue Nielsen suenielsen76@gmail.com 612-360-3936



RIH Update: June Reflection

by Judy Anderson



Recently, as part of the Innovation Team's effort to get to know our neighbors, Lisa Rovick and Pastor Eric met with the executive director of Black Table Arts, Brittany Delaney. On its surface, Black Table Arts, which is located on Minnehaha Avenue, is a cooperative dedicated to gathering black communities through art, but Lisa and Pastor Eric learned from talking with Brittany that what they are doing goes much deeper, particularly in outreach to young people and in the public schools. They have an intense effort underway to provide "Mutual Aid" to anyone who reaches out, and Brittany starts all her interactions with a question: "What do you need?" According to Pastor Eric, "the 'Mutual Aid' piece blew me away. It makes perfect sense - in the past these kinds of requests often came directly to churches, but with the place of the church in culture sliding to the margins, having a group like Black Table Arts to fill that space helps provide a conduit for those who have the means and desire to help to assist those in need."

It sounds to me that Black Table Arts is a powerful model for what it means to be a good neighbor, to share good news with one's community. Our entire team hopes to meet soon with Brittany and explore ways that we at St. Peder's might be able to partner with Black Table Arts in an authentic and meaningful way. As building any relationship goes, this will take time and patience and lots of listening. We are open and excited to see where it could lead.

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 5th 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 May	\$ 16,571.28	Budget for the month	\$ 22,833.33
Year to Date	\$ 92,673.92	Budget Year to Date	\$ 114,166.69


Expenses

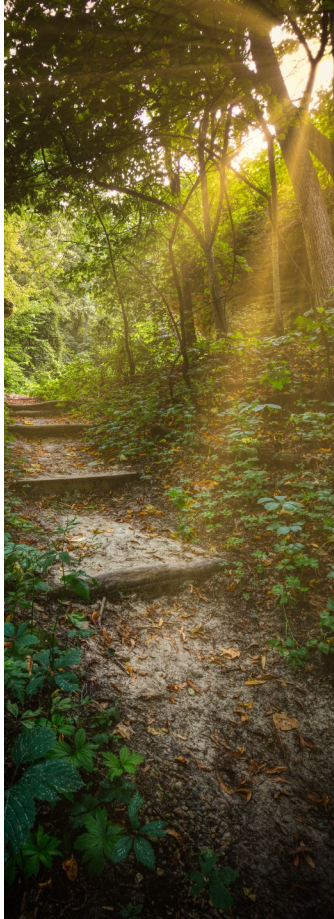
Month of May	\$ 20,171.16	Budget for the month	\$ 23,605.06
Year to Date	\$ 102,523.67	Budget Year to Date	\$ 118,100.37

Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod

YTD \$ 5,833.32

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 2 pm Fiber Arts
3 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	4 Happy Fourth of July!	5	6 9 am Quilters	7	8	9
10 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Congregational Meeting	11	12	13	14 Newsletter Articles Due	15	16 9 am Parsonage 2 pm Fiber Arts
17 9 am Courtyard Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	18	19	20 9 am Quilters 7 pm Council Meeting	21	22	23
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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:
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612-722-8000

July Volunteer Schedule

July 3, 2022, Holy Communion by Full Table

Greeters: Carol Lindstrom and Eunice Montgomery

Ushers: Chris Anderson and Shawna Nelsen-Wills

Acolyte: Elliette Wilson **Reader:** Bruce Simpson

Communion Set Up & Clean Up: Eva Tangen and Phoebe Anderson

Communion Assistants:

Paul Aitchison, Sue Schnickel and Peter Juhl

Bread and Wine: Michael and Allison O'Day

Counters: Steve Austin and Eva Tangen

Livestream Technician: Karen Vetsch

LSS Safe House Dinner July 4th: Dan & Karen Vetsch, Terri Vetsch

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 5

July 10, 2022

Greeters: Lee Hawks and Dwight Lundeby **Usher:** Sue and Al Nielsen

Acolyte: Isla Wills **Reader:** Leslee Nestingen

Counters: Jackie West and Julie Ebbesen

Livestream Technician: Darrick Jensen and JeriLynn Young

LSS Safe House Dinner for July 11: Sue and Al Nielsen

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 6

July 17, 2022

Greeters: Kristin Lerstrom and Daniel Peterson

Ushers: Andrea and Aemilia Wollak **Reader:** Lisa Rovick

Counters: Marcia Rocheleau and Sue Schnickel

Livestream Technician: Bruce Simpson

LSS Safe House Dinner for July 18: Liz and Forrest Bentley

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 7

July 24, 2022

Greeters: Nancy and Stephanie Hawkinson

Ushers: Joe Munnich and Peter Juhl

Acolyte: Eleanor Munnich **Reader:** Dwight Lundeby

Counters: Annalise Munnich and Sue Nielsen

Livestream Technician: Karen Vetsch

LSS Safe House Dinner for July 25: Hung and Michelle Brown Ton

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 8

July 31, 2022

Greeters: Michael and Allison O'Day

Ushers: Peter Paulson and Tom Goodien

Acolyte: Siri Vossen **Reader:** Charles Johnson

Counters: Cameron Jamison and Judy Hogan

Livestream Technician: Darrick Jensen and JeriLynn Young

LSS Safe House Dinner for August 1: Dale and Jackie West

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 1

**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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