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The Messenger

Outdoor Worship August 16..... and what you need to know to participate!

If the weather cooperates, we will offer an outdoor worship service on our north lawn on **Sunday**, **August 16**, **at 9:00 a.m**. Here are things you need to know if you'd like to attend:

- 1. You must wear a mask.
- 2. Family units will be seated 6 feet apart on the lawn. Please bring your own chairs or blanket.
- 3. Bring your own coffee or water. But be advised the restrooms will be available only for emergencies.
- 4. The building will not be available for access except for emergencies.
- 5. Worship bulletins will be provided.
- 6. Offering plates will be stationed near the altar so you can make use of them either before or after the service.
- 7. There will be no singing. You may hum the hymns as they're played, however.
- 8. There will be no coffee or food served after the service. You may stay to converse with your friends at appropriate physical distancing.
- 9. The service will last no longer than 40 minutes.
- 10. In case of inclimate weather, we will NOT worship. Inclimate weather includes rain and storms, of course, but also extreme heat or cold, wet grounds, threat of bad weather. If the weather is "iffy" we will make a decision re: worship by 8:00 a.m. and send an email blast to the congregation advising of our plans.

Worship for August 16 will also be recorded and posted online as usual. (We may even live stream our outdoor service on Facebook if possible!)

An email blast will be sent out closer to August 16 with this same information as a reminder.



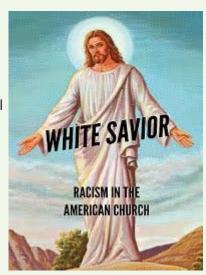
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Adult Faith Formation: September 20th from 11:00-12:00

Faith Formation is BACK (online!) We'll meet via Zoom to discuss the film "White Savior: Racism in the American Church". This film can be watched on Amazon (free if you have Prime, or rented for as little as \$2.99). Each person will watch the film on their own and then join together for a discussion on September 20th.

Here's more about the film: White Savior: Racism in the American Church is a documentary intended for individuals and churches who want an overview of the way racism and white supremacy have functioned in American Christianity. The 2008 election of Barack Obama led many to believe we had entered a post-racial America, one in which the nation's



traumatic and painful history of racism had finally been erased. In the years since, it's become increasingly clear that the deep roots of racism and white supremacy continue to run through our political, cultural, and religious institutions. Based on interviews and current research, the documentary film *White Savior* explores the historic relationship between racism and American Christianity, the ongoing segregation of the church in the US, and the complexities of racial reconciliation. Featuring interviews with Lenny Duncan, Soong Chan Rah, Jacqueline Woodson, Jim Bear Jacobs, Dominique Gilliard, and more.

Sign up with Shannon (<u>faithformation@stpeders.org</u>) to get a link to the Zoom room. You can join by computer or phone.



Thank You Again for the Hand Soap!!!

We delivered over 1,770 bottles of hand soap to Holy Trinity Lutheran for their distribution work in early July! You all made that happen!!! (Even in the midst of a shortage of liquid hand soap in the Twin Cities.)

As the summer continues, Holy Trinity will continue to serve as a distribution site for food and supplies on Wednesdays and Fridays in August. If you'd like to volunteer, please check out their Facebook page. They serve approximately 200 - 300 people a day, so items are still needed to donate. You can learn more on their webpage and FB page. If you have items to donate, Karen Vetsch will be happy to drop them off for you, just give her a call.

Look for more information in the next weeks from our Social Outreach Committee for opportunities to help support this ministry in our neighborhood.

Children and Youth Zoom call: August 27th at 5pm.

Join us for another check in call! We'll catch up with one another, read a story, and maybe even figure out how to play a game together! Sign up with Shannon (faithformation@stpeders.org) to get a link.



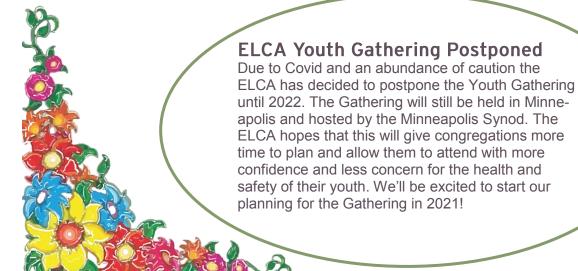
Sunday Services

Missed a service? Want to watch it again? You can find all of the services linked on the St. Peder's website or on our YouTube channel! (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP5r4ROb8KPP2H05qqU9AqQ)

St. Peder's Library has Great Summer Reads!

Stop by during office hours (Tuesdays, 9-1) and check out our outstanding collection of current racial justice books for all ages. You'll see them featured on the library table. Or browse other titles in socially distanced comfort.

Or, call ahead with the title you want, and schedule a curbside pickup! See last month's Messenger for a list of some racial justice books. The entire catalog is accessible at: https://www.librarything.com/catalog/StPeders



Help Our neighbors and Community by Supporting Black Owned Businesses

It is important for us to use our actions not just our words to support the Black community. Supporting Black owned businesses helps Black communities. We can use our purchasing power to strengthen the local Black economy and to help shrink the racial wealth gap. Black owned businesses create jobs, usually employing people of color. Portions of employee's earnings are spent in local neighborhoods thereby generating more wealth in the community. Black owned businesses also celebrate Black culture and bring vibrancy to the whole community. These are good reasons for us to patronize Black businesses, try something new, perhaps challenge our comfort level, and meet some of our Black neighbors.

Local Black Businesses:



Black Garnet Books, Owner Dionne Sims

Minneapolis' first Black owned book store primarily stocks adult and young adult contemporary literature by Black and racially diverse authors. It will open soon as an online store with the goal of opening a physical space in the future. In the meantime check out their website: www.blackgarnetbooks.com/

Gentlemen's Barber Lounge, Owner Alex Lawrence

This is barbershop owned by a former member of St. Peder's, you might be more familiar with his mom Leah Hanson Lawrence. The shop is located at 7989 Southtown Drive, Suite 309, Bloomington. Appointments can be made on his website: <u>alexlawrence.glossgenius.com</u>



Nashville Coop, Owners Sheff and Athena Priest How about some hot chicken from the Nashville Coop, a food truck that prowls the neighborhoods. Their menu and location can be found at: nashvillecoop.com

Ted Cook's 19th Hole Barbeque, Owner Moses Quartey Originally owned and created by Louis "Ted" Cook, an avid golfer who was Minnesota State Senior Golf Champion in 1972, as well as Ohio champion at the age of 19. Try some BBQ from Ted's for lunch or dinner. It's available via takeout or delivery at 2814 E 38th Street.



Urban Touch, Owner Billy Hill

This is a barber shop located at 1401 E. 38th Street (Bloomington and 38th). Check out the reviews online.



This list is just a beginning, there are many others. Please share Black owned businesses you know of by sending an email to St. Peder's racial justice email box at racialjustice@stpeders.org and your suggestions will be shared in future Messengers.

A Message from Council President Shawna Nelsen-Wills

Dear St. Peder Congregants,

Hello and I hope all of you are staying healthy and finding ways to safely have fun this summer. I know that I speak for all of us on Council that we dearly miss seeing everyone in person and having the opportunity to worship together, sing together, and spend time in fellowship over delicious Peace Coffee and homemade treats.

The time will come when we will be able to safely gather together again in the Sanctuary of St. Peder's--unfortunately, that time is not now. We had hoped that we could open again after Labor Day, but it is clear that we need to wait a little longer. As Council, we believe that keeping all of our members and guests safe is our top priority. In the meantime, the Music and Worship Committee has planned some wonderful outdoor options for worship in August and a "Safe Openings" Committee is beginning to meet to create policies, plans, and procedures for when we can gather together again in St. Peder's. At this point, we have not set a date for reopening but will keep the congregation updated as plans move forward.

We also want to commend Pastor Julie and staff for the wonderful virtual services that allow us to worship together, while apart. Thank you also for continuing to support St. Peder's financially so we can continue supporting our staff, our neighbors, and building for our future. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next Zoom coffee hour or in the community! Sending prayers for your continued safety and health. I am also open to a Zoom or social-distanced coffee hour if you would like to connect! Please reach out to me via email (below). Wishing you a wonderful August!

With gratitude,

Shawna Nelsen-Wills Council President shawnanelsen3@gmail.com

Together in Mission 2020

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 6th month of 2020. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

Income

Month of June	\$ 21,649.09		Budget for the month	\$ 22,916.66
Year to Date	\$ 106,334.41		Budget Year to Date	\$ 137,500.04
Expenses				
Month of June	\$ 20,501.88		Budget for the month	\$ 24,001.51
Year to Date	\$ 134,960.50		Budget Year to Date	\$ 144,008.94
Mission Support to				
Minneapolis Area Synod		YTD	\$ 7,000.01	

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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