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The Messenger

Outdoor worship in September!

Weather and temperature permitting, we will plan to worship on our north lawn again on **Sundays, September 13 and 27**. The Worship and Music Committee decided to give it a try and hope for the best!

The first Lawn Service on August 16 was a success - a beautiful morning and about 50 folks scattered about! We're on the calendar for this **Sunday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m.**

The same precautions apply for all outdoor services:

If you are feeling unwell, or are waiting for results of a COVID test, please take care of yourself and remain at home.

- You must wear a mask. We will have masks here if needed.
- Family units will be seated 6 feet apart on the lawn. Please bring your own chairs or blanket.
- Bring your own coffee or water.
- Worship bulletins will be provided.
- Offering plates will be stationed near the altar so you can make use of them either before or after the service.
- There will be no singing. You may hum the hymns as they're played, however.
- There will be no coffee or food served after the service. You may stay to converse with your friends at appropriate physical distancing.
- The service will last no longer than 40 minutes.
- If you need to use the restroom, you may enter the building through the kitchen door to access the restrooms outside the Fellowship Hall. These will be the only restrooms available. Please do not stop to chat in the kitchen or Fellowship Hall. The rest of the building is closed at this time.

THANK YOU for complying with our safety precautions. Email blasts will be sent out a few days prior to each outdoor service. As always, worship will be posted online.

If you'd like to be a reader (masked) at either service, please email me at pastorjulie@stpeders.org.

Peace as we head into autumn days,
Pastor Julie

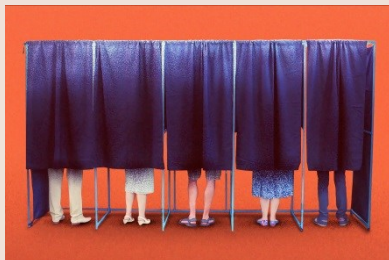


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"Rooted in our heritage and embracing the future, we joyfully live the gospel with open hearts, open hands and open doors."

Our Vote is Our Voice: Let Your Voice be Heard!



The upcoming election is important. We are currently experiencing crises within the economy, education, health care, international relations, and racial justice, to name a few, in the midst of a pandemic. Your participation in the election is essential. Register to vote if you are not already registered and get to know your candidates.

You will be voting for President as well as other national, state, and local offices. You can begin now to consider the issues that are important to you and compare them to the platforms and views of potential candidates, including the issue of racial justice. There may not be a perfect candidate, but think about the issues that are most important to you or which candidates are most in line with your views. Information on some of the candidates can be found on the League of Women's Voter Guide at vote411.org.

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is our National Election Day. You can choose to vote on Election Day or vote early. Minnesota allows any voter to request a ballot by mail. You can also vote in person early. Here's what you need to know.

Information to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, vote in person early, sample ballot, track your mailed ballot, poll locations, and county election office addresses can be found at <https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/> or <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us>. For non-computer users the phone number for the Hennepin County election office is 612-348-5151.

Vote by Mail

If you have already requested your General Election ballot, it will be mailed to you as soon as ballots become available. Do not request another ballot.

To request a ballot, apply online or complete the MN mail ballot application found at a website above. Return the application as soon as possible. Information to return by mail, in-person, fax, or email can be found on the websites.

When you receive your ballot, read the instructions carefully and make your candidate selections. When returning the ballot, pay attention to the signature envelope. Due to Covid 19, there is no witness requirement for registered voters for the November State General Election, however non-registered voters will need a witness to indicate their proof of residence.

Mail the ballot and forms back soon after completing. Your returned ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day. Ballots may also be returned in person to the election office that sent your ballot, no later than 3pm on Election Day. You are allowed to bring some ballots for others but check the website for requirements. Ballots may NOT be dropped at your polling place.

Vote Early in Person

In person voting is available beginning Friday, September 18 through Monday, November 2, 2020. The Early Vote Center for Minneapolis is located at the Elections and Voter Service Center, 980 E. Hennepin Ave. The center is open Monday through Friday 8:00-4:30 with weekend hours added as the election nears. For non-Minneapolis voters you can vote in person at your county election office. Check with your city clerk for other possible locations. Election office locations and clerk phone numbers can be found on the <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/>

Vote on Election Day

Polling places are usually open from 7am to 8pm. You can find your poll location at one of the above websites. In Minnesota you can register to vote or update your registration at your polling place on Election Day. Find out what you'll need to bring with you at above websites.

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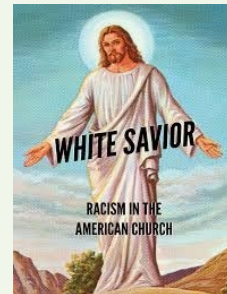
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Consider Becoming an Election Judge

Many of our recent election judges are senior citizens who are currently at higher risk for the Coronavirus and no longer feel safe serving for the upcoming election. If you are at lower risk for the virus consider becoming an election judge. It is a great service to the community and a chance to learn more about elections. Election judges are temporary, paid, employees trained (3 hours) to handle all aspects of voting at the polls. Employers are required to give time off to be an election judge without loss of wages. You can work a full day or part of a day. Check out the criteria and required training for election judges at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/>

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 (faithformation@stpeders.org) to get a link to the Zoom room. You can join by computer or phone.

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 7th 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 July	\$ 10,748.55	Budget for the month	\$ 22,916.66
Year to Date	\$ 117,082.96	Budget Year to Date	\$ 160,416.70

Expenses

Month of July	\$ 21,938.96	Budget for the month	\$ 24,001.51
Year to Date	\$ 156,899.46	Budget Year to Date	\$ 168,010.45

Mission Support to...

Minneapolis Area Synod	YTD	\$ 8,166.68
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St. Peder Member Charlie Anderson Completes Eagle Scout Project

Hello my name is Charlie Anderson. I am a member of St. Peder's Lutheran Church and am a Boy Scout in Troop 9005 in Woodbury. For my Eagle Scout Project I directed building and installing of bookshelves for our church's library. The idea to build bookshelves was given to me by Gene Paulson, a long time member of our church. He handed me a set of architectural drawings for the shelves. The plans consisted of one floor bookshelf identical to the existing shelves and one wall-mounted bookshelf and display.



The work began in October 2019 when I presented the project to the church council. The council was happy with the plan so the next step was to present the project to my troop and Eagle Scout Project district representative. We got the project rolling in late February when my dad and I purchased all of the necessary materials. Shortly after obtaining the materials, as all of us know, the virus ground everything, including the project, to a halt. During the quarantine we used sketches we made and Gene's drawings to cut every piece to length and dry fit the shelves in my dad's workshop to make sure everything fit together.

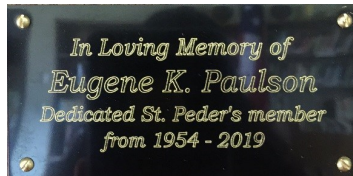


By June we were allowed to meet again, but I turned 18 in June which is the deadline for finishing the Eagle requirements; I was able to obtain a three month Covid extension and continue the project. I enlisted fellow scouts to help build the shelves. In order to balance the workload, I split the project into three phases: construction, finishing, and installation. The first phase consisted of assembling the bookshelves with the help of four scouts at my home. We assembled the cabinet carcasses and face frames with glue and a lot of clamps. Five scouts helped me stain the constructed shelves in our garage. We then applied several coats of clear finish.

On July 23rd, I directed 5 scouts in the installation of the shelves in the library. My dad was there to supervise as well as another scout dad. Since there is a rule against Scouts using heavy power tools, my dad took care of drilling in the concrete walls and I led the Scouts in installing the bookshelves in their final position.



The last and most important step was attaching a plaque to the wall mounted bookshelf that reads: *"In loving memory of Eugene K. Paulson, dedicated member of St. Peder's from 1954-2019."*



I really enjoyed working on this project and hope that when church reopens you'll visit the library and check out the shelves before you check out some books!

*A big thank you to Charlie, the scouts and the Anderson family
from all of us at Saint Peder;s!!!!*

Help Our Neighbors and Community by Supporting BIPOC Owned Businesses

Please share BIPOC owned businesses you know of by sending an email to St. Peder's racial justice email box at racialjustice@stpeters.org and your suggestions will be shared in future Messengers.

Du Nord Craft Spirits, Owners Chris & Shanelle Montana

2610 E 32nd St, Minneapolis, MN 55406 <http://www.dunordcraftspirits.com>

This is a local business that is stepping up to help the community even as they are deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the murder of George Floyd. Please check out their comments on their website under "Cocktail Room" and get connected to the Du Nord Foundation - <https://www.dunordfoundation.org/> Even though the public tours are currently on hiatus you can purchase hand sanitizer in bulk from them or purchase their spirits from liquor stores around Minnesota.



Mesob Ethiopian Restaurant, owner Munaye Tesfaye



3915 Hiawatha Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55406 This is a local restaurant serving items such as Doro Wot (chicken leg marinated in lemon sautéed in onions with red pepper sauce) or Veggie Sampler (yellow peas, collard greens, cabbage, red beets, fosalia, potato, chickpeas, lentil, shiro & whole lentil) You can call 612-839-5868 or 612-703-4169 to place your order for curbside pickup daily from 11 am to 10 pm.

Gandhi Mahal Restaurant, owner Ruhel Islam

Address according to update on Facebook: we are rising from ashes at our new temporary location coming to 31st & Franklin by September, fingers crossed. They are eager to serve you curry in a hurry. See link to interesting article about Gandhi Mahal Restaurant and owner by PAUL SCHMELZER at <https://theostracon.net/gandhi-mahal-george-floyd-minneapolis-ruhel-islam/>



Updated Member Directories!

Greetings Members! Many things have changed in the months since I last printed our St. Peder's Member Directory, In October, I am planning on sending out updated hard copies to those who would like one (if you use the app or log in on your computer, updates happen automatically!).

Members who would like to update their photo and/or information, can log into <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> (if using the app) and click on "Edit My Family". You can also email me photos or updates or drop off a photo for me to scan in. Please do this no later than September 30th. Members that would like a hard copy of the updated directory, which will be sent out in October, please contact me in the office and I will be sure to add you to my mailing list. Thank you for helping me keep track of all of our wonderful members!

Jeannie Farrell, Office Coordinator



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 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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