

St Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Issue 3

The Messenger

Journey Into the Story: A Lenten Series

Join us on Wednesday evenings, **Wednesday, March 4 through Wednesday, April 1**, during Lent for a time of exploration and fellowship. Each evening will begin with our traditional **soup supper from 5:30-6:30**. Then we'll move to the sanctuary for a **time of worship together at 6:45**.

In the Fall, several members of St. Peder's used Scripture as a basis to write imaginative stories that go more deeply into what the people were thinking and feeling. This Lent, actors will read the stories written by St. Peder's members and then we'll have time for a discussion. See how art can deepen your understanding and appreciation of familiar (or not so familiar) stories. These services will also include music, prayers, and space for reflection.

No Pub Theology in March. Attend Lenten Services instead!

Join us for this time together during these weeks of Lent!

Soup Supper schedule for Wednesdays in Lent

March 4	Shepherding Group 2
March 11	Shepherding Group 3
March 18	Shepherding Group 4
March 25	Shepherding Group 5
April 1	Shepherding Group 6



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Volunteer Schedule
- Together In Mission
- Flower Order Form
- March Calendar

St. Peder's Annual Codfish and Meatball Dinner **Friday, March 6th!! Two Seatings: 5:00 & 6:30 p.m.**



The dinner also includes boiled potatoes with our famous mustard gravy, peas and carrots, Havarti cheese on pumpernickel, cupcakes and beverages. The cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. There are sign-up sheets outside Fellowship Hall, or call the church office at 612-722-8000 for reservations. If you are able to help with setup, cleanup, serving, cooking, cupcakes, cashier duty, or anything else, please see Sue Nielsen.

Caring for Creation—Minneapolis Synod's EcoFaith Network



Responding to God's call to serve the earth and care for it, the EcoFaith Network (EFN), an initiative of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA, was created to equip individuals and faith communities in becoming 'watershed disciples' by: developing a network of earth-stewards, promoting education to grow awareness of care for the environment, and identifying opportunities for advocacy in public policy, community action and individual change.

On February 8, Sue Nielsen and Jeanne Schleh represented St. Peder's at the EFN Power Up Event at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bloomington for 4 hours of learning and networking focusing on water as one of the key issues related to climate change. We all broke into our watershed districts to learn more about how our actions affect water quality on the neighborhood level. We learned the biggest single polluter is salt commonly used in de-icing. Just 1 teaspoon of salt impairs 5 gallons of water. Once water is impaired, it can only be restored through reverse osmosis, an impossible task for ground water.

Did you know St. Peder's is in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District? That means whatever enters our storm drains goes directly to Minnehaha Creek and on to the Mississippi. Right now, Minnehaha Creek, running from Lake Minnetonka to the river, is already impaired, as is Brownie Lake, the smallest lake in the chain, and the other lakes are considered at risk.

What can we do? For starters, use far less salt for de-icing. Many people erroneously think that more is better when, in fact, a mug of salt is sufficient for a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. Better yet, avoid salt altogether: many people use grit and sand instead.

Whatever substance is used, once it has accomplished its purpose and the ice is melted, sweep it up to prevent it getting into the storm sewers (this also saves money, since it can be used again the next time ice forms).

Another great individual action: adopt a storm drain! Go to: adopt-a-drain.org, find the storm drain nearest to you and sign up! See the church bulletin board for more details.

On a more theological level, EFN has created a series for Lenten reflection called "Nurturing Life in the Waters of Creation." Check out the bulletin board in the hallway at church and the EFN web-site at: <http://mpls-synod.org/outreach/ecofaith-network/>

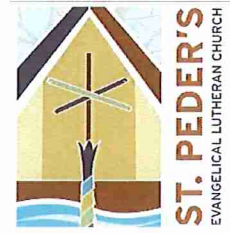
Questions? Want to work on making St. Peder's a model water steward? Contact members Sue Schnickel or Jeanne Schleh.

New Council Members and New Council President

At the annual meeting in January, **Wendy Legge** and **JeriLynn Young** were elected to serve their first 3-year term on Council. **Paul Odegaard** was elected to his second term as a Council representative. **Scott Wilson** and **Curt Petersen** completed their terms. Thank you all for your service!

Shawna Nelsen was elected as Council President and began serving a two-year term in February. You'll be hearing from her soon! Thanks, Shawna, for your willingness to serve in this leadership capacity. Also, our thanks to Curt Petersen for 4 years as President - we're grateful for your service!

Council officers will be elected at the February Council Meeting and announced in the April newsletter.



Jorgensen Service Awards for 2020

At the annual meeting in January, **Paul and Michelle Aitchison** and **Curt and Meg Petersen** received the Jorgensen Service Award for their participation and leadership in St Peder's ministry. Congratulations!

March Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 1

9 am Worship w/
Holy Communion
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:30 Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday, March 4

5:30 Soup Supper
6:45 Lenten Worship

Sunday, March 8

9 am Worship
9 am Youth Faith Formation
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:30 Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday, March 11

5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:45 pm Lenten Reflections

Sunday, March 15

9 am Worship
9 am Youth Faith Formation
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:30 Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday, March 18

5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:45 pm Lenten Reflections

Sunday, March 22

9 am Worship
9 am Youth Faith Formation
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:30 Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday, March 25

5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:45 pm Lenten Reflections

Sunday, March 29

9 am Worship
9 am Youth Faith Formation
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:30 Adult Faith Formation

Local Eggs for Sale!!!



Interested in fresh, local eggs from well-cared for chickens? St.

Peder member Julie Coffman and her husband Kristofer will be bringing eggs from their six backyard hens on Sunday mornings. The suggested donation will be \$3.00 per half dozen, and all profits will go to support St. Peder's coffee hour. The eggs will be available on the table with the Peace Coffee. If you're able, please bring your old egg cartons; Julie and Kristofer will use them to pack the eggs for easier carrying.

Altar Care Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to assist Pastor Julie with the changing of the paraments (the cloths on the altar and pulpit) and washing of altar linens. It's not time intensive, but a necessary part of our worship life. If you're interested, please talk with Pastor Julie! Thanks!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Adults

Documentaries about Justice Issues: March 1–March 29th

Each week we'll watch a short documentary about a justice issue and discuss it. See the list of topics/documentaries below. Come one week or come every week, since each documentary is short you'll never be behind!

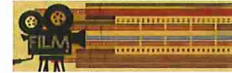
March 1: Period. End of Sentence

March 8: End Game

March 15: The White Helmets

March 22: Fire In Paradise

March 29: Long Shot



All Ages Game and Pizza Night! March 28th: 6-8pm

Bring your favorite board game and a drink or dessert to share!

Shannon will provide the pizza. (Please RSVP to him so he knows how much to get). We'll eat pizza and play some board/card games! All ages are encouraged to attend!



Sheridan Story Schedule

March 20: Dwight Lundeby & Ruth Thomsen

March 26: Jeanne Schleh

Teacher Schedule for Children & Youth Faith Formation:

March 8: Lisa and Jeremy

March 15: Chris and Dan

March 22: Julie and Karen

March 29: Shawna and Chris

Shepherding Group News

Sock and Underwear Drive During the Month of March

Shepherding Groups 1 and 6 are teaming up with The Drawer, in the month of March. The Drawer is a local non profit that collects new socks and underwear and distributes them to those in need. While out shopping please pick up new socks and underwear and place them in the bin outside of the office.

For more information or to make a monetary donation, check out thedrawer.org or call 612-367-7839. Thank you for donating!



Moving Supply Drive for Emma Norton



Emma Norton

Shepherding Group #3 is doing a drive for Emma Norton, a Twin Cities non-profit organization, during the season of Lent and invites others to join them. Emma Norton ensures that hundreds of women and families who have experienced homelessness and the additional challenges of chemical dependency, mental health, or a chronic health condition have a safe, supportive, and affordable home from which to grow and thrive. They are in need of moving supplies for the renovation of Emma's Place--a supportive housing community for formerly homeless families--this spring. *(continued, page 7)*

A Green 2020 by Judy Hogan

In the February Messenger I shared with you several reasons to recycle/compost. Did you know that recycling also saves energy? It takes 90 percent less energy to manufacture an aluminum can from recycled aluminum, about 50 percent less energy to manufacture a glass bottle from recycled glass, and about 75 percent less energy to manufacture paper from recycled paper. Recycling decreases our demand on fossil fuels and increases our energy independence. The St. Peder's Green Team that brought us curbside recycling/composting a while back did a good job of setting us up for successful recycling. We have well-labeled bins in the kitchen to properly collect all our waste. We also have recycling bins in the church office. Now it is up to each of us to become more aware of our waste management habits and do our part.

General Recycling Tips:

- Items placed in recycle bins should be empty of their original contents and reasonably clean.
- Generally, separate paper labels from bottles and cans before recycling. Don't worry about getting all the paper off, small bits are accounted for in the materials recovery process.
- Don't recycle anything smaller than a credit card – even if the material says it's recyclable. The equipment used to sort recyclables isn't designed for small items. These items either fall through the equipment and get mixed with sorted glass, or they jam the equipment
- Check each item for information about it's "recyclability." Don't assume that because something is a specific color or texture that it is recyclable. Also, don't believe all printing on an item. Some things are printed with "blank" recycling symbols (i.e. no number) just for marketing purposes. Same is true for "compostable" or "green" claims.

What to Recycle:

- Glass food and beverage containers (any color). Remove plastic and metal covers and place in trash (if they are smaller than a credit card).
- Metal food and beverage cans
- Milk cartons and juice boxes
- Boxboard (cookies, crackers, and pasta boxes, shoe boxes, electronic and gift boxes, boxes from toothpaste and medications, etc.)
- Mixed paper, including mail, Sunday School and office papers, newspaper (including supplements), magazines, brochures and catalogs.
- Corrugated cardboard
- Plastic bottles, containers and lids, that display the recycling symbol and numbers 1, 2 or 5. Keep plastic lids screwed onto bottles. Remove paper labels.

More background about plastics:

-While China's decision to no longer buy number 5 plastics from outside their borders has drastically decreased the market for number 5, most plastics recyclers are still accepting them. Minneapolis curb-side recycling will accept plastic items labeled 1 through 5. Coffee cup lids and other food service items such as bowls, cups, plates, utensils and take out containers are often made from number 6 plastic. They are NOT recyclable at St. Peder's nor at Minneapolis curb-side recycling.

What to Compost (think of this as recycling organic items!):

- Soiled napkins.
- Coffee Grounds, broken or stale treats and other food items not suitable for serving.
- Food left uneaten on plates
- Wilted flowers and other vegetable matter
- Used paper towels with limited amounts of cleaning chemicals (i.e. from drying hands or whipping off a wet counter).

What to place in Trash Bin:

- Paper towels soiled by cleaning chemicals (such as the spray used to clean tables/counters).
- Plastics without the recycling symbol (or with the symbol and numbers 3, 4, 6 or 7).
- Broken glassware, dishes, pots and pans or utensils. Even clear glass tumblers often have special coatings/treatments that don't do well in the recycling process.
- Plastic wrap and/or bags (or take the bags to a grocery store to recycle them). Chip bags that appear as metal, but are really shiny plastic!
- General office supplies, automotive or household materials (i.e. it would be nice if we could recycle the metal in a broken stapler, but at this time it isn't possible through our recycling process).

Waste recycling is still a fairly new frontier, and the rules do change from time-to-time. If you have questions about what is recyclable, or why an item is not recyclable, please contact Judy Hogan at

2judyhogan@gmail.com or 612-722-7111.

Keeping in Touch at St. Peder's

Greetings! I wanted to write a quick note in this month's Messenger so folks are aware of all the different ways we communicate St. Peder's news and events. If you have any questions, need help accessing one of these resources or want to add your name to an email list or snail mist list, you can call or email me in the office: Jeannie Farrell, Office Coordinator

Office Phone: 612-722-8000 Office Email: office@stpeders.org. Also, keep in mind that if you need to stop by, I am usually in the office on Tuesdays and Thursday until 2 or 3.

-Instant Church Directory: The church directory is available to members of St. Peder's. This is an online resource, but Jeannie can print you a hard copy of the directory. In the directory you will find members contact info including phone, email, shepherding group and address. To use the directory on your computer, go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com and create a login and password and follow the directions from there. To use on your phone, ipad or kindle, download the app from the App Store (Apple) , Google Play (Android) or Amazon's Appstore (Kindle). Contact Jeannie if you have problems setting this up.

-Messenger: This is our monthly newsletter. You can get the newsletter 3 ways— by snail mail, email or picking up a copy at church. Newsletter submissions are due in the middle of the month, usually between the 15th-18th. To change how you receive the newsletter, contact Jeannie in the office.

-Email Blasts: We use MailChimp to send out periodic email blasts. There are several different email groups: **Members** (funeral notifications, misc. communications, for example, when our phones were down this summer, closings due to weather), **Volunteers** (the volunteer schedule and volunteer conflict forms get sent out quarterly to this group) **Messenger** (the monthly newsletter is sent out to this group), **Pub Theology** (Shannon sends out topics, dates) and **Children/Youth Family** (monthly update from Shannon, volunteer help, Peace Camp sign up, and CYF events and announcements.)

-Sunday Bulletin—Events and announcements for the current and upcoming weeks can be found in the back of the weekly bulletin. These are only available at church on Sunday. If you have an event or announcement that you would like included, please send one week before you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

-Bulletin Board—this is located right out side the church office. On this board, you can find events happening at St. Peder's and also in our community. A copy of the current month's volunteer schedule, Meals on Wheels schedule and monthly meeting minutes and financial reports of the Council can also be found here. Keep in mind that the Jeannie has the most updated copy of the volunteer schedule on her desk (updated as members call in to sub or switch volunteer shifts)

-Volunteer Binder - The volunteer binder can be found in Fellowship Hall. The binder has lists of volunteers, volunteer coordinators and volunteer position descriptions. Keep in mind, the most updated copy of the volunteer schedule is on Jeannie's desk.



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The biggest part of the renovation is the townhomes, which will be renovated two or three units at a time. By donating moving supplies, you can help keep the stress low for families as they are temporarily relocated during the renovation. **They are currently seeking: Moving Boxes (90 small, approx. 16"x12"; 75 medium, approx. 12"x22"; and 60 large, approx. 22"x22") , TV Moving Boxes (6 boxes) , Wardrobe Boxes (6 boxes) , Mattress Bags (Twin/Full/Queen, up to 20) Packing Tape, Bubble Wrap, Packing Paper/ Newspaper. Packing Foam , Stretch Wrap, General Cleaning Supplies, Full-Sized Personal Care Products (Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel, etc.), Journals and Pens for Moms and Kids.** Please drop off all moving supplies in the marked bin at St. Peder's and Shawna Nelsen-Wills will drop them off to Emma Norton as they come in. Thank you for your support.

Easter Memorial / Honorary Plants



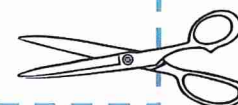
Memorial plants may be ordered to decorate and beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Orders need to be at church by **Sunday, March 22nd** Please complete and deliver to the church office along with payment. Thank you!

Your Name: _____

(Please circle): In Memory of OR In Honor of

Please write as you would like it to appear in bulletin. Thank you.

	PRICE EACH	NUMBER ORDERED	TOTAL
Easter Lilies	\$9.00	X _____	= _____
Mums	\$9.00	X _____	= _____
Tulips	\$9.00	X _____	= _____
Hydrangeas	\$15.00	X _____	= _____
GRAND TOTAL			_____



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 1st 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 January	\$ 16,684.93	Budget for the month	\$ 22,916.68
Year to Date	\$ 16,684.93	Budget Year to Date	\$ 22,916.68

Expenses

Month of January	\$ 24,329.53	Budget for the month	\$ 24,001.48
Year to Date	\$ 24,329.53	Budget Year to Date	\$ 24,001.48

Mission Support to...

Minneapolis Area Synod	YTD	\$ 1,166.67
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March Volunteer Schedule

March 1, 2020 Holy Communion by Full Table

Greeters: Ruth Thomsen and Kathryn Jensen

Ushers: Cameron Jamison and Peter Juhl

Acolyte: Siri Vossen

Reader: Joe Munnich

Communion Set Up & Clean Up: Wendy Legge and Judy Anderson

Communion Assistants:

Paul Aitchison, Elizabeth Anderson and Tom Dennstedt

Bread and Wine: Darrick Jensen and JeriLynn Young

Nursery: Shawna Nelsen-Wills and Bethene Hunsberger

Counters: Bob Stanich and Eva Tangen

LSS Safe House Dinner for March 2:

Anne & Nick Legeros and Peter & Sheryl Juhl

Sheridan Story for March 6: Sue Schnickel

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 2

March 8, 2020

Greeters: Carol Lindstrom and Corynne Christina

Ushers: Susan Schnickel and Dan Vetsch

Acolyte: Alec Peterson

Reader: Judy Hogan

Nursery: Chris Anderson and Nicky Taylor

Counters: Jackie West and Shawna Nelsen-Wills

LSS Safe House Dinner for March 9: John and Nanette Geroux

Sheridan Story for March 13: Sue Schnickel

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 3

March 15, 2020

Greeters: Dan and Karen Vetsch

Ushers: Curt Petersen and Paul Aitchison

Acolyte: Max Sandstrom

Reader: Charles Johnson

Nursery: Joe Munnich and Julie Ebbesen

Counters: Annalise Munnich and JeriLynn Young

LSS Safe House Dinner for March 16: Elizabeth and Tim Anderson

Sheridan Story for March 20: Dwight Lundebly and Ruth Thomsen

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 4

March 22, 2020

Greeters: Forest and Elizabeth Bentley

Ushers: Paul Jensen and Peter Paulsen

Acolyte: Eleanor Munnich

Reader: Elizabeth Anderson

Nursery: Nicky Taylor and Dan Vetsch

Counters: Terri Vetsch and Derrick Jensen

LSS Safe House Dinner for March 23: Mark and Jodi Jenson

Sheridan Story for March 26: Jeanne Schleh

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 5

March 29, 2020

Greeters: Lee Hawks and Sue Schnickel

Ushers: Dan Peterson and Al Nielsen

Acolyte: Elliette Wilson


Reader: JeriLynn Young

Nursery: Steve Austin and Eva Tangen

Counters: Steve Austin and Sue Nielsen

LSS Safe House Dinner for March 30: Lori Gleason and Deb Zabloski


Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 6



Thank you for
volunteering your
time and talent at
St. Peder's.

Please try to arrange
your own trades. If
you are pressed for
time or have ques-
tions or concerns,
contact the church
Office at 612-722-
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MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation 6 pm Girl Scouts	2 7 pm St. Peder's Choir	3 Presidential Primary Voting 7 am-8pm 10 am Aerobics	4 9:30 am Quilters 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 Lenten Worship	5 10 am Aerobics	6 5 and 6:30 pm Annual Cod Fish and Meatball Dinner	7 2 pm Fiber Arts Set clocks ahead tonight!!
8 Daylight Savings Begins 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation 6 pm Girl Scouts	9 7 pm St. Peder's Choir	10 10 am Aerobics 6 pm Twin Cities Sisters in Crime	11 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Worship	12 10 am Aerobics 6:30 pm Health Care for all Minnesotans	13	14 12 Girl Scouts
15 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation 6 pm Girl Scouts	16 7 pm St. Peder's Choir	17 10 am Aerobics	18 9:30 am Quilters 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Worship	19 10 am Aerobics	20	21 2 pm Fiber Arts
22 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation 6 pm Girl Scouts	23 7 pm St. Peder's Choir	24 10 am Aerobics	25 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 pm Lenten Worship 8 pm Council Mtg. ?	26 10 am Aerobics 6 pm Kindred Spirits	27	28 12 Girl Scouts 6-8 pm Game and Pizza Night
29 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation 6 pm Girl Scouts	30 11:30 am Meals on Wheels 7 pm St. Peder's Choir	31 10 am Aerobics 11:30 am Meals on Wheels	<i>items in gray italics indicate outside group events</i>			

**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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