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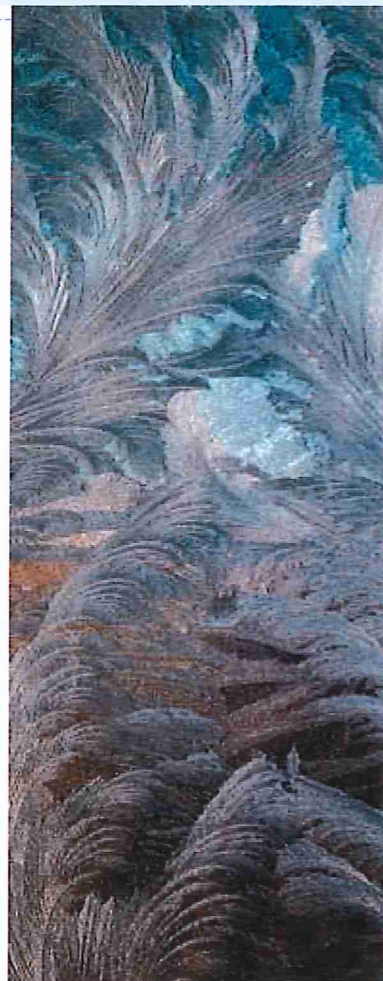
The Messenger

Mark your calendars!

**Annual Meeting of the
Congregation is:
Sunday, January 26
at 10:30 a.m.**

All voting members (confirmed members) are invited to attend this meeting to elect new council members and a new council president, and receive reports from the Council and various committees. The Ottar Jorgensen Service Award recipients will also be announced.

***Annual Reports will be prepared and
available on January 26.***



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Mark Your Calendars: Shepherding Group Sunday is February 2! It's soon time to meet and plan!



After worship and some social time together in the Fellowship Hall, we'll gather in our Shepherding Groups to make plans for Lenten Soup Suppers (that begin with Ash Wednesday on February 26) and other service commitments and opportunities.

The current Shepherding Groups will remain intact for this next year. **If you're not currently assigned to a Shepherding Group, let Pastor Julie know and we'll get you signed up!**

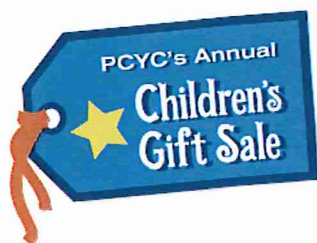
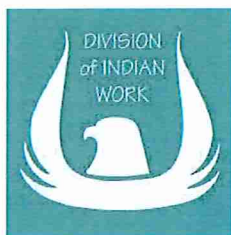
The Shepherding Group lists will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office – and space assignments for the meetings that day will be posted as well.

Thanks for all you do in your Shepherding Groups throughout the year to support St Peder's mission and ministry!

Thank You from Center for Victims of Torture

"I want to thank Karen, Dan, Pastor Julie and the entire St. Peder's congregation. This is wonderful news that St. Peder's has supported CVT's client's again this year through gift Sunday. These gifts may seem simple, but they provide acknowledgement of each person's value as a unique human being – that is a gift of great value! Please thank the congregation once again for such beautiful gifts of affirmation!" With gratitude, Nancy Pearson, New Tactics in Human Rights Training Manager

The Center for Victims of Torture received \$530.00 in cash and gift card donations along with 6 fully packed bag of goods (scarves, thermal underwear, hand warmers, socks, hats, slippers and tops). The Division of Indian Work received over 12 full bags of toys, books, games, electronics and personal items to be distributed to youth, The PCYC Annual Children's Gift Sale was brought 8 full bags of "wished for" items that were listed on the tags from the small tree in the hallway. Thank you again for your generosity!



There'll be no Retired Folks potluck in January. Keep warm and healthy until our February gathering on February 21!

A Green 2020

Have you ever wondered whether your recycling and/or composting actions are really making a difference? Do you have questions about what is or is not recyclable? Are you ready to take a next step in upping your waste management practices?

St. Peder's member Judy Hogan recently completed the 30-hour Hennepin County Master Recycler/Composter program and is available to help you address these questions and more. Over the next several months she will be providing information in the Messenger and is available to help you plan/conduct "green" events (at church or at your home!).

Contact her at 2judyhogan@gmail.com with questions or requests.



Window Decorators Brighten Up St. Peder's

Every month or so, a small group of St. Peder's members set up a few card tables in the office outside of Pastor's office and quickly get to work on the display case. This group of creative women (Alice Bekke, Corynne Christina, Sonja Clementson and Carol Lindstrom) decorate the window display each month with a different theme. It started when they noticed the display was, well, not displaying much of anything. Betty Casper and Corynne Christina decided to do something about it. About once a month, they decide on a theme, usually depending on the season. They then bring items from their homes or ask other's to bring in items. Corynne has brought in her daughter's painted gourds, along with her own paintings and one month they had a few St. Peder's woodworkers bring in their carvings. Past themes have included: Gnome Sweet Gnome, Gourds, Thanksgiving Scene, Winter Wonderland, Quilting and Sewing, Teapots and Easter to name a few. A big thanks to these women for adding a little beauty and creativity to St. Peder's!



Carol, Corynne and Sonja beside the display case.

Children & Youth Faith Formation

Teacher Schedule: Children & Youth Faith Formation

January 12

Shawna and Jeremy

January 19

Chris and Dan

January 26

Julie and Karen



Dancing around the Christmas Tree after Song Service.

Photo credit: Mary Trogen

Adult Faith Formation

January Adult Faith Formation...

Join Pastor Julie in the Lounge **on January 5, 12, and 19** as we explore what it means for the ELCA to be a **sanctuary denomination** and how we might live that out in our mission at St Peder's. Each week the sessions begin at 10:30.

In August, 2019, at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, the voting members approved a memorial that the ELCA would be a sanctuary denomination. In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority in the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.

While we don't yet know the full scope of the work that this declaration will open for the ELCA, there is work already being done that we will learn more about in our three sessions together. (There will be no Adult Faith Formation on January 26. Come to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation instead!)

January 6 : Pub Theology!



Join us at Parkway Pizza from 7pm-8pm! All are welcome (though you must be 21 or over to drink). Our topic for the evening: What is the future of the church? How do we invite in the next generation? All this and more on the 6th!

January Sheridan Story Schedule

January 10

Bethene Hunsberger

January 24

Dwight Lundebly and
Sue Schnickel



Goal Setting As A Family

I know, I know the idea of New Years' resolutions can get a little cheesy. Or feel a little pointless: why pick something to do when you know you're going to abandon it by the end of the month? But at the same time the start of a new year is a natural time to do some thinking about goals or rituals you want to instill in your family.

Here are some commitments to consider this year:

A weekly dinner (where no screens are allowed). Could there be one dinner a week where you all sit down together to eat? To talk about what's going on in your lives and share what you're grateful for?

A family "Good Things" container. Get a large, see through container and a different color of paper or index cards for each member of your family. At least once a week everyone writes something good that happened (or something they are grateful for) on their card, puts the date on it, and puts it into the container. At the end of the year take out all of the cards and share your year in good things together giving thanks for all that you experienced.

A family spiritual practice. Whether it's reading a story from the Bible together each week, saying a prayer before bed, or using your family conversation cards try to inject some kind of spiritual practice into your life (if you don't already have one).

A monthly volunteer project. Each month a different member of the family chooses a place to go and volunteer. Whether it's serving a meal at Simpson Shelter, delivering food with Meals on Wheels, or picking up trash in your neighborhood there are a ton of ways to serve people around you.

A family donation. Set up a jar where everyone can contribute some of their money. A couple times a year make a decision as a family where to donate the money. Instilling practices around giving is something that can (and should) start young!

Goals that are actionable, measurable, and shared with others are more likely to become consistent habits. If you want some built in accountability, share your family goal with me and I'll check in occasionally to see how it's going!

Happy New Year!

Shannon Kearns

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Director of Faith Formation and Outreach



Thanks to all of our kids, teaching artist Emily Zimmer and Shannon Kearns for putting on another wonderful Christmas Pageant!



January Worship Schedule



Sunday, January 5

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

Sunday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 26

9 am Worship/Youth Faith Formation
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:30 Annual Meeting

Minnesota Threshold Network Twin Cities Meeting at St. Peder's: "Working Respectfully with Trans and Nonbinary Communities."

Minnesota Threshold Network is an organization dedicated to educating themselves and others about the environmental, emotional and economic benefits of a more natural, less commercial approach to death, including conscious dying, home vigils, family-directed funerals, and natural burials. MTN now has almost 500 members.

Transgender and nonbinary people have existed for as long as human cultures have been creating genders, but some of the language and concepts may be new to you. Transgender and nonbinary individuals and communities may have different needs and face different challenges around end of life and after-death care than our cisgender peers. Join Minnesota Threshold Network on a journey through the wonderful world of trans and nonbinary terminology, current concerns, and what we in the deathcare field can do to ensure that our work respects this diverse and vibrant community.

Our guides on this exploration are:

Root Holden (they/them, he/him), transgender podcaster and death educator
Shannon TL Kearns (he/him), transgender playwright and theologian
Eli Effinger-Weintraub (they/them), nonbinary MTN member and death radical

MTN facilitators: Eli Effinger-Weintraub and Anne Murphy

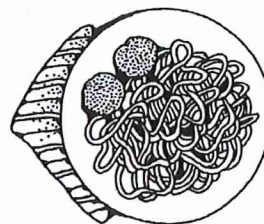
All Minnesota Threshold Network meetings are free and open to the public. Donations from the heart for space rental and printing materials are gladly accepted.

RickyRides carpooling link:

<http://www.rickyrides.com/minnesota-threshold-network-january-meeting>

Minnehaha Food Shelf Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

The annual Pasta Dinner to support the Minnehaha Food Shelf will be at Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church (5011 S. 31st Avenue, Minneapolis) on **Wednesday, January 8 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Pasta dinner, door prizes, music and more! Adults \$15, ages 10 and under free. Join us for food and fun!



EcoFaith Power Up: Determining Our Collective Path Forward: Saturday, February 8, 2020 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. Location TBA

This first-time event invites members of congregations across the Minneapolis Area Synod to engage in conversation around creation care, identify common environmental issues to galvanize around, and move forward with collective, concrete action. We will intentionally gather right before the beginning of the 2020 legislative session to discuss collective action that Lutherans in MAS can take to positively affect creation in Minnesota. The structure of our time together will include a worship service, workshops, breakout sessions, a speaker or two, and the chance to meet with watershed district representatives.

Lunch will be provided and monetary donations to cover the cost of food is requested. If you have questions about the gathering, please contact Grace Corbin, g.corbin@mpls-synod.org or Mariah Norell, m.norell@mpls-synod.org.



Together in Mission 2019

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 11th month of 2019. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

Income

Month of November	\$ 20,247.06	Budget for the month	\$ 23,750.00
Year to Date	\$ 222,778.33	Budget Year to Date	\$ 261,250.00

Expenses

Month of November	\$ 20,864.35	Budget for the month	\$ 24,597.91
Year to Date	\$ 263,239.57	Budget Year to Date	\$ 274,032.09

Mission Support to...

Minneapolis Area Synod	YTD	\$ 12,833.34
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January Volunteer Schedule



January 5, 2020 Holy Communion by Intinction

Greeters: Paul and Michelle Aitchison

Ushers: Cameron Jamison and Joe Munnich

Acolyte: Eleanor Munnich

Reader: Melba Granlund

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

Communion Assistants: Judy Hogan, Karen Vetsch and Dwight Lundeby

Wine Provided By: JeriLynn Young and Darrick Jensen

Nursery: Nicky Taylor and Chris Anderson

Counters: Bob Stanich and John Skraba

LSS Safe House Dinner for January 6: Terri Vetsch and Dan & Karen Vetsch

Sheridan Story for January 10: Bethene Hunsberger

Social Hour hosted by Shepherd Group 3

January 12, 2020

Greeters: Alan and Sue Nielsen

Ushers: Craig Rocheleau and Paul Jensen

Acolyte: Elliette Wilson

Reader: Tim Anderson

Nursery: Alice Bekke and Scott Wilson

Counters: Marcia Rocheleau and Paul Odegaard

LSS Safe House Dinner for January 13: Sue and Al Nielsen

Social Hour hosted by Shepherd Group 4



January 19, 2020

Greeters: Peter and Kathryn Gantriis

Ushers: Peter Juhl and Susan Schnickel

Acolyte: Max Sandstrom

Reader: Max Vossen

Nursery: Steve Austin and Shawna Nelsen-Wills

Counters: Steve Austin and Paul Aitchison

LSS Safe House Dinner for January 20: Liz and Forrest Bentley

Sheridan Story for January 24: Dwight Lundeby and Ruth Thomsen

Social Hour hosted by Shepherd Group 5



January 26, 2020

Greeters: Jim and Heidi Nelsen

Ushers: Al Nielsen and Lisa Jensen

Acolyte: Alec Peterson

Reader: Bruce Simpson

Nursery: Mindy Anderson and Joe Munnich

Counters: Annalise Munnich and Sue Schnickel

LSS Safe House Dinner for January 27:


Hung & Shelly Brown Ton and Sue Schnickel

Social Hour hosted by Shepherd 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 questions or concerns, please contact Jeannie in the church office at 612-722-8000 or office@stpeders.org

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Quilters No Confirmation	2 10 am Aerobics 11 am Staff Meeting	3	4 2 pm Fiber Arts
5 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 am Adult Faith Formation	6 7 pm Pub Theology 7pm Choir	7 10 am Aerobics 6 pm Twin Cities Sisters in Crime	8 9 am Quilters 6:30 pm Confirmation	9 10 am Aerobics 11 am Staff Meeting 6:30 Health Care for All	10	11
12 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 am Adult Faith Formation	13 7pm Choir	14 10 am Aerobics 7 pm Mn Threshold Network Meeting	15 9am Quilters 6:30 Confirmation	16 10 am Aerobics 11 am Staff Meeting	17 Newsletter Articles Due	18 2 pm Fiber Arts
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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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