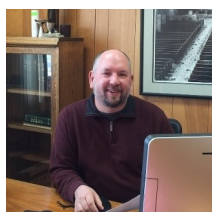




The Messenger

In the Interim: How Well Are We Known

-Pastor Eric Luedtke, Interim Pastor



I recently shared some reflections with St. Peder's Leadership – thoughts about conversations I've been having with people outside of the congregation about St. Peder's. As an Interim Pastor these conversations seem to come up quite naturally in conversation.

I've had a number of conversations where the generous spirit of St. Peder's has been noted. Organizations that are aware of our generosity are grateful for our financial gifts as well as the gifts of our time and skills. Sometimes the acts of love we do may not seem like much to us, but are deeply appreciated by the recipients, even if we never hear the thank yous.

I have had other conversations recently where I've heard people who are unsure where St. Peder's is located or aren't aware of the work we've done as a congregation over the years. Admittedly, even the best-connected person in a community won't know every organization or business.

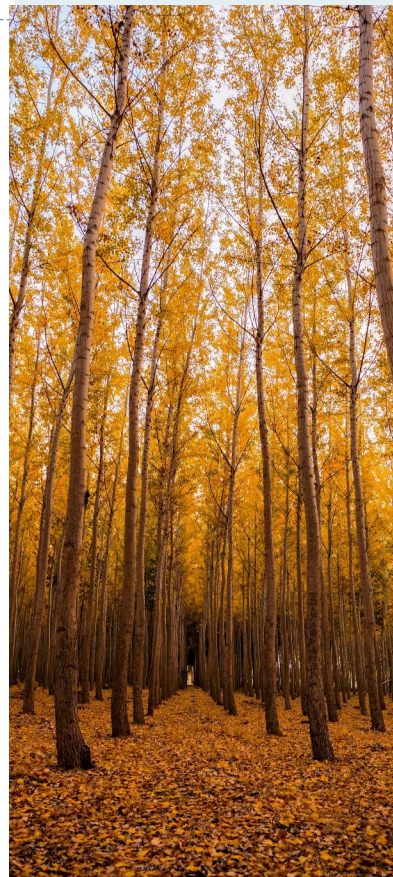
We have a positive working relationship with Minnehaha Academy Lower Campus. One of their administrators stopped by to discuss a solution to traffic challenges created by the redesign of 42nd Street. Our residential neighbors also feel comfortable approaching us for various reasons, including inviting us to be part of Community events.

It may be worth noting just how many things have changed in our neighborhood over the past 2 years. What new businesses have opened in that time? Who has moved out of our neighborhood – and who has moved in? How have our patterns of involvement in the community changed – as individuals or as a church?

The Transition Team has now completed our three "listening sessions" with the congregation. In each session we heard comments from individuals that they felt they got to know their fellow St. Peder's members better through this process. This isn't to say we didn't know one another before, but even in our closest relationships we can always dig deeper and get to know one another better.

As the Transition Team meets in the next few weeks we'll discuss the themes that emerged from the gatherings and how those will inform

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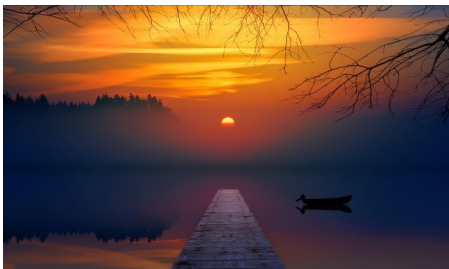
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Special Guests—the Rundman Family—Sunday October 17th



We are excited to announce that Jonathan Rundman and his family will be leading worship for us on Sunday, October 17. Jonathan has traveled full-time for over 30 years sharing his unique perspective on faith and rock and roll as a Finnish-American-Midwestern-GenX-Lutheran - but recently Jonathan has slowed his touring schedule to take classes at Luther Seminary as he follows a call to ordination in the ELCA. Jonathan has written hymns that are included in the new *All Creation Sings* hymnal supplement, a liturgy that he has shared in churches throughout the US, and just recently he published an ethnomusicological memoir of songs in the Finnish-American Lutheran Tradition. His wife Dawn, and teen-children Paavo and Svea will round out his "band" on accordion, violin, and viola. Join us for a festive morning of worship.



Honoring our Saints

As we approach All Saints **Sunday, November 7**, we recognize that the past two years have been challenging as we were not able to meet in person in the ways we are used to. This is abundantly true as we consider the many Saints who died and had funerals or burials with restricted attendance or services that were delayed or still haven't been held.

We are planning some time in Worship on All Saints Sunday to remember those who died over the past two years. To help us in this endeavor we are asking members of St. Peder's to **submit names of those who have died in the past two years (approximately November 2019 to present) that you would like to have publicly remembered as part of our worship.** We will also be **offering the opportunity to purchase a candle that will be lit during worship (and that you can take home) to honor your loved one.** More information to come on that in the weekly bulletins and via email.

Please submit names to Jeannie (office@stpeders.org or 612.722.8000) by **Sunday, October 31** so that we can include them in this part of the worship service.

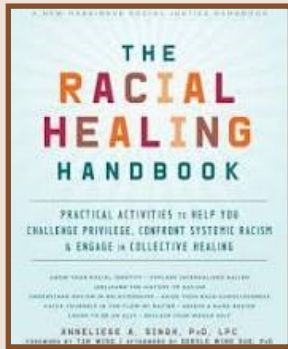
From the Council President.....

Dear Fabulous St. Peder's Members and Friends,

Happy autumn! This is always a beautiful time of year in Minnesota with the fall colors, perfect temperatures, and all things apple and pumpkin. I hope you are able to take some time to get outside and enjoy time with friends and family. It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our Rally Sunday service and gathering afterwards—complete with Nelson's Deli sandwiches, a Hawaiian Shaved Ice Truck, and other goodies and time together. Special thanks to the Parent's Council for their leadership on this event!

The St. Peder's Council is continuing to meet in person to make plans for fall and moving forward. We are excited to **welcome worshipers inside the sanctuary and to in-person Communion starting on Sunday, October 3, 2021.** We continue to be hopeful that with strong vaccination rates in our members and community and flat or declining community COVID-19 rates, we can resume more normal operations at the church. Due to the Delta variant and the

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Fall Book Study /Adult Faith Formation

Book Study begins **October 24, 2021** meet in the lounge at **10:30 am** after coffee hour. We will be starting with the introduction and pondering, *What is Racism, Exactly*. Join other members of St. Peder's as we have conversations around Racism. Facilitating the group will be members of St. Peders with hearts and minds open to learn and hear from all who gather.

Everyone is welcome to join us. You do not need to have the book to participate in practical activities (discussions) to help us challenge privilege, confront systemic racism and engage in collective healing.

The book we are referencing is *The Racial Healing Handbook* - Author Anneliese A. Singh, PhD, LPC. A copy can be found in our church library. Any questions please reach out to Karen Vetsch: 612-721-7385 boodiv@yahoo.com



Pub Theology

Pub Theology meets again on **Monday Oct. 4th 7:00 pm** at Parkway Pizza Mpls - 4359 Minnehaha Ave. Topic - Politics and social reform (seek to raise the quality of life for others) Join us for conversation and community. Please email Jeannie in the church office if you would like to be added to the communication list for Pub Theology reminders and updates. Enthusiastic organizers, Karen Vetsch and Allison O'Day



October Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 3

9 am Worship with Holy Communion
10 am Coffee and Fellowship

Sunday, October 10

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
10:15 Voting Coffee & Conversation
11:30 Youth Faith Formation (Zoom)

Sunday, October 17

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee and Fellowship
11:30 Youth Faith Formation (Zoom)

Sunday, October 24

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 Adult Faith Formation/Book Study

Sunday, October 31

Confirmation and Reformation Sunday

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee and Fellowship



Mark Your Calendars!

*Aebleskive Breakfast
will be on Sunday,
November 7th
following worship!*



Celebration of Life Services for Gerda Lyon

The family of Gerda Lyon will be holding a Celebration of Life on Saturday, **November 13th at St. Peder's with visitation at 10 am, celebration of life service at 11 am and a lunch to follow.** Gerda passed away on October 10, 2020. She was a long time member of St. Peder's (she joined when she was 18!), and performed many roles at St. Peder's. She served as the church secretary, on the altar guild, sang in the church choir for many years, and embroidered a large part of the St. Peder's historical mural in the lounge. Gerda was blessed with a beautiful soprano voice and she shared this gift at many occasions. She expressed her deep and abiding faith through music and by service at St. Peder's. Pastor Linda Rozumalski, pastor at West Denmark Lutheran Church in Luck, Wisconsin, Gerda's hometown, will be the officiant at her Celebration of Life Service.



Coffee and Conversation

Haven't voted yet? Questions on the ballot for the upcoming election confusing? Want to see a sample ballot? Join me for coffee and conversations in the church lounge at **10:15 - 11:30 am Sunday Oct 10th.** No official experts, just friends trying to learn and understand more about the questions prior to voting. -Karen Vetsch



A Thank You....

Thank you for all the love and support we have received as we celebrated Dad at St. Peder's on September 4. We are so grateful to all of you who were able to be there in person or held us in your thoughts. Thank you for all the preparations before the service, serving the lunch, and cleaning everything up. You helped our family with your care and kindness.



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We are Hiring—Please Help Spread the Word!

St Peder's is seeking a part-time (at will) temporary Organist / Music Ministry Coordinator to provide worship leadership and shepherd members in utilizing their musical gifts in the life of the congregation. Additional information about the position can be found on our website: <http://www.stpeders.org/worship/music-ministry/>

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume to jobs@stpeders.org.

Gently Used Clothing Drive & New Toiletries

Support local Veterans, sponsored by Social Ministries

Every Third Saturday-ETS Supply Store 4303 East 54th St. Minneapolis, MN 55417

Since 2008, ETS has distributed over 500,000 items to veterans. Everything from hotel size shampoo, clothing, winter coats, new snow boots. *They accept gently used clothing and shoes. Please no household items.* **Drop items off at church October 10th through the 17th in the designated tubs. Any questions please contact Karen Vetsch 612-721-7385.**

Check out the Every Third Saturday site. ETS is growing and building a multi resource center and support space. For more info click [here](#).



It's Time to Vote by Kristi Erickson

Once again it is time to vote. Our vote is our voice, please let your voice be heard.

This year many communities are voting in municipal elections, but there are no state wide elections. Minneapolis will hold general elections for Mayor, the 13 City Council seats, Board of Estimate and Taxation (2 at large seats), Park and Recreation (6 districts and 3 at large seats) and 3 ballot questions. Other communities may be voting on City Officers, School Board Members, Township Offices and/or local ballot questions. You can begin now to consider the issues that are important to you and learn about the platforms and views of the candidates. Additionally, review all ballot questions and be sure you understand what a yes or no vote means.

Minneapolis voters are encouraged to study their three ballot questions closely. Question 2, especially, has received a large amount of media attention. Two political organizations are providing information for voters, click [here](#) and [here](#) to read more. As a racial justice team, we hope you will engage your heart and mind while pondering the question and be aware there are members of the Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) community on both sides of the issue.

Tuesday November 2, 2021, is 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 a ballot, vote in person early, poll locations, and county election office addresses can be found at [Elections and Voting](#) or [Vote Minneapolis](#)
- For non-computer users, use election phone numbers: Metro Area: 651-215-1440, Greater MN: 1-877-600-VOTE (8683), or contact your county election office.
- If you are a resident of Minneapolis, get a sample ballot and learn about ballot information including offices, candidates, and questions at [What's on the ballot](#).
- If you are not a resident of Minneapolis, check to see if your community votes this year at [regularly scheduled elections](#) or use [Polling Place Finder](#). You can also find names of candidates and questions that will be on the ballot for your precinct at [My Ballot](#).

Minneapolis uses ranked choice voting (RCV) for municipal offices. [RCV](#) is a voting method where you vote for candidates in order of your preference. You may vote for three candidates, ranking them as first choice, second choice, and third choice, but choosing a second or third candidate is not required. This method can allow your vote to count toward another candidate if your favorite candidate loses. For example, if your first choice doesn't win, your vote is transferred to your second choice. RCV is not used in elections for school board or for county, state, or federal offices.

Vote by Mail

Request a ballot online, or complete the MN ballot application found on website above, by Oct 19. Upon receipt of ballot, read instructions carefully and make selections. Return the application soon after completing. Information for return can be found on website above. If returned by mail, it must be received by 8pm Nov 2. Mailed ballots can also be returned in person to the election office that sent your ballot, or dropped off at early 'in person' voting places, no later than 3pm on Nov 2. Ballots may NOT be dropped at your polling place.

Vote Early in Person

Minneapolis early voting is in progress at the Elections and Voter Service Center, 980 E. Hennepin Ave, through Mon, Nov 1, 2021. Hours are M-F 8am-4:30pm, with extended hours 7am-6pm M-F, Oct 18-29, and last two weekends of Oct. Non-Minneapolis voters can vote in person at your county election office. Election office locations and clerk phone numbers can be found at [vote early in person](#).

Vote on Election Day, November 2

Polling places are usually open from 7am to 8pm. You can find your poll location and hours on above websites. In Minnesota you can register to vote or update your registration at your polling place on Election Day with proof of residence.

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youngest members of our church not able to be vaccinated yet, we do ask that everyone continue to mask indoors. For communion, we plan to have fewer people at the altar at a time, and will have other protocols in place for health and safety.

We understand that not everyone will be comfortable coming back into the Sanctuary or to Coffee Hour at this time. To that end, we will continue to offer a recording of the live service and will be transitioning to offering a livestream of the service once we have the equipment installed in October. Please do what makes you feel comfortable in this time of transition. Thank you all for your commitment to keeping each other and our community safe! The Council and staff will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will make any adjustments as needed.

We have some exciting events coming up for the fall and are moving forward with planning for some special musical services, modified Æbleskive Sunday, and more. We are excited to welcome back our Shepherding Groups (find the schedule [here](#)) and our delicious coffee and fellowship time. A detailed schedule can be found on our website [here](#). We will have limited indoor seating and will encourage everyone to be outside for fellowship time as much as possible. We will also have grab and go options!

Online Sunday school kicks off on Sunday, September 26 and we have some fun interactive Zoom lessons ready to go around the theme "Advent in fall". So often the important Advent lessons get missed as December is a busy time in the church, so we are adding them in early. These lessons will build to a Christmas Pageant in December. Upcoming sessions are October 10th and 17th.

Special thanks to our Interim Pastor Eric and Transition Team leaders for leading some great sessions over the past few months. I look forward to learning about the key values and ideas that came out of this work that will go into our Ministry Site Profile as we prepare to call a new Pastor for St. Peder's.

Finally, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or ideas at: shawnanelsen3@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Peder's and our broader community. I feel so blessed to be a part of such a welcoming and generous faith community! Sending prayers to all as we move forward together during this time of change, hope, and joy as we gather together again.

In gratitude,

Shawna Nelsen-Wills
Council President 612-408-2860

Basic CPR/AED Certification Course: Sunday Volunteers Encouraged to Sign Up! Saturday, October 9, 2021 | 9 am—12:30 pm

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alive



Learn the basic techniques of adult CPR and the use of an AED. Students also learn about using barrier devices in CPR and giving first aid for choking. The course teaches how to recognize the signs of 4 major emergencies: heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest, and foreign-body airway obstruction. For up to ten (10) students. **We especially encourage our Sunday morning volunteers to sign up for the training.**

St. Peder's will subsidize the cost for members to attend this course, although it is open to others for just \$59. Sign up in the office! Or contact the office at: office@stpeters.org or 612-722-8000.

RIVERSIDE INNOVATION HUB Riverside Innovation Hub Learning Cohort Update: A Walk Around the Neighborhood by Karen Vetsch

As we continue our work with the Riverside Innovation Hub (<https://www.augsburg.edu/riversidehub/>) our team has met online with others involved in the Learning Cohort to better understand the work ahead of us.

Our first “assignment” was to do a Prayer Walk of our neighborhood. Even determining what “neighborhood” meant was a bit of a challenge - does that mean just a few blocks around the physical church? Is it the whole Longfellow Community? Our team focused our walk in the blocks adjacent to church with some of us walking a few blocks North, others South, and others to the West and East.

The day we walked was quiet so we mostly noticed structures and signs. Many homes are showing their age, others have been torn down and replaced, buildings that were once businesses converted to residences. Signs that cry out for social justice and community concerns that reflect the progressive majority in the community. Homes for sale at prices that seem out of reach for first-time home buyers raising the question, “who is moving in to this neighborhood?”

As we talked about our observations our team kept pondering the question “what does it mean to be a good neighbor in the community that surrounds St. Peder’s?” This is a question that drives our work and helps to inform our congregation of how we might **be** the church in the years to come and how each of us as members might find ways to experience the good news that surrounds us.

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how we answer questions on the Ministry Site Profile. The Team will then share these insights and information with the congregation to get a sense of whether these learnings reflect where God is leading us in the future and characteristics of the pastor who will join us in that journey.

In the meantime, I invite you to take notice of the neighborhood as you journey around St. Peder’s. Invite God to help you notice something you haven’t noticed before. Think about ways we as a church might be present in our neighborhood. Consider the places of good news in our neighborhood and how we might amplify that good news to our neighbors.

Together in Mission 2021

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 8th month of 2021. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who’d like to see it.

Income

Month of August	\$ 12,928.81	Budget for the month	\$ 20,833.33
Year to Date	\$ 137,240.33	Budget Year to Date	\$ 166,666.68

Expenses

Month of August	\$ 27,902.90	Budget for the month	\$ 21,230.93
Year to Date	\$ 167,767.70	Budget Year to Date	\$ 182,247.24

Mission Support to...

Minneapolis Area Synod	YTD	\$ 9,333.36
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October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 2 pm Fiber Arts
3 9 am Worship w/Holy Communion, 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	4 7 pm Pub Theology 	5	6 9 am Quilters	7	8	9 9:00 CPR Class
10 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 Voting Conversation, Lounge 11:30 Zoom Youth Faith Formation	11 Indigenous Peoples Day	12	13	14 7 pm Music and Worship Committee	15	16 2 pm Fiber Arts 
17 9 am Worship w/ the Rundman Family 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 Zoom Youth Faith Formation	18 Newsletter Articles Due Meals on Wheels	19 Meals on Wheels	20 Meals on Wheels 9 am Quilters	21 Meals on Wheels	22	23
24 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Fall Book Study Begins	25	26	27 7 pm Council Mtg.	28	29	30
31 Confirmation Sunday Reformation Sunday 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee and Fellowship 						



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, contact the church office or email Jeannie:

office@stpeders.org
612-722-800

October Volunteer Schedule

October 3, 2021 Holy Communion by Full Table

Greeters: Lisa Jensen and Butch Vossen

Ushers: Peter Paulson & Julie Ebbesen

Acolyte: Elliette Wilson

Reader: Joe Munnich

Communion Set Up & Clean Up: Karen Vetsch and Eva Tangen

Communion Assistants:

Bob Stanich, Bruce Simpson, Sue Schnickel, Shawna Nelsen-Wills

Bread and Wine: Judy and Bill Anderson

Counters: Bob Stanich and Jerilynn Young

LSS Safe House Dinner for October 4: Cameron and Pat Jamison, Alice Bekke

Sheridan Story for October 8: Dwight Lundebly and Karen Vetsch

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 3

October 10, 2021

Greeters: Chuck Johnson and Kristi Lahti-Johnson

Ushers: Jim Nelson & Greta Gantriis

Acolyte: Alice Petersen

Reader: Marcia Rocheleau

Counters: Marcia Rocheleau and Karen Vetsch

LSS Safe House Dinner for October 11: Shawna Nelsen-Wills and Steve Wills

Sheridan Story for October 14: Bob Stanich and Jeanne Schleh

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 4

October 17, 2021

Greeters: Al and Sue Nielsen

Ushers: Joe Dynneson & Craig Rocheleau

Acolyte: Isaiah Wills

Reader: Martha Olsen

Counters: Cameron Jamison and Eva Tangen

LSS Safe House Dinner for October 18: Meg and Curt Petersen

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 5

October 24, 2021

Greeters: John and Doreen Skraba

Ushers: Dan Vetsch & Karen Vetsch

Acolyte: Siri Vossen

Reader: Sue Schnickel

Counters: Jackie West and Doreen Skraba

LSS Safe House Dinner for October 25:

Kathryn Jensen, Lisa Jensen and Butch Vossen

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 6

October 31, 2021, Confirmation Sunday, Reformation Sunday

Greeters: Dan and Karen Vetsch

Ushers: Peter Juhl & Susan Schnickel

Acolyte: Isla Wills

Reader: Kristi Lahti-Johnson

Counters: Steve Austin and Sue Nielsen

LSS Safe House Dinner for November 1:

Daniel Peterson and Kristin Lerstrom, John and Doreen Skraba

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 7

**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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