

The Messenger

Hello and welcome to October!

This month, I wanted to introduce, on behalf of the St Peder's Reconciling in Christ task force, the new proposed RIC welcome statement. We'll be voting to officially replace our older one at the next annual meeting, but I think that it's a really amazing statement and one that can begin having an impact on us now.



As a community of the people of God, we are called to be in ministry with all people of our world, knowing that the world can be unloving and an unwelcoming place. Our world is a place of injustice, alienation, divisiveness, and brokenness. Christ calls us to reconciliation, wholeness, and community. We strive to be a place of peace, rest, and to be made whole by God's infinite love and grace.

-St. Peder's welcomes all people. We welcome every race, culture, age, ability, family structure, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

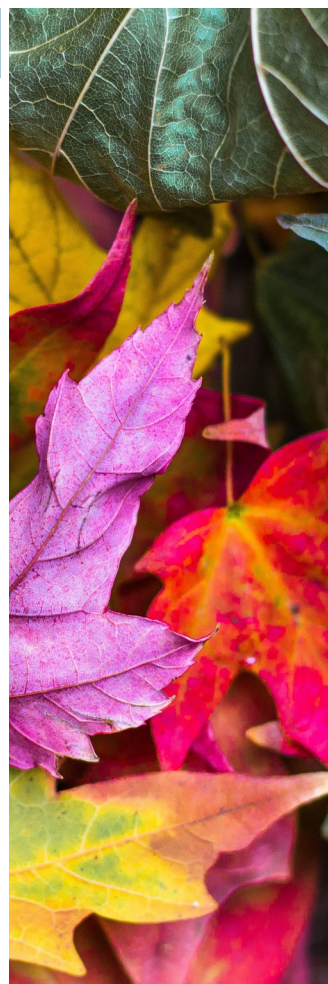
-As a congregation, we humbly commit: to the holy work of listening, learning, and repentance; to transform traditions and practices that are harmful, unjust or unwelcoming; and to grow in ways to act in God's love by advocating for anti-racism, LGBTQIA+ rights, social and economic justice and environmental stewardship.

-We are all parts of the body of Christ and unique individuals created by God. We love and accept everyone as they are. We commit to honor everyone's unique experiences and gifts as we journey together in Christ.

All Are Welcome Here!

When I met with the group last month, I was struck by a few observations made in the discussion. First, that this statement is a statement of intention. This is who we intend to be. We intend to be a place of welcome, of hospitality, of relationships, and justice. As a congregation, we are on a journey of becoming this kind of community. As such, this statement is something we can measure up to; we can revisit it and see if what we are doing reflects what we say we believe.

Secondly, and related to the first, is that this statement means very little if people do not feel it when they are with us. Paul, writing to the Christian church in Corinth, says in this way: "If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." (1 Corinthians 13:1) Without the love to back this statement up, without the intentional practice of welcoming people and building relationships with them, this statement means very little.



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Letter from the Council President...

Dear Fabulous Congregants of St. Peder's,

It has been so wonderful having so many people in worship and at other events at St. Peder's over the past month, including Our Hand's, God's Work Sunday and at the Installation Sunday/Rally Sunday. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the special service for Pastor Bryan, combined with our Rally Sunday events. The morning included a moving Installation service, communion, blessing of the backpacks, a lovely choir performance, and a bouncy house and an ice cream sundae bar to cap off the festivities.

It is such a blessing having so many members and guests join us for this momentous occasion at St. Peder's, including Pastor Craig Peterson from the Synod Office and family and friends of Pastor Bryan and family. Thank you to all who played a role over the past 18 months helping us get to this exciting new chapter for St. Peder's—from the Transition Team, the Call Committee, the Council, the Synod, and everyone who participated in our listening sessions and kept us in your prayers! Pastor Bryan, we are so thrilled to have you as our new Pastor at St. Peder's and to welcome your family to our community.

We have an exciting fall ahead, including the renewal of the St. Peder's Choir, Faith Formation for youth and adults, confirmation, Æbleskive Sunday, worship with our new Pastor, and much more! There are a lot of ways to get involved—please reach out to Pastor Bryan, Jeannie, Council members, or myself if you are wondering how to best engage in ministry at St. Peder's! Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 25, and will be held every Sunday, except for the 1st Sunday of the month which is Communion Sunday where we invite families to worship together. Each Sunday, we invite the kids to start in worship, and then head to the classroom following the Children's Sermon. Mia will also be working with the children on some special musical pieces to perform in church—more details to come. I can't wait to hear their beautiful voices in the sanctuary!

I hope to see you in church or at a special event coming up this fall! Please don't hesitate to reach out with ideas or questions. I know Pastor Bryan is looking forward to spending time getting to know each of you as well. Sending special prayers to all as we enter this season of harvest and abundance and open our doors and hearts to what God has in store for us and St. Peder's!

With gratitude,
Shawna Nelsen-Wills
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Pastor Bryan Odeen is Installed on September 18th by Pastor Craig Peterson and members of the Call Committee.



Taking a rest from bouncing at Rally Sunday.

Upcoming Events....

Aebleskive Breakfast



Mark your calendars for the traditional Aebleskive Breakfast on **Sunday, November 13**. We will be setting up the Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, November 12. We are looking for volunteers to help with set up, baking, donating ingredients, milk, jam etc., serving and clean up. Please see Sue Nielsen (suenielsen76@gmail.com or 612-360-3936) if you are interested in helping out. *Tak!*

Pub Theology:

"Roots and Branches"



Please join us for another exciting year of Pub Theology at **Parkway Pizza, 4359 Minnehaha Avenue on Monday, October 10 at 7 pm**. This month's topic is "*Roots and Branches*" - we will be discussing the inspirational "*Roots*" - from people who encouraged us in our Spiritual Journey, as well as those we hope to encourage and inspire in the next generation. Any questions....please contact Michael O'Day mloday14@gmail.com Allison O'Day at madeoday@msn.com

St. Peder's Choir

Thanks to all who came to our Choir Kick Off Night at the Danish American Center. We had a nice gathering with delicious food and great fellowship. We are looking forward to new season of song.

The **St. Peder's Choir** will be a regular part of our Sunday morning worship services. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** You need not be a soloist to join the choir, simply a desire to make music with others. I know there are people sitting in the pews with beautiful voices (I can hear you!) so come join us in the choir loft!



Regular rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Contact Mia Kruse for more info: mia@stpeders.org

It's Back: October 2 is Marathon Sunday!

Stop by the front doors to greet our guests. 8:30 to 11:00.

Sponsored by Shepherding Group 7. Questions? Contact Judy Hogan: 2judyhogan@gmail.com

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Each of us will find our own ways to practice and integrate this statement, but it requires us to reflect on it and act upon it. And it doesn't have to be anything earthshaking. In fact, I suspect that for many of us, it will simply ask us to walk across the room to an unfamiliar face, and begin a conversation. I hope you'll take the time to think about some concrete and thoughtful ways that you can live this statement out and I look forward to learning with you all how we can be a people that live with open hearts, open hands, and open doors.

Peace,
Pastor Bryan

Fall Faith Formation Update

Our Faith Formation for the new school year has started and we are so thankful for the families, parents, and volunteers who are giving so generously of their time and energy to build up the congregation. Here is a brief rundown of our current plan:

Youth Faith Formation will begin in worship. After the Children's Message, Pastor Bryan will invite the children out for their classes. If the class activities are finished before worship is done, they'll come back and finish worship with the adults. Otherwise, parents can grab coffee and treats and wait until they're finished after worship.

There is still time to sign up students and teachers. If you would like to teach, please let us know. There will be a calendar and resources put together so that teachers are able to make sure that teachers are able to attend worship and work around other plans.

Adult Faith Formation will happen following worship and treats. It will start, approximately, at 10:30. There will be a mix of presentations and discussions. Occasionally, other resources, such as books, will be used, but we want to make sure that most classes are hospitable to all people, whether they've had time to prepare or not.

On October 23rd and 30th, and November 6th, Adult Faith Formation will be reviewing Shannon Kearns book, *Into the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture*, with Shannon planning to join us on November 6th via Zoom. We hope you can join us (more info below!)

Adult Faith Formation: Book Study

Join us on three consecutive Sundays—**October 23, October 30 and November 6**--at 10:15 for a discussion of Shannon's provocative book, *In the Margins*. And as a special attraction, Shannon himself will join us via Zoom for the final session!

More than 20 member families already have the book (many of whom attended the fabulous book launch event here at St. Peder's on August 17). If you don't yet have it, you can buy it at Moon Palace for a 10% discount by giving them the code stpeders. There is also a loaner copy in the St. Peder's library. Please try to complete the book before the first session, if possible. (Once you start it, you won't be able to put it down!). We will try to cover about half the book in each of the first two sessions so that we can make the most of our time with Shannon. See page five for Jeanne Schleh's Mini Book Review!

Together in Mission 2022

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 2022. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

Income

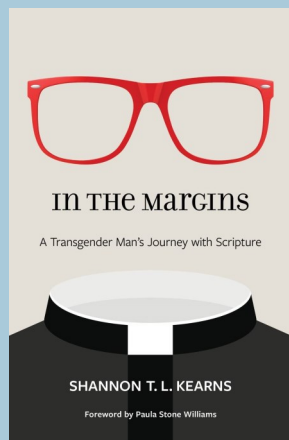
Month of August	\$ 14,710.85	Budget for the month	\$ 22,833.33
Year to Date	\$ 156,661.10	Budget Year to Date	\$ 182,666.68

Expenses

Month of August	\$ 32,145.00	Budget for the month	\$ 24,271.76
Year to Date	\$ 179,533.77	Budget Year to Date	\$ 189,915.64

Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod

YTD \$ 8,166.64



Mini Book Review

In the Margins:

A Transgender Man's Journey through Scripture

By: Jeanne Schleh, St. Peder's Librarian

Our beloved former Director of Faith Formation, Shannon Kearns, has written an astounding book, and one particularly relevant to St. Peder's aspirational mission statement goal to live the gospel with open hands, open hearts and open doors. It is first an incredibly moving memoir about his painful journey as a Christian growing up in a rigid and shaming evangelical church, trying to fit in when he clearly could not, and his ultimate realization that he was transgender. But it is much more than that. It is also a beautiful and profound reading of the Bible with messages of hope that resonate not only with trans people but with all people who struggle on the margins of society, or who have ever felt like a square peg in a round hole, and with all Christians focused on the inclusive, social justice messages of Jesus. Why Shannon remained a Christian, despite his upbringing, is epitomized by his inspiring reading of the Easter story. The book makes me so grateful that we had Shannon here for six years—and makes me realize in retrospect how much we learned from him and, at the same time, how much more we have to learn. Get the book—you won't be sorry!

Confirmation Update

Our plans for Confirmation classes are coming together. Pastor Bryan and Pastor Shawna (of Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church) have been in conversation and have put together a good plan for the academic year. **Classes will begin on October 12 and will be held once-per-month for 2 hours. It will begin with dinner together, include lessons and games, and will go from 5:30-7:30.**

Here are the dates, topics, and locations so far:

October 12 - Basics of the Bible - Minnehaha Communion

November 9 - Lutheranism 101 - St. Peder's

December 12 - Healthy Relationships - Minnehaha Communion

January 11 - What Happens in Worship - St. Peder's

February 8 - Honoring our Neighbor's Faith - Minnehaha Communion

March 8 - Caring for Creation - St. Peder's

April 12 - TBD - Minnehaha Communion

May 10 - TBD - St. Peder's

We will also be planning a trip in the spring to visit a small organic farm to help us learn more about how faith and care for creation are intertwined. More details will be coming at a later date about that trip.

A few housekeeping notes:

We ask that students please bring a Bible if they have one (let Pastor Bryan know if you need one) When classes are at Minnehaha Communion, please enter the side door on the sidewalk level. Dinners are provided, but please let Pastor Bryan know if there are any dietary restrictions.

Welcome New (and Old) Renters!

St. Peder's is often bustling with activity on Sundays but we also have quite a few community groups that use our space during the week. We are glad to welcome these groups back! Read more about the fabulous folks that are part of our community!

Kith + Kin Chorus is an uncommon community choir in the Twin Cities, open to singers of all skill levels, and 60+ singers strong. Voices are the original instrument and few things are more unifying than voices, raised together in song. K + K Chorus gives back to the Twin Cities community by holding a fundraising concert at the end of each season, the proceeds of which go to local organizations that strive to make our Cities better, safer, healthier places for all. Season 1 proceeds went to [CAPI USA](#), S2 supported the work of [Open Arms of Minnesota](#), S3 supported [Spare Key](#), the pandemic thwarted S4 but S5 supported [Women of Nations](#).



Dance By Lauren Mae is a dance studio in the Longfellow/Hiawatha neighborhood of South

Minneapolis! Dance by Lauren Mae offers recreational dance classes and camps for kids ages 2.5 - 18 years old. Each class is taught in a playful yet structured way, with every student receiving a dance education full of substance, imagination, and fun! Dance classes are held Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall.

Jim O'Brien's Exercise Class: Pre-pandemic, this class had been meeting every Tuesday and Thursday in our Fellowship Hall—heart rates and spirits were always lifted after this fun class! Jim has been teaching in the cities for over 30 years. This class is designed for older adults, but all adults are welcome! Low impact aerobics followed by strength training. Classes are held **Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-11 am**. Suggested \$6 per class or pay as you can.

The Brownies Troop has been meeting here for a number of years—we are glad to welcome them back this fall!

New Volunteer Opportunity!

Are you looking for an impactful way to make a difference with a small volunteer commitment? St. Peder's is looking for 4-6 volunteers to help deliver groceries one Monday evening every other month to the residents at Hiawatha Towers through Community Emergency Services. Let me know if you are interested and available for any of these dates. The residents are so appreciative when they see us.

Upcoming Dates: Monday, November 21, 2022, January 23, 2023 **from** 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Good to Know:

- Please park on the street (parking lot is for residents only)
- Masks may be required at apartment building (it changes weekly)
- Closed toe shoes recommended **and** should be able to lift 25 pounds

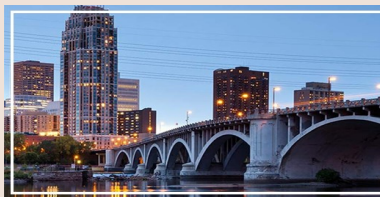
Interested in helping out or learning more?

Contact Sue Nielsen Suenielsen76@gmail.com 612-360-3936

RIH October Update

by Judy Anderson

Last week Bethel Lutheran, which takes up an entire city block in south Minneapolis (17th Ave and 42nd St), hosted a social hour for the Innovation Hub cohort churches. Bethel's pastor, Pastor Brenda, explained that as a congregation they feel called to share their abundant space and have intentionally designed it with their community in mind. An open, outdoor food shelf sits at one entrance. There are three different garden spaces: a rooftop solar garden, a rain garden, and a large community garden maintained by the Bancroft Neighborhood Association, which is also housed within Bethel's building. An unobtrusive labyrinth is tucked away among trees and benches. As we sat outside on a late summer evening, a young family enjoyed the natural playground. Across the parking lot a group of teenagers were having fun on the basketball court. One of the attendees likened these spaces to "people feeders" in the way they provide nourishment to the neighborhood.



**RIVERSIDE
INNOVATION HUB**

The Riverside Innovation Hub uses Ezekiel's Vision (Ezekiel 47:1-12) as a key, grounding text in its approach to the public church framework. In this vision, water (God's creative love) flows away from the temple and out into the world, giving hope and comfort and life. I saw this vision reflected in the creative ways that Bethel shares their abundance with the wider community. This is the concept behind the Public Church, to open our doors and share ourselves and our blessings with our neighbors.

Community News!

[Open Streets: Saturday, October 1st from 11am -4:30 pm](#)

Location: Minnehaha Ave from E Lake St to E 46th St

Minnehaha Join Our Streets Minneapolis and the City of Minneapolis in a celebration of community at Open Streets Minnehaha in 2022. Play, eat, bike, walk, dance, sing, and more at this free, family-friendly event. More than a street festival, Open Streets Minnehaha allows neighbors to experience city streets as public spaces where communities thrive.

[Longfellow Community Health: Using Art as a Tool for Mental Health Support](#)

Join Curiosity Studio October 6th for open studios with art making experiences designed to strengthen individual and community wellness over the course of five different dates this fall. This session will take place from 6 to 8pm at Curiosity Studio, 3607 E Lake St, and focus on *Art as a way of Sharing*. Click on the above link to register .

Community Clean Up October 8 from 10am to 12pm

Join us for a community trash pickup event before the snow falls. Everything you will need to safely pick up trash will be provided: work gloves, plastic bags, trash-picker tools, and safety vests. Light snacks and water are provided, but we ask that you bring your own water bottle. . We will have a tent stationed at the Walgreens parking lot located at 4547 Hiawatha Ave The event starts at 10 am but you are welcome to join later. We hope to see you there! Please email LCC Community Organizer Wanja Kuria at wanja@longfellow.org with questions.

South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels is Seeking Board Members!

Saint Peder's member Sonya Clementson organizes a great group of volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels through this organization. SMMOW is asking for help to recruit board members. The Board is composed of volunteers from member churches/organizations and the community. Time commitment is about 3-5 hours per month. Contact: Julie Cahoy jcahoysmmow@gmail.com for more information.

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>2 Marathon Sunday 9 am Worship with Holy Communion 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation</p>	<p>3 6 pm Kith & Kin</p>	<p>4 10 am Exercise</p>	<p>5 9 am Quilters</p>	<p>6 9 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 2 pm Fiber Arts</p>
<p>9 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation* 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation</p>	<p>10 <i>Indigenous Peoples Day</i> 6 pm Kith & Kin 7 pm Pub Theology</p>	<p>11 10 am Exercise</p>	<p>12 5:30 Confirmation @ Minnehaha Communion</p>	<p>13 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 2 pm Fiber Arts</p>
<p>16 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation* 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation</p>	<p>17 6 pm Kith & Kin</p>	<p>18 10 am Exercise</p>	<p>19 9 am Quilters</p>	<p>20 Newsletter Articles Due 9 am Exercise 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10:30 am Brownies</p>
<p>23 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation* 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation</p>	<p>24 6 pm Kith & Kin 7 pm Music & Worship Cmt.</p>	<p>25 10 am Exercise</p>	<p>26 7 pm Council Mtg.</p>	<p>27 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Reformation Sunday 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation* 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation</p>	<p>31 <i>Halloween</i> 6 pm Kith & Kin</p>		<p>**Youth Faith Formation is after the Children's Sermon</p>	<p>Events in BLUE are community groups that use the building.</p>		



Volunteer Reminders

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

A couple of notes....

-Please try to arrange your
own trades.

-Reminder emails are sent
weekly along with contacts
for substitutes.

-If you are pressed for time
or have questions or
concerns, contact Jeannie in
the church office:

Jeannie:
office@stpeders.org
612-722-8000



October Volunteer Schedule

October 2, 2022, Holy Communion by Full Table Twin Cities Marathon Outreach

Greeters: Carol Lindstrom and Dwight Lundebly
Usher: Sue and Al Nielsen **Acolyte:** Isla Wills **Reader:** Max Vossen
Communion Set Up & Clean Up: Lisa Jensen and Shawna Nelsen-Wills
Communion Assistants: Sue Schnickel, Leslee Nestingen, Dan Vetsch
Bread and Wine: Beverly Iverson Bedford
Counters: Marcia Rocheleau and Sue Schnickel
Livestream Technician: Karen Vetsch
LSS Safe House Dinner for October 3: Sue & Al Nielsen
Sheridan Story for Friday, October 7 : Karen Vetsch
Social Hour hosted by **Shepherding Group 2**

October 9, 2022

Greeters: Peter & Sheryl Juhl **Ushers:** Mark Jenson & Craig Rocheleau
Acolyte: Siri Vossen **Reader:** John Skraba
Counters: Terri Vetsch & John Skraba **Livestream Tech:** Bruce Simpson
LSS Safe House Dinner for October 10:
Shawna Nelsen-Wills & Steve Wills
Social Hour hosted by **Shepherding Group 3**

October 16, 2022

Greeters: Eunice Montgomery and Meg Petersen
Ushers: Shawna Nelsen-Wills and Sue Schnickel
Acolyte: Elliette Wilson **Reader:** Martha Olsen
Counters: Jackie West and Doreen Skraba
Livestream Technician: JeriLynn Young
LSS Safe House Dinner for October 17: Meg & Curt Petersen
Sheridan Story for Tuesday, October 18 : Sue and John Schnickel
Social Hour hosted by **Shepherding Group 4**

October 23, 2022

Greeters: Paul Odegaard and Christine Soma
Ushers: Andrea and Aemilia Wollak **Acolyte:** Isaiah Wills
Reader: Shawna Nelsen-Wills **Counters:** Steve Austin and Karen Vetsch
Livestream Technician: Darrick Jensen
LSS Safe House Dinner for October 24:
Kathryn Jensen, Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen
Social Hour hosted by **Shepherding Group 5**

October 30, 2022

Reformation/Confirmation Sunday

Greeters: Sue and Al Nielsen **Ushers:** Bob Stanich and John Skraba
Acolyte: Isaiah Wills **Reader:** Bruce Simpson
Counters: Bob Stanich & Sue Nielsen **Livestream Tech:** Karen Vetsch
LSS Safe House Dinner for October 31:
Daniel Peterson and Kristin Lerstrom, John & Doreen Skraba
Sheridan Story for Thursday, November 3 : Bob Stanich
Social Hour hosted by **Shepherding Group 6**

**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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