

# The Messenger

## From the Pastor....

Greetings in the name of Christ!

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." - Colossians 2:6-7

Have you ever wondered how plants know which way is up? If you hadn't before, I bet you are now! It turns out that seeds don't actually know which way is up but, through sensing which direction gravity is pulling down, the plants that grow from those seeds will know to grow in the opposite direction. The way to know which direction the new plant will find sunlight is by knowing which direction will not give it sunlight. The plant then sends roots downward, knowing that will be the firmest anchor for the young plant as it grows upward and will be the most likely to have the best nutrients and water content (gravity is not only guiding plants, of course, but water and all sorts of things downward). It's pretty fascinating, isn't it?

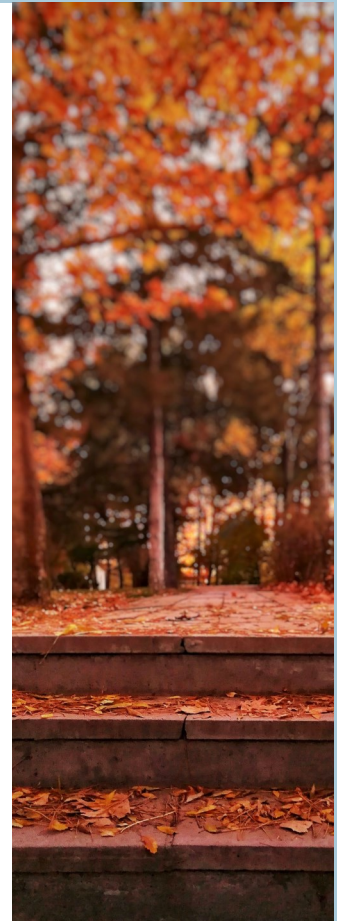
I think, in a big way, the same is true of us. In many ways, our growth is rooted in knowing where we've come from, which way gravity is pulling us down. Unlike plants, however, we get to choose where we are rooted and what soil (if we can bend the metaphor a little bit further) we plant ourselves in. But it takes constant work; this is part of why we gather each week for worship. We gather to hear the stories of faith, to receive forgiveness, to root ourselves in God's live-giving, world-changing grace.

As we receive the spiritual sustenance of our faith, we begin to grow in a way that makes that known. It becomes part of our identity - not just something we do, but who we are. We tend to it, we remind and reorient ourselves to it, and it will become not a thing we do, but rather a mindset through which we see the world, treat our neighbors, and encounter God. This is what we are aiming for when we gather, when we study, hear, and read God's Word, when we pray, when we encourage and listen to each other, and when we serve and care for the world around us. God becomes the gravity for our roots to grow down and our branches to grow up.

As we continue to get to know each other and do this work together, I truly hope that we can see a culture of faith grow where we live with gratitude, practice generosity, enact justice, offer and receive forgiveness and mercy, and make peace in the world around us. I hope that we can root ourselves in God's abundant grace and gifts and, from them, live in such a way that our faith is known in our love for others.

Peace to you and, if I don't see you before, have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Pastor Bryan



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## All Saints Day

November 6 is All Saints' Day, the day in which congregations around the world honor those who have died who have had an impact on our faith and lives. This year, we will be reading the names of members who have died in the past year during our prayers and lighting candles in their honor. You will have the chance to place a candle in memory of someone during that service. If you have anyone in your life who you wish to be named specifically in our prayers that day, please send an email to [office@stpeders.org](mailto:office@stpeders.org).



## Worship Schedule for November and December

### November 6: All Saints Sunday

9 am Worship w/Holy Communion  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship  
10:15 Adult Faith Formation

### November 13 Ingathering and Aebleskive Breakfast

9 am Worship Service  
9 am Youth Faith Formation\*  
10:30 Aebleskive Breakfast

### November 20: Budget Meeting

9 am Worship Service  
9 am Youth Faith Formation\*  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship  
10:30 Congregational Budget Meet

### November 27: Advent Begins

9 am Worship Service  
9 am Youth Faith Formation\*  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship  
10:15 Adult Faith Formation

\*following Children's Sermon

### December 4: Gift Sunday

9 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship  
10:15 Adult Faith Formation

### December 11: Sunday School Christmas Program, Advent Event

9 am Worship Service  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship  
10:15 Advent Event

### December 18: Song Service

9 am Worship Service  
9 am Youth Faith Formation\*  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship  
10:15 Singing Around the Christmas Tree

### Wednesday, December 21

TBD: Longest Night Worship Service

### December 24: Christmas Eve

2 pm Festival Worship  
3:15 Danish Worship  
5 pm Festival Worship

### December 25: Christmas Day

9 am Worship Service

## Confirmation Corner

This month's Confirmation class went over the Bible - what it is, who wrote it, why it was written, and how to find your way around it. They learned that the Bible has a lot of different genres of literature, including laws, liturgies, poetry, stories, letters, and prophecies (which are different from just telling the future, but are instead about speaking a message from God to a specific group of people). We discussed how this book, written for people 2000+ years ago, can still be important for our faith today. We also talked a bit about how the Bible is an evolving book as historians, archaeologists, sociologists, and linguists learn more about the ancient languages that the Bible was written in (especially Greek and Hebrew).

We're meeting at St. Peder's next month, on November 9th at 5:30. Dinner that night is pizza



## Upcoming Events and News ....

### Æbleskive Breakfast

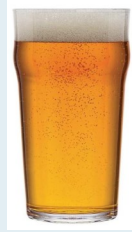


Mark your calendars for the traditional Aebleskive Breakfast on **Sunday, November 13**. This annual event is a fun way of honoring the Danish roots at St. Peder's.

Spread the word and feel free to invite friends and neighbors. 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](mailto:suenielsen76@gmail.com) or 612-360-3936) if you are interested in helping out.

### Pub Theology:

**Mon., November 14 at 7 pm**



We will meet at Parkway Pizza, 4359 Minnehaha Avenue. The topic for November's discussion will be: *How is God's love manifested in the text of the Old and New Testaments?*

Any questions....please contact Michael O'Day [mloday14@gmail.com](mailto:mloday14@gmail.com) Allison O'Day at [madeoday@msn.com](mailto:madeoday@msn.com)

### All Are Welcome for Crafts and Conversation

Do you have a missing button that you need to sew back onto a shirt? Then you qualify to join the exclusive-sounding but really-not-at-all-exclusive St. Peder's Fiber Arts group. We believe "arts" can mean a lot of things. Come for good conversation, and bring any kind of hand-craft or mending you'd like to bring along. We'll put on a pot of coffee and pass around a few treats. **We meet on the first and third Saturday of each month, 2-4 p.m.**, in the conference room. All are welcome!

### Official Announcement:

#### Congregational Budget Meeting



The annual congregational meeting to vote on the proposed budget for 2023 will be on **Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m.** All confirmed members are voting members and are invited to attend. The meeting is in the sanctuary.



*St. Peder's member, Tom Vetsch, stands by the lovely bird bath he created for our courtyard. Thanks, Tom!!*

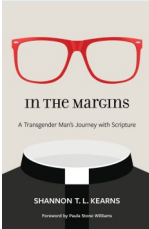
### Donations for Quilters.....

The St. Peder's Quilters meet twice a month to lovingly create quilts that are sent to those in need worldwide. They are seeking donations for fabric, either cash donations or gift cards to Joanne Fabrics. Any amount is appreciated!

## Youth & Adult Faith Formation

**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.

**Adult Faith Formation** will happen following worship and treats. It will start, approximately, at 10:15. 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.



### Adult Faith Formation Book Study: November 6th at 10:15

**November 6th**, is our last day of reviewing Shannon Kearns book, *Into the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture*. Shannon will join us via Zoom!

### REMINDER!

Set your clocks back an hour when you go to bed Saturday night, November 5th... It is the end of Day-light Savings Time!



### Marathon Sunday... Thank you!

October 2nd was a beautiful day and we served over 60 people through our Marathon Sunday outreach. While this number is lower than in 2019 and 2018 numbers, this year's warm and dry weather made fewer people look for (or look to "get rid of") warm beverages. Thank you to everyone who welcomed and helped direct our guests. Even people who didn't get treats or use the facility thanked us for our hospitality.



### We Are Hiring!

Our wonderful bookkeeper, Deb Wolking, will be retiring at the end of 2022! If you know of someone who would be a good fit, please share the position, found at this [link](#) for more information.

### 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 9th 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 September	\$ 23,312.97	Budget for the month	\$ 22,833.33
Year to Date	\$ 179,994.07	Budget Year to Date	\$ 205,500.01

#### Expenses

Month of September	\$ 25,247.66	Budget for the month	\$ 24,105.09
Year to Date	\$ 204,801.43	Budget Year to Date	\$ 214,020.73

#### Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod

YTD \$ 10,499.96



## PCYC Children's Gift Sale 2022

The 56th [PCYC Children's Gift Sale](#) is back in person. Our church has participated in the Children's Gift Sale for over 35 years. PCYC, Plymouth Christian Youth Center, is an organization in North Minneapolis which began more than 68 years ago as an outreach ministry by a few Luther seminarians. PCYC's mission is to enrich the skills, prospects and spirit of North Minneapolis area youth and adults, in partnership with families and communities. The **Annual Children's Gift Sale** on Saturday, December 10, 2022, helps to teach children the joy of giving to others. On Gift Sale day, low-income children from North Minneapolis can select up to five gifts for their family members with a pre-purchased ticket. We have the opportunity to participate in this spirit-filled event by purchasing gifts for the sale, volunteering to help sort gifts and set up the week before, as well as help children shop on December 10th. PCYC needs over 3,000 gifts and over 200 volunteers to transform their campus and help over 600 youth shop for their loved ones. PCYC suggests new items valued at \$10-25 for men, women, teenagers, children, and infants. See the Christmas tree outside the fellowship hall for gift ideas. Please place your gifts in the box under our PCYC Christmas tree by Sunday, November 27th, and they will be delivered in time for the sale. Monetary donations are also accepted and used to purchase items for the sale. Your support will make the holiday season brighter for lots of families in North Minneapolis. For questions about the sale, PCYC, or volunteering for the event, send an email to [giftsale@pcyc-mpls.org](mailto:giftsale@pcyc-mpls.org), call PCYC at 612-643-2092, or call Kristi Erickson at 612-823-2273.



### Information about Gift Sunday Coming Soon...

We're hoping to have Gift Sunday again this year on December 4, but we're waiting for agencies to determine their holiday needs and distribution opportunities. We're hoping to have information to share before mid-November. Thank you, St Peder's folks, for your great generosity year after year!



### 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](mailto:mia@stpeders.org)





### **Poinsettia Order Form: DUE November 28th**

Please complete and return (with payment) to church office.  
These plants will be used to decorate the sanctuary and can be taken home following Christmas Day worship.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Single plants are \$11 each and come in three colors. Please fill out this form and leave in the office with your payment. Thanks! Cash or Checks can be made payable to St. Peder's.

Pay online by clicking [here](#).

#### **CIRCLE ONE:**

In Memory of **OR** In Honor of

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

COLOR	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Red		X \$11=
White		X \$11=
Pink		X \$11=
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$



### **Community 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?

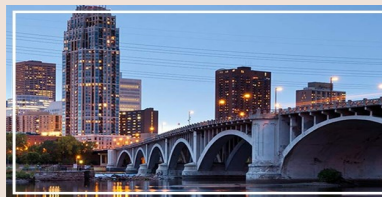
Contact Sue Nielsen [Suenielsen76@gmail.com](mailto:Suenielsen76@gmail.com) 612-360-3936

## RIH November Update

by Judy Anderson

A few weeks ago, our team participated in a community learning event at Augsburg University, where we were introduced to Proclamation, the fourth movement of the public church framework. Proclamation, in simple terms, points to the good news, in word or in action. The placement of proclamation is deliberate. We first need to do the work of listening to and learning from our neighbors, having the sometimes awkward interactions, encountering the bad news. To borrow a quote from Douglas John Hall: *The good news is good because it challenges and displaces bad news.*

The idea of proclamation makes me uncomfortable. It makes me think of fifth-grade, being sent out in pairs from the parochial school I attended to go door-knocking, handing out a version of the New Testament called "The Good News for Modern Man." I remember being surprised that many who answered the door didn't seem all that happy to see us. In the public church framework, though, proclaiming the "good news" isn't the same as proselytizing. The good news will look different in different communities and situations. We were asked to reflect on what the good news might look like, taste like, sound like, feel like to our neighbors. Our job in the coming months is to figure out how to share it in ways that are true to St. Peder's.



**RIVERSIDE  
INNOVATION HUB**

## Community News

### Wildflyer Coffee to "Soar East"

Our neighborhood coffee shop, [Wildflyer Coffee](https://wildflyercoffee.com) continues to do great community work with youth experiencing homelessness. Their business model is expanding with our neighbors to the east!

<https://wildflyercoffee.com>



**TARE**  
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### [Tare Market](#) : Community Recycling Resources

Tare Market, located at 2717 E. 38th Street, Minneapolis, is Minnesota's first zero-waste shop! This woman owned neighborhood business also offers community recycling resources. Here are a few of their drop off programs:

- Shoes via Sneaker Impact** - Recycle your gently used sneakers to keep them out of landfills and help create opportunities for people in need.
- Gillette® via Terracycle** - Recycle all brands of blades, razors, and plastic packaging.
- GoGo squeeZ® via Terracycle** - Recycle all brands of squeezable snack plastic pouches and caps.
- Candy & Snack Wrappers via Terracycle** - Recycle any brand and size of flexible plastic-based candy and snack packaging and wrappers.

**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.

# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 am Exercise	2 9 am Quilters	3 9 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance 7 pm Choir	4	5 2 pm Fiber Arts  **Set your clocks back tonight!
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9 am Worship with Holy Communion 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 Adult Faith Formation	7 6:30 pm Kith & Kin	8 Election Day! No Exercise	9 5:30 Confirmation Class @ St. Peder's	10 9 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance 7 pm Choir	11 Veterans Day	12 Ableskive Breakfast Set Up 10:30 am Brownies
13 Ingathering & Aebleskive 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation* 10 am Aebleskive Breakfast	14 Meals on Wheels 6:30 pm Kith & Kin 7 pm Pub Theology	15 Meals on Wheels 10 am Exercise	16 Meals on Wheels 9 am Quilters 7 pm Council Mtg	17 Newsletter Articles Due @ 9 am Meals on Wheels 10 am Exercise 4:15 pm Dance 7 pm Choir	18	19 2 pm Fiber Arts
20 Budget Meeting 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation* 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Congregational Budget Meeting	22 6:30 pm Kith & Kin	22 10 am Exercise	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Native American Heritage Day	26 10:30 am Brownies
27 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation* 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 Adult Faith Formation	28 6:30 pm Kith & Kin 7 pm Music & Worship Cmt. Mtg.	29 10 am Exercise	30		**Youth Faith Formation is after the Children's Sermon	Events in BLUE are community groups that use the building.



# November Volunteer Schedule

Thank you for sharing your time and talent at St. Peder's! 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, please contact Jeannie in the office: office@stpeters.org or 612-722-8000



## Sunday, November 6, 2022, Holy Communion by Full Table

**Greeters:** Shawna Nelsen Wills and Steve Wills **Usher:** Mark Jenson and Bob Stanich

**Acolyte:** Isla Wills **Reader:** Chuck Johnson

**Communion Set Up & Clean Up:** Judy Anderson and Sue Schnickel

**Communion Assistants:** Bruce Simpson, Lisa Rovick, Judy Hogan

**Bread and Wine:** Dan and Karen Vetsch **Counters:** Cameron Jamison and JeriLynn Young

**Livestream Tech:** JeriLynn Young **LSS Safe House Dinner for 11/7:** Bill & Judy Anderson

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 7**

## Sunday, November 13, 2022: Ingathering and Aebleskiver Breakfast

**Greeters:** Jean Evers and Marcia Rocheleau **Ushers:** Peter Paulson and Chris Anderson

**Acolyte:** Eleanor Munnich **Reader:** Bob Stanich **Counters:** Terri Vetsch and Eva Tangen

**Livestream Tech:** Bruce Simpson

**LSS Safe House Dinner for 11/14:** Kristi Lahti Johnson & Chuck Johnson, Bethene & Eric Hunsberger

**Sheridan Story for Thursday, 11/17:** Sue Nielsen **Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 8**

## Sunday, November 20, 2022: Congregational Budget Meeting

**Greeters:** Lisa Rovick and Bruce Simpson **Ushers:** Tom Goodoien and Joe Munnich **Acolyte:** Siri Vossen

**Reader:** JeriLynn Young **Counters:** Annalise Munnich and Curt Petersen

**Livestream Tech:** Darrick Jensen **LSS Safe House Dinner for 11/21:** Bob Stanich & Jeanne Schleh

**Sheridan Story for Tuesday, 11/22:** Karen Vetsch **Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 1**

## Sunday, November 27, 2022

**Greeters:** Bob Stanich and Leslee Nestingen **Ushers:** Paul Aitchison and Lisa Jensen **Acolyte:** Elliette Wilson

**Reader:** Dan Vetsch **Counters:** Marcia Rocheleau and Paul Odegaard **Livestream Tech:** Karen Vetsch

**LSS Safe House Dinner for November 28:** Pat & Cameron Jamison, Alice Bekke

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 2**

## **Current Volunteer Needs—Contact Jeannie in the office if you would like more information!**

We rely on our wonderful volunteers to keep St. Peder's and worship running smoothly. Thank you to all of those who are able to share their time and talents. Below are a few areas in which we could use a few more helping hands. \*\*See page 6 for a community volunteer opportunity.

### **Communion Set Up and Clean Up Volunteers**

**(3-4 more volunteers)**

Volunteers set up communion before service and clean up after. You would be partnered with an experienced volunteer who could "show you the ropes".

Volunteers would be put on the schedule every couple of months.

### **Communion Server Volunteers**

**(2-3 more volunteers)**

We could use a few more servers. You would be paired with an experienced volunteer. Volunteers would be put on the schedule every couple of months.

### **Update our Outside Church Sign**

**(1 volunteer)**

We would love to have a volunteer who could update our outdoor sign as needed. This could be done during the week or on a Sunday after worship. Time commitment would be 3-6 times a year.

### **Livestream Volunteer ( 2 more volunteers)**

A big thanks to our four volunteers who have kept folks connected via our livestream. A few more people to add to our roster would be nice so folks could be on a 6 week rotation for doing this. You do not need to be tech-savvy to do this job.

### **Aebleskive Breakfast Set Up**

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. Tak!

Contact: Sue Nielsen 612-360-3936 or

suenielsen76@gmail.com

### **Craft Leader for 12/4 Advent Event**

We are looking for someone to lead an intergenerational Advent Craft activity on Sunday, December 4 following worship. The volunteer would come in to see what we have for supplies, order more (you would get reimbursed) if needed and lead the activity on 12/4.

**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 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in south Minneapolis.



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