

# The Messenger

## September at St. Peder's

### September 4

9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee and Fellowship

### September 11

#### **Gods' Work Our Hands Sunday**

Join us as we work on community service projects for our community.  
See page three for more information.

#### **9 am Worship**

**10:00 Coffee and Fellowship**

**10:15/10:30 Service Projects**

### September 18

#### **Installation of Pastor Bryan Odeen**

Everyone is invited to share with us in the joy of welcoming Pastor Bryan Odeen as the new pastor of our church. We are excited about the future ministry of our church under the leadership of our new pastor. Please join us in welcoming him to our church and our community!

#### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

As we prepare for a new school year, Pastor will be blessing all the backpacks during worship. We invite students, teachers, and educators of all kinds to bring their bag to church to receive a blessing.

#### **Rally Sunday**

We will also be celebrating the return to our fall programming! After worship, plan to stay for special treats and fun activities!

#### **9 am Worship with Holy Communion,**

**Installation of Pastor Bryan and**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**10 am Rally Day Activities/  
Coffee & Fellowship**

### September 25

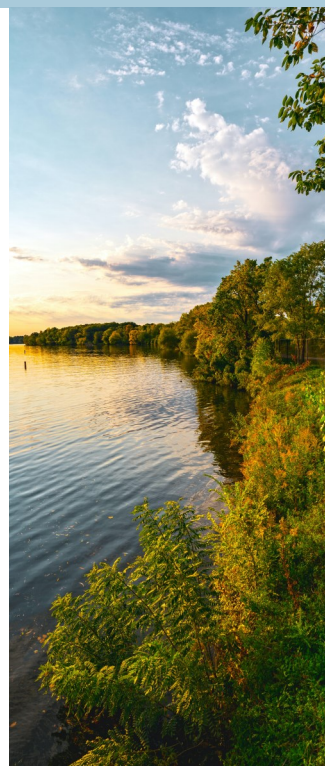
**Resume Faith Formation**

**9 am Worship**

**9 am Youth Faith Formation (following Children's Sermon)**

**10 am Coffee and Fellowship**

**10:30 Adult Faith Formation**



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## From the Pastor.....

Hello, people of St. Peder's!

To say I'm excited to be here and begin my time with you is an understatement. I've been praying for you all, that your efforts with the Transition Team and Call Committee would result in a pastor who can serve you and serve with you well. That was always my hope, from the first little tug of the Holy Spirit until your vote on July 10<sup>th</sup> to extend a call to me, that you would find a pastor who could serve you and serve with you well.

And now I'm here! In some ways, it feels like we've been here a while already and in other ways I can tell I have a lot to learn. My previous congregation was fairly large in a small town in a pretty conservative part of the country. Obviously, to paraphrase Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, I'm not in Iowa anymore. Yet, I've noticed some similarities already, and it drives home a lesson I've learned (and relearned) a few times – there are good people everywhere if we're looking for them.

Of course, this seems obvious, right? You can probably find a few instances in your life that you've learned this lesson. My theory is that there are good people everywhere because God works through people. Psalm 139 tells us that there is no place where we can escape God's presence. And stories, in both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, show us the power of God using strangers to extend hospitality and show love. Abraham extends hospitality to the three strangers, who tell him that he and Sarah would have a baby. Prophets and kings seek refuge in the homes of caring people. Jesus sends his followers out, telling them to take no money bag, but to rely on strangers. Paul and the early apostles find families and individuals eager to hear the good news and help by hosting the travelers and worship services in their homes.

Hospitality is a huge deal in the Bible and it's still a big deal here. My family and I are on the receiving end of it right now and we are learning to offer it with you to the neighborhood around St. Peder's. This is one way that people get to know our faith. When we care for others, offer them encouragement, shelter, and hope, we are offering to others what we receive from God. This hospitality is an aspect of grace – we offer it freely because we have been given it freely.

I don't know that we always imagine welcoming and inclusion as a sign of God's grace, but as someone who is receiving a lot of it now, I can tell you that it is. How we welcome someone, how we make someone feel they belong, is an indicator of how loving we are and how much we believe God loves others. The fact is that we are all here, as part of this congregation and the entire family of God, by grace. This means we haven't earned it and we can't withhold it. It's a gift meant for all. And as we learn together and grow together, we'll find new ways of practicing care for this neighborhood and city.

I'm excited to be here and be a part of it!

Peace,

Pastor Bryan





## God's work. Our hands.

**Sunday, September 11th:**

### "God's work. Our hands"

On Sunday, Sept. 11, congregations will observe "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Our church — and our world — continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic. Physi-

cal distancing has changed the way we worship and serve. But the need is great, and God's church is at work.

**We will meet after service on Sunday, September 11 in the fellowship hall.** Grab some coffee and a treat then join some friends to help make a positive difference in our neighborhood/community. There will be a variety of ways to serve our neighbors this year! If you're interested in being one of the station leads, please reach out to Karen Vetsch. Otherwise check out the ways to get involved below!

#### Assemble

Immune Boosting Kits delivered to Agate - <https://agatemn.org>

Comfort kits delivered to - <https://everythirdsaturday.org>

#### Fleece Tie Blankets

Even if you have no sewing skills you can still make these blankets for our community shelters

#### River Clean up!

Get out into the fresh air and clean up trash along the river! Gloves, trash bags, and litter pickers will be provided (though if you have your own gloves, please bring them)!

#### Letter-writing

Help promote - get out and vote

Greetings!

I am so excited to announce that the **St. Peder's Choir** will be a regular part of our Sunday morning worship services again! 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!



**We will kick off the new choir season with a rehearsal on Thursday, September 15th at 6 pm**, in preparation for the installation of our new pastor, Bryan Odeen. Please watch the bulletin for more details. **Regular rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** Contact Mia Kruse for more information at [mia@stpeders.org](mailto:mia@stpeders.org)



#### Pub Theology

Please join us for another exciting year of **Pub Theology at Parkway Pizza**, 4359 Minnehaha Avenue on Wednesday, **September 7th at 7 pm.**

Raise your glass or order some food as we discuss possible topics for the upcoming year.

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)

#### 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](mailto:2judyhogan@gmail.com)





## In The Margins Book Launch

On August 17th we celebrated the launch of *In the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture*, by Shannon T.L. Kearns. The evening kicked off with a performance by Kith and Kin Chorus. Shannon then did a short performative piece, read from his book and answered questions. The evening wrapped up with food, book signings and lovely conversation. It was an inspired evening. During his Q&A Shannon mentioned that this is a very scary time to be a person who is transgender and this community needs allies! If you are wondering how you can show up as ally, click on this link: <https://www.glaad.org/transgender/allies>.



*Thank you to the people of St. Peder's for so generously supporting me and this book with a fabulous launch party! It meant so much to me to celebrate with all of you. Your love was felt deeply and I am so thankful to all of you. - Shannon*



## 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 7th 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 July	\$ 15,956.83	Budget for the month	\$ 22,833.33
Year to Date	\$ 129,823.11	Budget Year to Date	\$ 159,833.35

### Expenses

Month of July	\$ 25,461.33	Budget for the month	\$ 23,771.76
Year to Date	\$ 147,408.77	Budget Year to Date	\$ 165,643.88

### Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod

YTD \$ 8,166.64

## Cheers to New Beginnings!

Our Interim Pastor, Eric Luedtke opens a cold beer with the church key presented to him. A well-deserved beer one might add! We were and are so grateful for Pastor Eric's leadership during this time of transition. Over the past 18 months, he shared his knowledge, pushed us to think outside the box, and led with thoughtfulness and compassion. We wish you all the best for your next chapter! Cheers!

### A Note from Pastor Eric

"Thanks for all the kind words and gifts as I depart St. Peder's. Y'all made my farewell as great as the 18 months we spent together. As I made my exit, many of you were asking about "what's next" for me and I answered "I'm not sure" since I didn't have anything lined-up. Well, as things move quickly in the Interim Ministry world, when I got back from vacation I interviewed and was offered the Interim Pastor role at Grace Lutheran Church in Northeast Minneapolis. So, I'm "headed north."

Peace and Blessings to y'all!      Pastor Eric



## 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. CES has been working with our neighbors for 50 years. Let me know if you are interested and available for any of these dates. The residents are so appreciative when they see us. Thanks, Sue Nielsen [Suenielsen76@gmail.com](mailto:Suenielsen76@gmail.com) 612-360-3936

**Activity:** Distribution of Pre-bagged Groceries at Hiawatha Towers (3 buildings at one location)

**Dates:**

- Monday, September 26, 2022, November 21, 2022, January 23, 2023 (The rest of the 2023 schedule will be out in October.)

**Time:** 6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Location:**

Meet at Hiawatha Towers Apartment Complex located at 2121 - 16th Avenue South, Mnpls (There are 3 buildings. 2121 is the "middle" building. Look for the CES cargo van.)

**Responsibility:**

- Unload van of grocery bags and transfer into community room
- Arrange bags by building and floor
- Deliver Bags to Neighbors' Apartments (We provide carts for delivery)

**Good to Know:**

- At apartment building, 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
- Should be able to lift 25 pounds



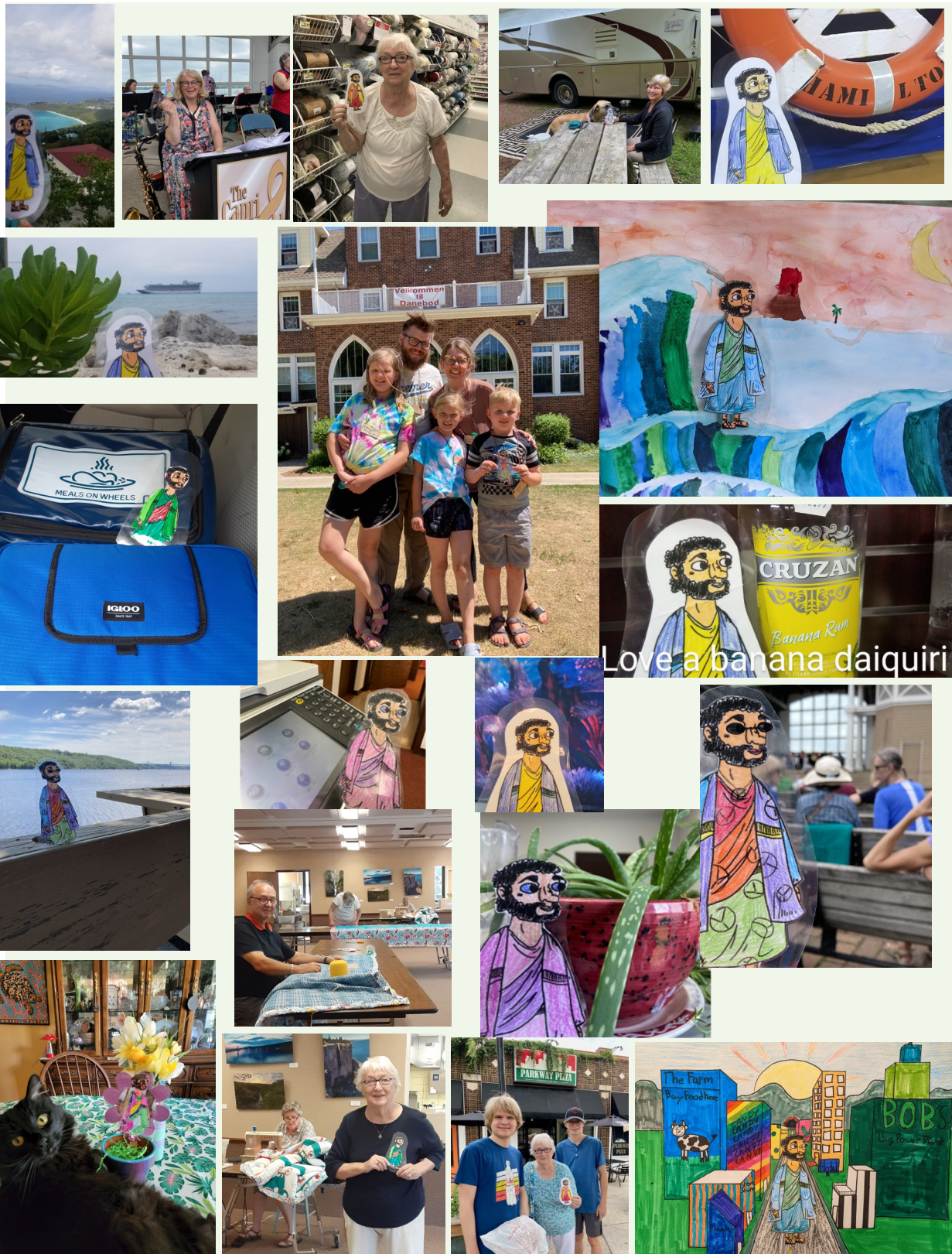
## Thank you!

Thanks to Council and St. Peder's congregation for the lovely wedding card and gift! Sean and I had a lovely wedding day! We appreciated the well wishes! Thanks for making St. Peder's such a great place to work! - Jeannie





**Thanks to everyone who sent in pictures of Flat Jesus!**  
**He was with us wherever we went!**



## RIH September Update

by Judy Anderson

Our Innovation Team kept busy through the summer, making connections and hearing what our neighbors are up to. In July we met with Carley Kammerer, founder of Wildflyer Coffee on Minnehaha Avenue, and heard about how this non-profit is dedicated to supporting homeless youth through their work and life skills training program. We hope to find ways to partner with Wildflyer. Look for a chance to sample some of their offerings at an upcoming Sunday Coffee Hour!



Kristina Fruge, program manager for the Riverside Innovation Hub, led our team through a liturgy of discernment. Discernment is a movement away from decision-making and productivity (those tendencies that have been ingrained in us!) and toward reflection and an openness to receiving that which God is calling us for. With Kristina's guidance, we were able to distill much of what we have learned, heard, and witnessed from our neighbors so far and began to discover what our most faithful next steps might be.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Eye Theater's driveway tour came to our courtyard to perform their puppet show, Tucker's Robot. We put some flyers out about the neighborhood and hoped that folks would come. It was thrilling to see the courtyard filled with over fifty people, young and old, families and couples and singles, experiencing some amazing puppetry and live music and participating along with the show. Afterward many of these neighbors lingered to enjoy frozen treats and socialize. It was a wonderful evening of community.

Finally, our team said farewell to Pastor Eric, with enormous gratitude for his wisdom and contributions to this process over the past year. We will miss him!

### **Connect with Members & Fellow Volunteers Using Instant Church Directory**

As many of you know, we have an online and print directory for members. Volunteers positions and contacts are also included. For those who would like a paper copy of the directory, please contact Jeannie in the office. She can leave you a copy to pick up in the office or drop one in the mail.

For those of you who would like to use the directory online, simply go to [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com) and create a login and password and follow the directions from there (you will need to use the email in the current directory to create a login). To use on your iphone, ipad or kindle, download the app from the App Store (Next time you need to find a sub for ushering or to track someone down within your shepherding group, everyone's contact info will be easy to find!)

**\*\*Members, if you have not submitted a picture for our directory or would like to replace your picture with one that is more updated, you can do that online or email Jeannie a picture and she can plug it in for you. Feel free to contact Jeannie in the office with any questions!**



# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 2 pm Fiber Arts
4 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	5 Labor Day	6	7 9 am Quilters 7 pm Pub Theology	8	9	10
11 <b>God's Work, Our Hands</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15/10:30 Service Activities	12	13	14	15 6 pm Choir Kick Off	16	17 2 pm Fiber Arts
18 <b>Installation of Pastor Bryan</b> <b>Backpack Blessing, Rally Sunday</b> 9 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10 am Rally Day Fun!	19	20 9 am Newsletter Articles Due	21 9 am Quilters	22 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24
25 <b>Resume Faith Formation</b> 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation (Following Children's Sermon) 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 Adult Faith Formation	26 Meals On Wheels Week	27 MOW	28 MOW 7 pm Council Mtg.	29 MOW 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	30 MOW	





### **Volunteer Reminders**

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 or  
concerns, contact Jeannie  
in the church office:

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



## **September Volunteer Schedule**

### **September 4, 2022 Holy Communion by Full Table**

**Greeters:** Jackie and Dale West

**Usher:** Sue Schnickel and Chris Anderson

**Acolyte:** Isaiah Wills **Reader:** Dan Vestch

**Communion Set Up & Clean Up:**

Eva Tangen and Phoebe Anderson

**Communion Assistants:**

Bob Stanich, Dwight Lundeby, Paul Aitchison

**Bread and Wine:** Craig and Marcia Rocheleau

**Counters:** Bob Stanich and Shawna Nelsen-Wills

**Livestream Technician:** Karen Vetsch

**LSS Safe House Dinner for September 5:**

Tim & Elizabeth Anderson

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 6**

### **September 11, 2022**

#### **God's Work Our Hands**

**Greeters:** Aemilia and Andrea Wollak

**Ushers:** Lisa Jensen and Tom Goodoien

**Acolyte:** Siri Vossen **Reader:** Kristi Lahti-Johnson

**Counters:** Steve Austin and Julie Ebbesen

**Livestream Technician:** JeriLynn Young

**LSS Safe House Dinner for September 12:**

Wendy & Gordon Legge

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 7**

### **September 18, 2022: Holy Communion by Intinction**

#### **Installation of Pastor Bryan.**

#### **Rally Sunday, Blessing of Backpacks**

**Greeters:** Daniel and Kristin Lerstrom

**Ushers:** Paul Aitchison and Joe Munnich

**Acolyte:** Elliette Wilson **Reader:** Elizabeth Anderson

**Communion Set Up:** Shawna Nelsen-Wills

**Communion Assistants:**

Karen Vetsch, Kristi Erickson, Dwight Lundeby

**Counters:** Cameron Jamison and Tim Anderson

**Livestream Technician:** Darrick Jensen

**LSS Safe House Dinner for September 19:** Mark & Jodi Jenson

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 8**

### **September 25, 2022 : Resume Faith Formation**

**Greeters:** Alice Bekke and Lis Jorgensen

**Ushers:** Jeremy Anderson and Jim Nelsen

**Acolyte:** Eleanor Munnich **Reader:** Lisa Rovick

**Counters:** Annalise Munnich and Paul Aitchison

**Livestream Technician:** Bruce Simpson

**LSS Safe House Dinner for September 26:** The Gleason Family

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 1**

**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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