



The Messenger

Hello from the Pastor's Office!

I've had a few conversations lately with people asking how the lessons are chosen each week. Sometimes, it feels like the lessons that we hear each week are tailor made to fit our situation and concerns. Other times, it can feel like the lessons are disjointed and picked at random. I will be honest that I also sometimes wonder what the lessons are trying to get at, packaged together as they are. And, for better or worse, I cannot claim any ownership of how they come to you.

At St. Peder's, we tend to use something called the Revised Common Lectionary (or RCL), which is a 3-year schedule of readings. Throughout the 3 years, we hit the major themes and stories of the Bible and the people who compiled the schedule (who came from several Christian denominations) have tried hard to make them coherent. Often, the formula is that the gospel is chosen, a lesson from the New Testament is chosen that fits the general themes of the gospel, the Old Testament (or Hebrew Bible) lesson will give added context to the gospel lesson, and the Psalm will be a reflection of the Old Testament lesson. Occasionally, they will do a series (such as we recently had in Ephesians and the 6th chapter of John), but often the main series is the gospel. The RCL was introduced in 1994, but was preceded by several other lectionary lessons.

Now, this might be interesting, but it begs the question why we choose to use it. There are, after all, other lectionaries and many other churches will do a sermon series, which can be great way to dig in deep to a subject or longer passage. But I have found a lot of meaning and purpose behind the RCL. I love that, when I sit down to write a sermon, I am wrestling with the same lessons at thousands of other pastors. Across the world, there are Christians hearing the same consolations, challenges, and stories. Across denominations, political persuasions, language, culture, and life experiences, we are hearing the same good news. We gather at the same table, so to speak, and we each offer our own interpretation and insights. And it's not just pastors. You are also a part of this work, as you interpret, engage with, and apply what the Spirit teaches you.

The lessons we hear not only encourage and teach us, but are also expression of the universal Church which we share with more people than we could possibly meet. Just as we meet as a congregation, the Church meets around the Word, Water, and Table to experience grace and be sent out to love the world with God's own love. And I'm grateful to be a part of that with you.

Peace,
Pastor Bryan



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Gather on the Green– Saturday, September 14th

If you have any items you would like to include in the Silent Auction, please reach out to Andrea Wollak and/or Lisamarie Odeen. We are looking for new items as well as adventures and experiences, so feel free to contact us to make sure we don't double up on items. We also



need volunteers for the event, so if you would like to help out, please scan this QR code and sign up for what you'd like to do. We need assistance with set-up, kitchen things, check-in, security, drinks, the silent auction monitor, and tear down. Children are welcome to help out, too!

Council & Committee Spotlight: Music & Worship Committee

The Music and Worship Committee had been a long-standing committee at St. Peder's, and the decisions made and ideas suggested by the committee members play an integral part in the worship services. The committee consists of six church members and two staff. I am new to this position of chair of the Music and Worship committee, and I would be remiss if I did not offer thanks and gratitude to Lisa Rovick, who served as committee chair for many years. The purpose of this committee is to provide Pastor Bryan and Mia with guidance and suggestions for all aspects of Sunday, Lenten and Advent worship services. Some contributions of the committee that have been incorporated into our worship services include revision of the Sunday bulletins, an intentional inclusion of hymns from the African American tradition that are not attributed to a specific author, and adoption of different liturgies during the church year and as part of Lenten worship. The committee also provides support and assistance to Mia in her work with the St. Peder's choir and musicians. Please feel free to talk to me, Pastor Bryan, or Mia about any part of our worship services that you particularly enjoy, or with suggestions of additions/improvements that would enhance our worship life together.

-Allison O'Day, Music and Worship Committee Chair

Youth Gathering Recap– by Phoebe Anderson

The ELCA Youth Gathering was a great trip and experience! It was fun hanging out, meeting new people, and building new relationships. I enjoyed the speakers and the message that God created you to be you. Synod was my favorite day because we had a church service with around 260 Minnesotans in one room, which was fun and moving. My favorite thing was the food but mostly the authentic red beans and rice we had when we did our service project cleaning up at a church garden. It was a great experience and I'm grateful I got to have it. The next ECLA Youth Gathering will be held June 28-July 2, 2027, and will be open to all 8th-12th graders.

News from the Office

Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's

St. John's is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Monday, September 9th from noon to 6 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 4248 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis**. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767.

Rally Sunday contribution opportunity

Attention St. Peder's members and friends! We would like any interested church members to share a simple image of what brings you joy when you think of St. Peder's church and community. You will be painting your image on a small stone that will be added to our gardens around the church on **Sunday, September 15**, during our 140th Anniversary/Rally Sunday event.

Rally Sunday & 140th Anniversary Celebration!

Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, September 15th**. Not only is it Rally Sunday but our first major 140th Anniversary commemorative event. Festive foods, activities for all ages, and special guests including Pastor Julie, Pastor Mary Albing, Pastor Mike Vetsch, members of Pastor Dan Pearson's family, and Sarah Grans Peterka, who will be celebrated for their contribution to our church's history! Don't miss the opportunity to thank them for all they contributed to St. Peder's congregational life. Plus, we will be taking an all-congregation photo for posterity.

Worship Leadership Opportunity

Pastor Bryan is looking for individuals, couples, and families who would be interested in helping the worship of St. Peder's reflect the people of our community. As we roll out the new ways of helping our worshipping community, our first will be writing and leading our Prayers of the People. If you are interested in this, please tell Pastor Bryan. He will be happy to help coach or guide the process, especially as we get started with a new way of saying our Prayers of the People.

Save the Date– Building Improvement Meeting

We often discuss the need for Tender Loving Care (TLC) in our personal lives to refresh and reinvigorate us. A new haircut, a new piece of art that you bought “just because”, or something bigger, like a new set of gutters because, come on, who doesn't feel good about new gutters? As our 140th Anniversary approaches, it is a gentle reminder to all of us that St. Peder's is aging and in need of a little TLC. During the past few months, the Council has been talking about some of St. Peder's greatest needs. We've come to the consensus about what we think is important and why, and we are excited to share with you what we recommend.

Please mark your calendars for September 29th as we will be having a congregational meeting to discuss our TLC needs for next year or so. We want your feedback, and we want you to be engaged. We want you to be committed! St. Peder's is so much more than brick and mortar. Yet, we know that this house is one that we want to be welcoming and to stand the test of time. Please join us to talk about how we can make TLC at St. Peder's happen!

Return of Pub Theology!

Pub Theology is back! We will be meeting at **Parkway Pizza at 4359 Minnehaha Ave, Minneapolis, on Monday, September 9th at 7 pm.** Please bring your ideas for Pub Theology sessions for the upcoming year, and we will spend time catching up and deciding on topics for discussion, and the preferred day of the week to meet. If you have any questions, please contact Allison or Michael O'Day at madeoday@msn.com!

Volunteer News and Opportunities & Financials

Together in Mission 2024

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

Income

Month of July: \$17,218	Budget for the month: \$25,985
Year to Date: \$206,598	Budget Year to Date: \$181,901

Expenses

Month of July: \$24,054	Budget for the month: \$25,814
Year to Date: \$170,463	Budget Year to Date: \$180,700

Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod \$7500 YTD

Pastor on the Run!

Pastor Bryan is talking another run at (pun intended!) completing the Twin Cities Marathon on **October 6th**. Like last year, he is raising money for Wildflyer Coffee, which is a coffee shop in our neighborhood that is working to end youth homelessness in the Cities, through employment, life skills training, and finding safe and affordable housing. If you would like to contribute, please scan this QR code to donate.



Lutheran Social Services— Leading with Abundance

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota warmly invites you to join them at the 2024 celebration for Changing Lives for an inspiring evening of community and generosity. **This event takes places on Saturday, September 14 at The Depot Minneapolis, 225 3rd Ave S.** Social hour begins at 5:30 pm, dinner and program starts at 6:30. Tickets can be purchased at lssmn.org/events.

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	2	3 10 am Exercise Class* 2 pm Chronic Disease Group * 6 pm Sisters In Crime * 6 pm Bible Study	4 9 am Quilters	5 10 am Exercise Class*	6	7 2 pm Fiber Arts
8 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship God's Work, Our Hands	9 7pm Pub Theology @ Parkway Pizza	10 10 am Exercise Class* 12 pm Potluck 6 pm Bible Study	11	12 10 am Exercise Class*	13	14 9:30 am Seniors for All 4pm Gather on the Green
15 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship Rally Sunday	16	17 10 am Exercise Class* 6 pm Bible Study	18 9 am Quilters 7 pm Council Meeting Newsletter Articles Due	19 10 am Exercise Class*	20	21 10:30 am Deafblind Club Meeting* 2 pm Fiber Arts
22 9 am Worship 9 am Faith Formation 10am Coffee & Fellowship Resume Faith Formation	23	24 10 am Exercise Class* 6 pm Bible Study	25 9 am Quilters 7 pm Pre-Election Conversation: resilience vs apathy	26 10 am Exercise Class*	27	28 10:30 am Brownies
29 9 am Worship 9 am Faith Formation 10am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15am Financial Meeting	30					

September Volunteer Schedule

September 1

Greeters: Bob Stanich & Casey Clementson
Ushers: Craig Rocheleau & Sue Nielsen
Acolyte: Fletcher Campbell
Reader: Martha Olsen
Communion Set Up: Karen Vetsch & Cameron Jamison
Communion Servers: Sue Schnickel & Dwight Lundebly
Communion Bread & Wine: Denise Logeland & Tom Dennstedt
Counters: Bob Stanich & Bruce Simpson
Livestream Tech: Bruce Simpson
LSS Safehouse Sept. 2: Tim & Elizabeth Anderson
Social Hour Hosted by Shepherding Group: 6

September 8

Greeters: Jean Evers & Eva Tangen
Ushers: Paul Aitchison & Jeremy Anderson
Acolyte: Walter Anderson
Reader: Judy Hogan
Counters: Cameron Jamison & Judy Hogan
Livestream Tech: Cameron Jamison
LSS Safehouse Sept. 9: Wendy & Gordon Legge
Social Hour Hosted by Shepherding Group: 7

September 15

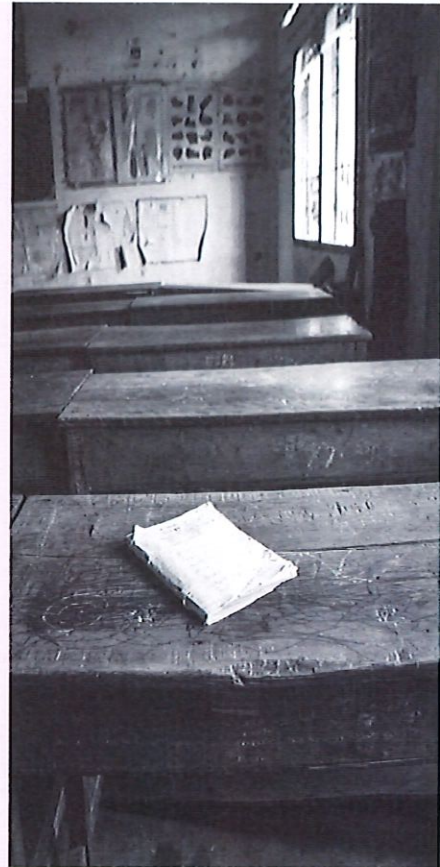
Greeters: Jean Evers & Bethene Hunsberger
Ushers: Tom Goodoien & Peter Juhl
Acolyte: Eden Hunsberger
Reader: Kristi Lahti-Johnson
Counters: Annalise Munnich & Curt Petersen
Livestream Tech: Karen Vetsch
LSS Safehouse Sept. 16: The Gleason Family
Social Hour Hosted by Shepherding Group: 8

September 22

Greeters: Tim & Elizabeth Anderson
Ushers: Tom Goodoien & John Skraba
Acolyte: Isla Wills
Reader: Elizabeth Anderson
Counters: Paul Aitchison & Shawna Nelsen-Wills
Livestream Tech: Darrick Jensen
LSS Safehouse Sept. 23: Mark & Jodi Jensen
Social Hour Hosted by Shepherding Group: 1

September 29

Greeters: Jill & Kerry Audette
Ushers: Peter Juhl & Sue Schnickel
Acolyte: Elena Wilson
Reader: Kristi Lahti-Johnson
Counters: Jackie West & Julie Ebbesen
Livestream Tech: Karen Vetsch
LSS Safehouse Sept. 30: John & Doreen Skraba
Social Hour Hosted by Shepherding Group: 2



September Worship Schedule

September 1

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee & Fellowship

September 8

God's Work Our Hands
9 am Worship
10 am Coffee & Fellowship

September 15 **Rally Sunday**

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee & Fellowship

September 22

Resume Faith Formation
9 am Worship
9 am Faith Formation
10 am Coffee & Fellowship

September 29

9 am Worship
9 am Faith Formation
10 am Coffee & Fellowship

**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.



Want to support our mission to joyfully live the gospel with open hearts, open hands and open doors? Make a donation from your smartphone by scanning the QR code or head to this website: <https://bit.ly/stpedersgiving> Thank you for sharing your gifts.

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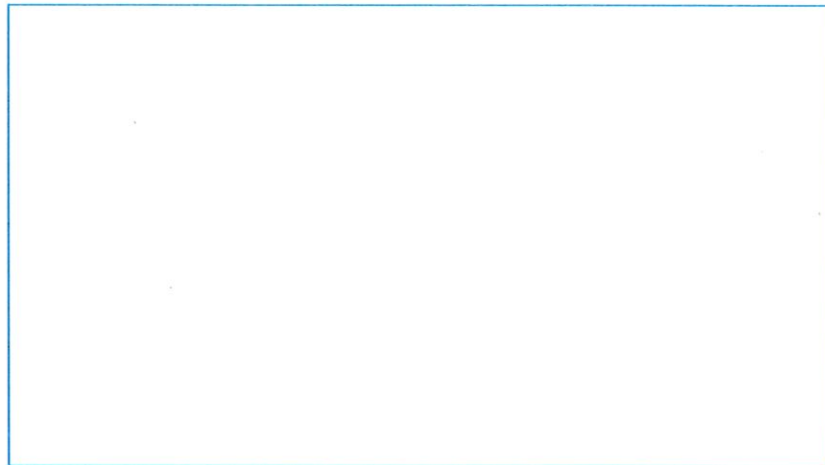
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GATHER ON THE GREEN

Community Event

SEPT 14TH, 2024 | 4-7 PM
HOSTED AT ST PEDER'S:
4600 E. 42ND ST, MINNEAPOLIS

**Featuring: Food, Beer, Live Music, Silent
Auction, 32ft Blow up Obstacle Course,
Activities For All Ages!**

Music From:

John Swardson & Bad Blood Trio,
Renee Vaughan & the Nordstär Ensemble,
Rachel Ries,



Bring an item
to donate!

All are Welcome





Most Needed Items at CES:

Laundry detergent
Dish soap
Peanut butter
Cooking oil (vegetable, olive, avocado)
Cereal
Lentils
Rice (white, basmati, jasmine)
Spaghetti sauce
Cereal
Sugar (4 lbs and 2 lb packs)
Canned soup and chili
Canned pasta meals (ex: spaghettios)
Kid snacks (chips, fruit snacks, granola bars)
Dry instant meals (ramen, noodles cups)
Pancake/baking mixes
Deodorant
Shampoo/Conditioner
Baby products (diapers, wipes, etc)
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Menstrual Products (pads and tampons)

