

St. Peder's Monthly Messenger

July 2025

Greetings in the name of Christ,

Lately, it seems that every time I read the news, there is another crisis to contend with. As I read the news on June 14th, I read of the assassination of MN House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, as well as attempts to kill more elected officials. Days ago, I read of the United States's involvement in bombing Iranian nuclear sites. And it doesn't take much reading every single day to find clashes between concerned citizens and ICE agents around the country, including on Lake St.

As I read these articles and follow these stories, I am asking myself: "What can I do?" What can I do to ease the suffering of the world? What can I do to fight against the violence that I see splattered across our headlines? What can I do to be an ambassador for hope, grace, and justice in a world that seems bent on the opposite?"

As I ask myself these questions, I have come to realize that they are prayers. I might be asking them of myself, looking for concrete ways in which I might be part of a better world, but I am also asking them of God. As I see everything happening in the world, I am yearning not just for any peace, but God's peace. I'm not looking for just any joy, but God's joy. I'm looking for God's Community and ways to be a part of it.

I know I'm not alone in that. I am (like many of you) one of millions of people across the world asking these questions and looking for this hope. And in that Spirit, I want to invite you to pray. I invite you to pray for the world, your community, and your home. I invite you to pray for the healing of the world. And there are many ways to pray – alone and together, through words and silence, through action and contemplation.

With this in mind, I am starting a midweek prayer service at St. Peder's. It will be at 7:00 in the Sanctuary, following our Bible study (which starts at 6). We will be gathering to pray and share concerns with each other, to provide those of us who wish to pray in community a chance to do so. It is open to everyone, whether you are part of the congregation or not, and built for the uplifting of personal and national concerns. We will come together to pray for the healing of the world. I hope you can join us.

With gratitude,
Pastor Bryan



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Human Trafficking presentation by Ben Campbell

ANYONE can become a victim, and it can happen anywhere, even in your own town. Here are some statistics specific to Minnesota:

- In 2015, we had the 3rd highest number of human trafficking cases in the U.S.
- The Twin Cities is in the top 13 U.S. cities for child sex trafficking
- In 2020-2021, there were 21 labor trafficking victims and 401 sex trafficking victims identified
- Labor trafficking are typically Hispanic or Latino people of any gender who are trafficked in household, restaurant, or agriculture industries.

Join us for a brief presentation by Ben Campbell on **July 13th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 am**. There will also be opportunities to support individuals deals with their lived experiences. We will be collecting backpacks and prepaid cell phones for donation purposes. Please contact Karen Vetsch with questions at 612-721-7385.

Gather on the Green: A Night at the Movies

Save the Date! Gather on the Green will be having A Night at the Movies on September 13th! Gather with friends and neighbors for an evening of food, lawn games, and a movie at dusk. More details coming soon!

Save the Date- Open Eye Puppet Show

The world is upside down, and Juan Bobo is going to do something about it! Inspired by Puerto Rican folk stories, this show combines puppetry, music, Spanish, and English in a delightful tale of riddles, silly devils, a missing pig, and a village in need of a hero.

This event will take place on **Thursday, August 14th at 7 pm** in St. Peder's Courtyard. In case of bad weather, the event will be moved into the lounge. Please contact Karen Vetsch with any questions. People of all ages welcome to attend!



National Night Out

Minneapolis will celebrate National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 5th!** National Night out is a time for city residents to come together and celebrate with neighbors. Many blocks in Minneapolis take this opportunity to reconnect, eat, and build relationships while kids play and bike freely in the closed street. We are hoping to encourage as many Minneapolis residents as possible! Registration is now open and **FREE!** Sign up early, as registration closes on **July 29th.**

Pre-registration checklist:

- Include neighbors in your organizing efforts.
- Register only one event per block (appoint one neighbor to register
- Consider if you want your street blocked off to traffic.
- Checking the box for 75% approval is fine if you plan to notify every household of the event.
- Call 311** to request a firetruck, MPD K9, and/or MPD Mounted Patrol.

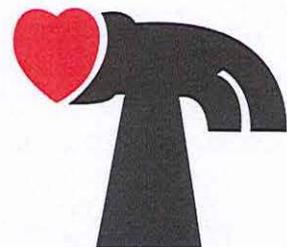
What to expect:

- NNO Team will host NNO Pop-Ups around the city throughout the summer; dates and locations will be sent out soon
- Digital copies of NNO Flyers will be sent to registrants via email and will be available (one copy per language per person, please) at NNO Pop-Ups
- Our Team is available to table at your community events to encourage NNO event registrations!
- Confirmation of your event will be sent via email starting Monday, June 2nd (print the final page of your registration for your permit number)

To register your block, visit <https://apps.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/>.

Hearts and Hammers

Save the date for St. Peder's Hearts and Hammers event! This event that our church has participated in for 40 years will take place on **Saturday, August 2nd.** The address is still to be determined. For more info, please contact Karen Vetsch.



Internet Safety Presentation by Ben Campbell

Do you know who you are talking to on the internet? Let's learn how we can protect ourselves and our loved ones while online. Advancements in technology and the growing number of children with access to online platforms leave our kids vulnerable to victimization by predators. Since 2016, Minnesota has seen a 700% increase in the number of tips about criminals victimizing children online. Join us in the Fellowship hall on **July 13th** after service to learn more about this important topic.



Danebod Folk Meeting News

Come and experience the Danish Folk school tradition of a life-long learning at the annual Danebod Folk Meeting, where teachers and students learn from each other! At the 2025 Folk Meeting, to be held **August 20-24**, professionals and participants will come together for three and a half days of mutual learning. Not only will you hear from experts on topics like finding confidence in today's news, the health of America's electrical grid, "de-stressing" in today's world, examining our federal judiciary, and what it means to "live Danishly" like the "happiest people in the world", but you will have the opportunity to let your voice, questions, and perspectives be heard! All events, from lectures to leisure, are designed for maximum interaction and engagement. Reflecting on Grundtvig's goals for life-long learning, we will again offer an afternoon of experiential activity for small groups. Attendees will be able to choose to:

- Join a group to make Danish open-faced sandwiches
- Visit Camden state park for a guided outdoor walk
- Explore your inner artist in an acrylic painting class
- Experience the joy of folk dancing
- Play lawn games like Bocce, Croquet and Kub
- Create new song lyrics to favorite melodies in a song-writing class

For more information or to sign up, please visit danebodfolkmeeting.org.

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 May: \$11,091

Budget for the month: \$27,162

Year to Date: \$72,105

Budget Year to Date: \$135,808

Expenses

Month of May: \$32,166

Budget for the month: \$27,162

Year to Date: \$126,612

Budget Year to Date: \$135,808

Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod \$ 0 YTD

Courtyard Worship

July's Courtyard Worship will be held on Sunday, July 20th. It will be a blessing on the pets, so bring your animal friends with you to the service! For safety reasons, all pets need to be leashed or in a carrier case of some kind. Please contact Pastor Bryan with any questions.

Rainbow Wardrobe

Rainbow Wardrobe is the only free clothing resource specifically for the LGBTQIA+ community in Minnesota. It provides free gender-affirming clothing, undergarments, and personal care items to over 1200 people! St. Peder's will be accepting donations for the Twin Cities Pride Rainbow Wardrobe until July 6th. Rainbow Wardrobe is specifically looking for donations of: shoes (especially sneakers), accessories (jewelry, handbags, hats, belts, ties, etc.), personal care items (deodorant, shampoo, body wash— all must be new and unopened), and masculine and feminine underwear. Clothing must be in good condition, meaning clean and free of rips and tears. You can learn more about this amazing cause at tcpride.org/rainbow-wardrobe.

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2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6 pm Sisters in Crime* 6 pm Bible Study	2 9 am Quilters	3	4	5 2 pm Fiber Arts
		8 12 pm Potluck 6 pm Bible Study	9	10	11	12
6 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	7					
		15 NO Bible Study	16 9 am Quilters 7 pm Council Meeting	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19 2pm Fiber Arts
13 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	14 11:30 am Meals on Wheels pick-up*					
		22 6 pm Bible Study	23	24	25	26
		29 6 pm Bible Study	30	31		
20 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship Courtyard Worship	21					
		28				
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July Volunteer Schedule

July 6

Greeters: Melanie Carlson & Sue Schnickel

Ushers: Steve Austin & Jim Nelsen

Acolyte: Hattie Odeen

Reader: Martha Olsen

Communion Set-Up: Eva Tangen & Phoebe Anderson

Communion Servers: Karen Vetsch, Dan Vetsch, Lisa Rovick

Communion Bread & Wine: Dale & Jackie West

Counters: Bruce Simpson & Jackie West

Livestream Tech: Karen Vetsch

LSS Safehouse July 7: Tim & Elizabeth Anderson

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 1

July 13

Greeters: Ben Campbell & Casey Clementson

Ushers: Tom Goodoien & Peter Juhl

Acolyte: Fletcher Campbell

Reader: Tim Anderson

Counters: Tim Anderson & Terri Vetsch

Livestream Tech: JeriLynn Young

LSS Safehouse July 14: Wendy & Gordon Legge

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 2

July 20– Courtyard Worship

Greeters: Kristi Lahti-Johnson & Chuck Johnson

Ushers: Paul Aitchison & Peter Paulson

Acolyte: Isla Wills

Reader: Judy Hogan

Counters: Darrick Jensen & Bob Stanich

Livestream Tech: Darrick Jensen

LSS Safehouse July 21: The Gleason Family

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 3

July 27

Greeters: Scott Wilson & Julie Ebbesen

Ushers: Craig Rocheleau & John Skraba

Acolyte: Elena Wilson

Reader: Joe Munnich

Counters: Annalise Munnich & JeriLynn Young

Livestream Tech: Cameron Jamison

LSS Safehouse July 28: Dan & Karen Vetsch

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 4



July Worship Schedule

July 6

9 am Worship

10 am Coffee & Fellowship

July 13

9 am Worship

10 am Coffee & Fellowship

July 20

Courtyard Worship

9 am Worship

10 am Coffee & Fellowship

July 27

9 am Worship

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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