

St. Peder's Monthly Messenger

August 2025

Hello from the Pastor's Office,

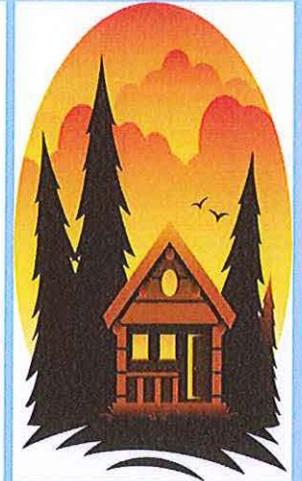
It is difficult to believe that we're already into August. As a kid, I remember feeling a certain deflating happening sometime during this month. I would come to an understanding that my break from school was in its final weeks and that there were still things left on my summer to-do list. I had some regrets. In hindsight, the problems feel small, but I couldn't shake that I hadn't done the sleepovers I had wanted, I still had not finished the fort I was making in the backyard, and I wasn't any closer to starting a fire rubbing two sticks together. I had plans, but other things got in the way.

As I enter August now, I have different perspectives on what is important. My goals are different now than they were. Instead of building a fort from sticks just big enough for myself, I want to build a world where everyone can be whole and thrive. Instead of taking every opportunity to escape to a friend's house or some far off vacation, I'm trying to figure out how to become present and joyful where I am.

I am trying to do "be still" (Psalm 46:10), "keep watch" (Matthew 25:13), and "not grow weary in doing what is good" (Galatians 6:9). I am trying to see the work in front of me as part of something bigger, as small things that are part of a much bigger thing. And I am trying to remember that I am (just like you are) gifted for the work that is in front of us.

August is, for a lot of us, the month of tying up loose ends. It's a time to take the final trip before school starts, finish the projects that were dreamed of during the cold winter and started in June, and begin harvesting some of the fruit our gardens have given us. At St. Peder's, we have been doing a lot of planning and thinking. We are trying to make sure that our faith community can offer care and support for friends, families, and neighbors. We are prayerfully looking for ways to address the needs we have noticed in the world. And we are doing what we can to be present in the both the joys and griefs, the rest and responsibilities that comes from a life of faith. And we trust that, whatever happens and whatever we are called to, we will do it together.

Peace,
Pastor Bryan



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News from Faith Formation Committee

The FF committee has been working on some exciting things for this fall. We now have a plan for implementing our new Faith Formation program and will soon be looking for volunteers to assist. We will need one to two volunteers for two Sundays a month. Volunteering for one Sunday periodically would be great. Everything will be prepared for you. As a bonus, you will get to know our youth by spending 45 minutes to an hour with them each time you volunteer. Details will be forthcoming. Thanks for considering this opportunity.

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. Lawn games will start at 6:30 pm.

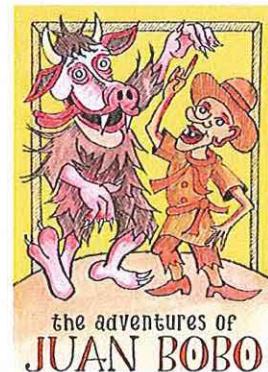


The movie being shown is *Despicable Me*, a family-friendly Pixar film that will begin at 7:30 pm. Popcorn and movie theater candy will be available. Bring your own drinks, lawn chairs and blankets.

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!

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 #)

Weekly Prayer Service

During these trying times, strength in the community and a sense of comfort are more important than ever. Pastor Bryan will be leading a prayer service on Tuesday nights from 7-7:30 pm. All are welcome to join.



St. Peder's Partners with Minnehaha Food Shelf!

We're excited to announce that, through the work of the Christian Life Committee, St. Peder's has officially become a core member with the Minnehaha Food Shelf! Our congregation has supported MFS in the past through events like the Souper Bowl and ongoing food donations, and we look forward to continuing this important work together. Watch for more ways to get involved as we deepen our commitment to helping neighbors in need.

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. 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", and 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 can choose to:

- 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

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

Volunteer News and Opportunities & Financials

Together in Mission 2025

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 June: \$20,644

Year to Date: \$92,749

Budget for the month: \$27,162

Budget Year to Date: \$162,970

Expenses

Month of June: \$22,914

Year to Date: \$149,526

Budget for the month: \$27,162

Budget Year to Date: \$162,970

Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod \$ 0 YTD

Courtyard Worship

August's Courtyard Worship will take place on Sunday, August 17, and will be a blessing of the backpacks. Have your student bring their school bags to the service so they can be blessed before heading back to class this fall!



Songwriter Spotlight Returns

The Songwriter Spotlight will be returning to St. Peder's this fall. We are excited to offer some great chances to hear local music and support local songwriters in our little corner of Minneapolis. On the first Thursday of every month (with a few exceptions), we will be hosting musicians to sing songs they've written, tell stories, and connect with the community. The shows will be about an hour long, starting at 7 PM and will feature musicians from around the Twin Cities. Our first show is on **September 4th** and will feature Clayton Ryan and a (yet to be determined) special guest. We hope you can join us!

AUGUST

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						8 am Paint-A-Thon 2 pm Fiber Arts
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship		National Night Out	9 am Quilters			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship		12 pm Potluck 6 pm Sisters in Crime 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer Service		7 pm Open Eye Theater Puppet Show		10:30 am DeafBlind Club 2pm Fiber Arts
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship Courtyard Worship	Newsletter Articles Due	6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer Service	9 am Quilters 7 pm Council Meeting			
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	7 pm Kith & Kin Rehearsal	6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer Service				

August Volunteer Schedule

August 3

Greeters: Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen

Ushers: Paul Aitchison & Lisa Jensen

Acolyte: Walter Anderson

Reader: Darrick Jensen

Communion Set-Up: Karen Vetsch & Dwight Lundeby

Communion Servers: Paul Aitchison, Jackie West & Bob Stanich

Communion Bread & Wine: Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen

Counters: Eva Tangen & Tim Anderson

Livestream Tech: Bruce Simpson

LSS Safehouse August 4: Shawna Nelsen-Wills & Steve Wills

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 5

August 10

Greeters: Karen & Dan Vetsch

Ushers: Paul Aitchison & Peter Juhl

Acolyte: Elena Wilson

Reader: Shawna Nelsen-Wills

Counters: Shawna Nelsen-Wills & Marcia Rocheleau

Livestream Tech: Darrick Jensen

LSS Safehouse August 11: Kristin Lerstrom & Daniel Peterson

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 6

August 17– Courtyard Worship

Greeters: Kristi Lahti-Johnson & Chuck Johnson

Ushers: Tom Goodoien & Paul Aitchison

Acolyte: Isla Wills

Reader: Kristi Lahti-Johnson

Counters: Tim Anderson & Shawna Nelsen-Wills

Livestream Tech: JeriLynn Young

LSS Safehouse August 18: Bob Stanich & Jeanne Schleh

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 7

August 24

Greeters: Lisa Rovick & Eva Tangen

Ushers: Peter Juhl & Steve Austin

Acolyte: Fletcher Campbell

Reader: Bob Stanich

Counters: Sue Nielsen & Bob Stanich

Livestream Tech: Karen Vetsch

LSS Safehouse August 25: Kathryn Jensen, Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 8

August 31

Greeters: Michael & Allison O'Day

Ushers: Cameron Jamison & Butch Vossen

Acolyte: Hattie Odeen

Reader: Dan Vetsch

Counters: Steve Austin & Paul Odegaard

Livestream Tech: Jerilyn Young

LSS Safehouse September 1: Michael & Judy Hogan

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 1



August Worship Schedule

August 3

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee &
Fellowship

August 10

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee &
Fellowship

August 17 Courtyard Worship

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee &
Fellowship

August 24

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee &
Fellowship

August 31

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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