

# THE MESSENGER

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Did you know that the iconic yellow we see on the school buses has a name? It was developed in 1939 and is called "National School Bus Glossy Yellow." Now that Labor Day and the State Fair are behind us, you're going to see more of this yellow on the streets. It's easy to see buses as a nuisance, especially when they're re-emerging with the start of school and disrupting summer traffic patterns, but their presence is a profound reminder of the importance of education on the whole community. Kids of all different ages, cultures, languages, religions, and abilities are on those buses. When we support the schools and students, we are also supporting the families who care for and about them.

Jesus had a lot to say about caring for children and other groups of people who are vulnerable or marginalized. In the same way the bus carries students to and from school, we carry each other through the journeys of life. What we do for and with "the least of these," we really do for ourselves,

too. Just as a new school year affects the whole community, so our work on behalf of others affects the whole community.

As we begin a new season of life together, let's keep our eyes open for ways that we can carry each other and find ways to be part of the work God is doing in the world.

Pastor Bryan





## RAINBOW WARDROBE UPDATE

Thank you all for your generous donations to Twin Cities Pride—Rainbow Wardrobe! St. Peder's gathered four overflowing bags of contributions. We successfully collected many of the requested items, such as jewelry,

accessories, XL clothing, and toiletries. Rainbow Wardrobe was incredibly thankful for the support! Thank you for standing by our LGBTQIA2S+ neighbors. To learn more about Rainbow Wardrobe and their initiatives, visit their website at [www.tcpride.org/rainbow-wardrobe](http://www.tcpride.org/rainbow-wardrobe).

## 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 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. If you are interested in helping with clean-up after the event, there is a sign-up sheet outside the office.



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## FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for one or two volunteers for the second and third Sundays of each month to help with our newly implemented Faith Formation program. Volunteering one Sunday periodically would be ideal. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Erickson. You can sign up by contacting Lyn in the office, or use the QR code to access Sign-Up Genius.

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## 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.



## SENIOR COFFEE CLUB

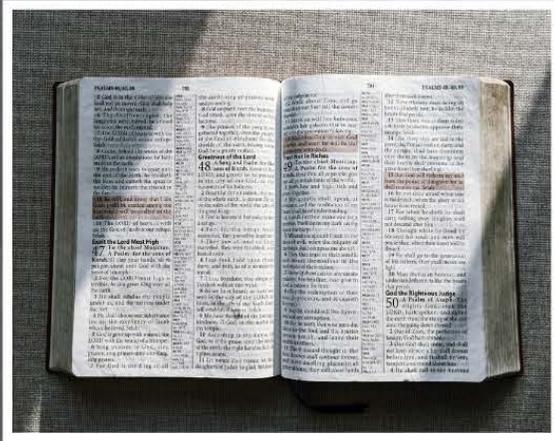
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- September 17th- kick-off event
- October 15th
- November 19th.

There will be no meeting in December due to the holidays.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rose James of Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors via email at [rjames@lshealthyseniors.org](mailto:rjames@lshealthyseniors.org) or by telephone at 612-729-5799. Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors is a non-profit, community based organization serving a diverse population of older adults in the Seward, Howe, Longfellow, Cooper, and Hiawatha neighborhoods. Their programs are free or low cost.



## INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

Are you curious about the many sections of the Bible? This year's Intergenerational Event on September 28th after service will include an overview from Pastor Bryan, along with him leading us on a Bible scavenger hunt, complete with prizes! If you need a Bible for this activity, please let us know by September 16th. If you have an extra Bible that you would like to pass along, please drop it off at the church anytime between now and the 16th. If you are in need of a Bible, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office. If you have any questions, please contact Karen, or anyone on the Faith Formation committee.



## 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.

## RALLY SUNDAY AND GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Join us on Sunday, September 14th for our annual Rally Sunday and God's Work Our Hands events! Learn about the ways we will grow and guide our hearts and heads by trying new experiences and discovering which old methods work best. During coffee hour, we will take on a few new activities to share and care for the community, including tying up a few no-sew blankets, card making, and the Go 5 Item litter challenge! For more information, please contact Karen Vetsch.





## 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. Check out the insert in this newsletter for a full list of artists!



## PUB THEOLOGY RETURNS

Pub Theology is back for another season of conversation, questioning, and understanding. Join us at Parkway Pizza on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 pm. We will ponder topics for discussion for the remainder of the season and decide what day of the week works best. Please contact Allison or Michael O'Day with questions!

## 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 July: \$ 11,644 Budget for the month: \$27,162

Year to Date: \$ 72,105 Budget Year to Date: \$135,808

### Expenses

Month of July: \$ 14,868 Budget for the month: \$27,162

Year to Date: \$164,395 Budget Year to Date: \$190,131

Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod \$ 0 YTD

## CONFIRMATION UPDATES

Confirmation Sunday will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> and we are excited to be confirming Elena Wilson and Aemilia Wollak during our worship services! This year, we are changing the way our Confirmation classes work. Instead of shorter classes a few times a month, we are shifting to a morning retreat model which will happen quarterly. During each of these classes, we will do deep dives into different topics, have time for relationship building and activities, and will end with a meal and a short worship service. Our first class will be September 6<sup>th</sup> and we will be covering the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. If you would like to participate, whether as a student (all ages welcome!) or as an adult helper, please let Pastor Bryan know.

## BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, following worship, we are excited to be hosting a conversation about Bright Stars of Bethlehem. BSB raises awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University, the first and only university of arts, culture, and design in all of Palestine. Executive Director Tracie Ortman will be joining us to share information about the important work they do, including how the conflict in Palestine is affecting their work and their students. She will be joining us after worship, coming from another congregation in the Cities with whom they are planning a solidarity trip to the University and surrounding areas. If you would be interested in being a part of a trip to the Holy Land, please let Pastor Bryan know. Bright Stars of Bethlehem has worked with several churches to plan trips that highlight both the old stones (common pilgrimage sites) and the living stones (the people) of Israel and Palestine.



## SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### SEPTEMBER 7

Greeters: Eric & Bethene Hunsberger  
Ushers: Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen  
Acolyte: Eden Hunsberger  
Reader: Dan Vetsch  
Communion Set-Up: Eva Tangen & Phoebe Anderson  
Communion Servers: Dwight Lundeby & Lisa Rovick  
Communion Bread & Wine: Lisa Rovick & Bruce Simpson  
Counters: Karen Vetsch & Steve Austin  
Livestream Tech: Karen Vetsch  
LSS Safehouse Sept. 8: Bill & Judy Anderson  
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 2

### SEPTEMBER 14

Greeters: Sue Gantriis & Mark Davies  
Ushers: Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen  
Acolyte: Walter Anderson  
Reader: Sue Gantriis  
Counters: Eva Tangen & Cameron Jamison  
Livestream Tech: Cameron Jamison  
LSS Safehouse Sept. 15: Kristi Lahti-Johnson & Chuck Johnson,  
Eric & Bethene Hunsberger  
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 3

### SEPTEMBER 21- RALLY SUNDAY

Greeters: Lisa Rovick & Jill Aidette  
Ushers: Peter Juhl & Julie Ebbesen  
Acolyte: Elena Wilson  
Reader: Allison O'Day  
Counters: Annalise Munnich & JeriLynn Young  
Livestream Tech: JeriLynn Young  
LSS Safehouse Sept. 22: Curt & Meg Petersen  
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 4  
Fait Formation Volunteer: Jean Evers

### SEPTEMBER 28

Greeters: Ben Campbell & Casey Clementson  
Ushers: Curt & Meg Petersen  
Acolyte: Fletcher Campbell  
Reader: Dwight Lundeby  
Counters: Curt Petersen & Judy Hogan  
Livestream Tech: Bruce Simpson  
LSS Safehouse Sept. 29: Denise Logeland & Tom Dennstadt  
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 5

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 7  
9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship

September 14  
God's Work  
Our Hands  
9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship

September 21  
Rally Sunday  
9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship

September 28  
9 am Worship  
10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship





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Thank you for sharing your gifts.

St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church 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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