

# THE MESSENGER

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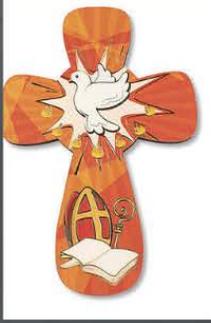


A friend of mine last year went through an awful year. She dealt with a divorce, a layoff, children with emerging mental health crises, and a move across states. I don't know how she did it, but she found some sense of peace in the midst of it. She wrote "Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end." I've been thinking about that a lot as we have seen much violence lately.

We have seen close to home, and far away, that there are many ways violence manifests in this world and they are always a tragedy, no matter who dies or who held the gun. Jesus, repeatedly, makes a point of limiting violence whenever possible. He stands between a woman caught in adultery and the men wanting to stone her. He heals people from diseases, touching and speaking to people who had been called unclean. He reunites people cast from their homes with the communities that expelled them. The story of Jesus is the story of non-violent peacemaking, even when it led to his own execution.

As people trying to follow Jesus, we walk a slippery path. We know that the world is not what God intends. We understand that the problems fueling all this violence are a problem. We confront our own complicity and sin in the midst of it all. We also we understand that God is working to fix what is broken and tear down walls people build to divide. We believe that we can play a small part in participation with God. We use our gifts to help of the world, even if we don't know where it will lead. When violence dominates the headlines, I think this is critical for us as people of faith. We act and we rest, we pray and we work, we trust beyond what we can see, because we believe that there is a better way that we were built for. We don't have to pretend this is all okay. We don't have to pretend we have the answers. We can be shocked and dismayed at all this. But we also don't have to pretend that this is the way it will always be. Don't lose hope. If it's not okay, it's not the end.

Peace, Pastor Bryan



## REFORMATION/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday October 26th for our annual Reformation/Confirmation celebration. Our confirmands this year are Aemilia Wollak and Elena Wilson.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY-ORGAN DEDICATION

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be our All Saints service. It will also be the day we dedicate our new organ!

## MARATHON SUNDAY

Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> is Marathon Sunday! St. Peder's will be opening our doors to spectators who need a cup of coffee (or need to get rid of that cup of coffee!). We are looking for volunteers to greet visitors and direct them to the facilities. No experience needed, no need to apply! Just show up with a smile around 10 am that Sunday morning. Please contact Judy Hogan with questions.



## 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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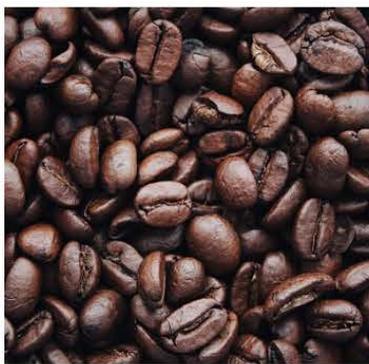


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## ST PEDER'S PARTNERS WITH MINNEHAHA FOOD SHELF!

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

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church and Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors are co-sponsoring a monthly coffee club event for older adults in this community. The meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, 4101 37th Ave S., Minneapolis, from 1:30-3:00 pm. There will be pastries from Luane Bread,

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- 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.



## THE GROUNDSWELL EVENT

The Groundswell is an event created to inspire through stories. You can engage with resources and take the next steps towards mobilizing people of faith to do the work of vital neighbors at this time. Cultivate a community of care while being led by keynote speakers Mike Mather and De'Amon Harges. This year's theme is "Look, now is the Acceptable Time!" This event will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hagfors Center at Augsburg University. To Register, please go online at <https://mplsareasynod.regfox.com/groundswell-2025>.

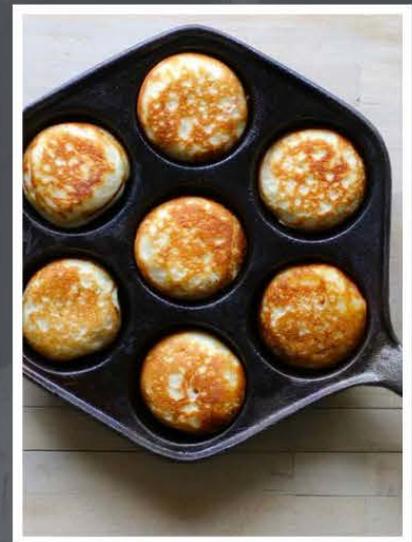


## WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

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.

## ÆBLESKIVE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for the annual Æbleskive Breakfast on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting up the Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for people to volunteer for set-up, baking, donating ingredients such as milk, jam, etc., serving, and clean-up. Please contact Sue Nielsen if you are interested at [suenielsen76@gmail.com](mailto:suenielsen76@gmail.com) or 612-360-3936.



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## SONGWRITER SPOTLIGHT RETURNS

We are excited to offer some great chances to hear local music and support local songwriters in our little corner of Minneapolis.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be hosting Matt Jensen and Nathan Hess as they share 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.



## PUB THEOLOGY

Why are our Sunday services ordered the way they are? Which parts of the service speak, or don't speak, as loudly to you? Did the order of the service look the same 20 years ago, and how will it look 20 years from now? Bring your ideas and questions to Pub Theology on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Parkway Pizza.

## 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 August: \$22,428

Year to Date: \$126,821

Budget for the month: \$27,162

Budget Year to Date: \$217,293

### Expenses

Month of August: \$20,252

Year to Date: \$184,646

Budget for the month: \$27,162

Budget Year to Date: \$217,293

Mission Support to Minneapolis Area Synod \$ 4,000 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.

## PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Minnehaha Food Shelf helps fight food insecurity in our community by distributing fresh, nutritious food every Tuesday. The food shelf is a coalition of five Minneapolis churches: Minnehaha United Methodist, Lake Nokomis Lutheran, Living Table United Church of Christ, St. Peder's Lutheran, and Grace Episcopal. Through their efforts, an average of 1,200 clients are served each week! New Branches will be hosting a Fundraiser Benefit for Minnehaha Food Shelf that will be catered by Fat Lorenzo's. This event will take place on **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30–7:30 pm at New Branches 5011 31<sup>st</sup> Ave S. Minneapolis.** Tickets are \$30 if bought before October 16<sup>th</sup>, and \$35 after. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Kids under 5 eat for free! There will also be prizes and a gift basket drawing. You can purchase tickets online at [ticketstripe.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf-Dinner](https://ticketstripe.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf-Dinner) or by scanning the QR code on the flyers you can find posted around St. Peder's. For information, please contact Karen Vetsch.



## OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> MARAHTON OUTREACH EVENT

Greeters: Andrea & Augie Wollak

Ushers: Lisa Jensen & Peter Juhl

Acolyte: Aemilia Wollak

Reader: Lisa Rovick

Communion Set-Up: Lisa Jensen & Sue Schnickel

Communion Servers: Karen & Dan Vetsch

Communion Bread & Wine: Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen

Counters: Bob Stanich & Jackie West

Livestream Tech: Cameron Jamison

LSS Safehouse Oct. 6: Sue & Al Nielsen

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 6

### OCTOBER 12

Greeters: Kerry & Jill Audette

Ushers: Peter Juhl & Jim Nelsen

Acolyte: Walter Anderson

Reader: Bethany Albing

Counters: Eva Tangen & Steve Austin

Livestream Tech: Darrick Jensen

LSS Safehouse Oct. 13: Terri, Karen & Dan Vetsch

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 7

Faith Formation Volunteers: Evan Tangen & JeriLynn Young

### OCTOBER 19

Greeters: Paul Aitchison & Dwight Lundebly

Ushers: Sue Nielsen & Julie Ebbesen

Acolyte: Hattie Odeen

Reader: Judy Hogan

Counters: Marcia Rocheleau & JeriLynn Young

Livestream Tech: Bruce Simpson

LSS Safehouse Oct. 20: Bruce Simpson & Lisa Rovick

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 8

Fait Formation Volunteers:

### OCTOBER 26- REFORMATION/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Greeters: Eric & Bethene Hunsberger

Ushers: Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen

Acolyte: Eden Hunsberger

Reader: Joe Munnich

Counters: Annalise Munnich & Darrick Jensen

Livestream Tech: Darrick Jensen

LSS Safehouse Oct. 27: Liz & Forrest Bentley

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 1

## OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### October 5 Marathon Sunday

9 am Worship

9 am Faith  
Formation

10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship

### October 12

9 am Worship

9 am Faith  
Formation

10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship

### October 19

9 am Worship

9 am Faith  
Formation

10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship

### September 28 Confirmation Sunday

9 am Worship

9 am Faith  
Formation

10 am Coffee  
& Fellowship



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.

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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