

THE MESSENGER

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This is a month we are asked to take time to say what we're thankful for. I've always found this to be a good practice. It can be difficult when we face everything we see in the news cycles and have advertisements constantly telling us what products we need to be really satisfied or successful. Taking time to deliberately and consciously find something to be thankful for, in the midst of (or in spite of) everything going on these days, can be a beautiful rebellion against all the forces of this world that would distract us from God. Paul wrote to the early Christians in Thessalonica (who were also facing very difficult times) to give thanks "in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18), and I think that lesson still applies.

So, in that spirit, I want to tell you a few things I'm grateful for:

- For the loving and supportive community I get a chance to be a part of at St. Peder's.
- For the staff and volunteers I get to work with who keep our worship and ministry running.

- For the beauty of the river and trees so nearby to our church.
- For the opportunity to journey beside so many of you through joy and sorrow.
- For the chance to be part of a neighborhood that has helped my family and me feel like we belong.
- For the turkeys that roam through our yards.
- For the weekly Bible Study and Prayer Service that have become a staple in my week.
- For the Council and Committee members of St. Peder's who have given their time this year to make decisions, engage with our neighbors, and guide the worship and ministry here.
- For the new organ and the music we get to make with it.
- For the fact that I'm running out of space, but have not run out of things to be grateful for.

What are you thankful for?

Peace, Pastor Bryan

NOVEMBER AT ST. PEDER'S

BUDGET MEETING NOTICE

Please join us on Sunday, November 23rd for our annual Budget Meeting. This is an important to talk about the health of the congregation, what our mission is as a community of faith, and how we want to steward the resources we have at our disposal. The meeting will begin at 10:30, following worship.

FRIENDSGIVING WITH RESTORING WATERS

We have been invited to a special Friendsgiving with Restoring Waters, the new location of Emma Norton Services located in Highland Park. They have space for 25 people and are encouraging us to each bring our favorite Thanksgiving foods to share. The meal will happen over lunch on Sunday, November 16th at Restoring Waters (801 Mount Curve Blvd, St. Paul).

ÆBLESKIVE SUNDAY

Join the festivities in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, November 9th at 10 am for St. Peder's Æbleskive Breakfast.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the delicious breakfast and time at the table with friends and family! Æbleskive will also be available to go.

This event is supported by a free-will offering and the work of many volunteers. Thanks to all who help uphold this long-standing tradition in our congregation! If you haven't yet had an opportunity to volunteer, talk with Sue Nielsen (612-360-3936 or suenielsen76@gmail.com)



Pictured left: Some of the many volunteers from the 2024 Æbleskive Sunday. It takes a lot of hands to make a big event like this work and we're so grateful for everyone who helps and attends!

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SERVICE



MINNEHAHA FOOD SHELF

The freeze in government funding for SNAP and other food assistance programs has put many of our neighbors at risk. While Minnesota has engaged emergency funds to keep people fed, there is still uncertainty about how long the government shutdown will go and how long people will be without the assistance they need to feed themselves and their families. We will continue to support Minnehaha Food Shelf and encourage you to do the same.

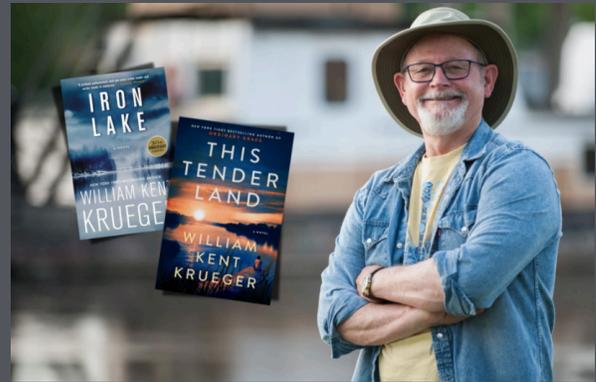


SENIOR COFFEE CLUB

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, and the meeting will be November 19th.

LOCAL AUTHOR EVENT

William Kent Kruger, known for *This Tender Land* and *Ordinary Grace*, will be speaking and signing books at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on November 15th from 9 to 11 am. For more information about this event, go to www.sotv.org/events.



AGATE HOUSING SERVICES

Agate Housing and Services is the Minneapolis nonprofit formed from the merger of St. Stephen's Human Services and House of Charity. They are seeking groups to prepare lunches for our guests at our downtown couples' shelter and the new women's shelter The Valiance. We need folks to make and deliver bag lunches for 50 people. If you're up for it, jumping in one or two times a month with friends, family, or neighbors would be truly amazing. For more information about this or about any of Agate's work to end homelessness, please check out www.agatemn.org/lunch or contact Mike Menner at mike.menner@agatemn.org.

OPEN HANDS | OPEN HEARTS | OPEN DOORS

GIFT SUNDAY

We will celebrate gift Sunday on December 7. This year our gifts will once again help stock the pop-up holiday store at Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC), where more than 600 north Minneapolis youth can choose gifts for their loved ones. Children and youth are able to select up to five gifts for their family members, for a minimal fee, with a pre-purchased ticket. PCYC suggests new, unused items valued at \$10-25 for infants, elementary and teenage siblings, parents and grandparents. PCYC serves many ethnic backgrounds so gifts that reflect diversity are prized. Specific gift ideas can be found on the Christmas tree outside the fellowship hall. Monetary donations are also accepted and used to purchase items for the sale. There are also opportunities for us to volunteer to sort gifts and help set up the "gift store" December 1-12, and help youth shop the day of the sale, December 13. Our support will make the holiday season brighter for lots of families in our community. Gift cards received on Gift Sunday will be given to area service organizations. For questions about the sale, PCYC, or volunteering, call PCYC at 612-643-2092, or Kristi Erickson at 612-823-2273.



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.



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.

PUB THEOLOGY

The topic for discussion for November's Pub Theology will be stewardship.

November has traditionally been known as stewardship month. How has the topic/discussion of stewardship changed over the years? Is stewardship a priority for church members today? How do we reconcile the cost of operating a church and its mission with the many stewardship options available in our community?

All are welcome to join us for Pub Theology on Monday, November 3rd at 6:30. Space has been reserved at Parkway Pizza at 4359 Minnehaha Avenue. Questions? Please contact Allison or Michael O'Day

ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 7 - Gift Sunday

December 14 - Children's Program

December 21 - Song Service

December 21 - Longest Night Worship (7 PM)

December 24 - Candlelight Worship (2 PM)

Danish Christmas Eve Service (3:15 PM)

Candlelight Worship (5 PM)



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 September: \$15,966

Year to Date: \$142,787

Budget for the month: \$27,162

Budget Year to Date: \$244,454

Expenses

Month of September: \$36,714

Year to Date: \$221,361

Budget for the month: \$27,162

Budget Year to Date: \$244,454

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

MUSIC UPDATES AT ST. PEDER'S



SONGWRITER SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to offer some great chances to hear local music and support local songwriters in our little corner of Minneapolis. On November 6th, we will be hosting Sean Cosgrove and Pastor Bryan (filling in for Roz Prickel) 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.

ROSEVILLE STRING ENSEMBLE

On Sunday, November 9th, the Roseville String Ensemble kicks off a new season with an afternoon of gorgeous string music. Artistic Director Amir Kats will conduct their fall concert at 3 p.m. (please note the new time) at Sundin Music Hall on the Hamline University campus, 1531 Hewitt Ave., St. Paul. The concert is free, but donations are welcome. Lisa Jensen, Wendy Legge, and Lisa Rovick are all performing in this concert. The program ranges from a lush orchestral version of a favorite J.S. Bach organ work to the haunting "Oblivion" by Astor Piazzolla (with Wendy on solo violin). For more information, go to rosevillestrings.org.



Kith + Kin Crash Chorus has been using our Assembly Hall for rehearsals and, at the end of the 6-week commitment, they perform for friends and family in our Sanctuary.



Laura Hugo shared music and songs at our September Songwriter Showcase. Our performers are encouraged to share music they've written and tell stories. St. Peder's is lucky have a great space for live music.

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2 - All Saints Day, New Member Welcome, Organ Dedication, Holy Communion

Greeters: Jeremy Anderson & Eva Tangen
Ushers: Dan & Karen Vetsch
Acolyte: Walter Anderson
Reader: Bob Stanich
Communion Setup: Judy Hogan & Karen Vetsch

Communion Servers: Judy Hogan & Lisa Rovick
Communion Bread & Wine: Allison and Michael O'Day
Counters: Cameron Jamison & Sue Nielsen
Livestream Tech: Karen Vetsch
LSS Safehouse Nov 3: Odeen Family
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 2

NOVEMBER 9

Greeters: Craig & Marcia Rocheleau
Ushers: Peter Juhl & Tom Goodoien
Acolyte: Anders Odeen
Reader: Marcia Rocheleau
Counters: Bob Stanich & Paul Aitchison

Livestream Tech: Cameron Jamison
LSS Safehouse Nov 10: Dale and Jackie West
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 3
Faith Formation Volunteers:

NOVEMBER 16

Greeters: Eric & Bethene Hunsberger
Ushers: Sue & Al Nielsen
Acolyte: Eden Hunsberger
Reader: Lisa Rovick
Counters: Darrick Jensen & Jackie West

Livestream Tech: Bruce Simpson
LSS Safehouse Nov 17: Rocheleau and Bullard Families
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 4
Faith Formation Volunteers:

NOVEMBER 23 - Budget Meeting

Greeters: Lisa Jensen & Butch Vossen
Ushers: Paul Aitchison & John Skraba
Acolyte: Isla Wills
Reader: Joe Munnich
Counters: Annalise Munnich & Doreen Skraba

Livestream Tech: JeriLynn Young
LSS Safehouse Nov 24: Sonja Walker, Joe & Annalise Munnich
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 5
Faith Formation Volunteers:

NOVEMBER 30

Greeters: Allison & Michael O'Day
Ushers: Peter Juhl & Craig Rocheleau
Acolyte: Elena Wilson
Reader: Jill Audette
Counters: Bob Stanich & Bruce Simpson

Livestream Tech: Bruce Simpson
LSS Safehouse Dec 1: Olsen and Aitchison Families
Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group: 6
Faith Formation Volunteers:

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 2

Holy Communion
9 am Worship
10 am Coffee
& Fellowship

November 9

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

November 16

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

November 23

9 am Worship
10 am Coffee
& Fellowship
10:30 am Budget
Meeting

November 30

9 am Worship
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 46th Avenue and 42nd Street in south Minneapolis.



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