

SERVANTS AMONG US

Lawn Care: Pat Murken Family

Finance Comm: Ann Healy, Janet Mortvedt

Parish Fin. Secretary/Newsletter: Veronica Wright

Custodian: Deborah Lancaster

Assist. Minister: Jo Murken

Lector: Donna Guard

Children Message: Annette Owenson

Pianist/Organist: Paul Hertz

Livestream/Ppoint/Sound: Tim Patterson

Katie Thorson, Kim Finley

Head Usher: Al Holm

Greeters: The Tafolla Family

Ushers: David & Gail Sporleder

Coffee/Fellowship: POTATO BAR & POTLUCK

Pastor Tim Malek

Pastor's phone number: 515-598-6635

Pastor's email address: pastor@stpetri.org

Church Office

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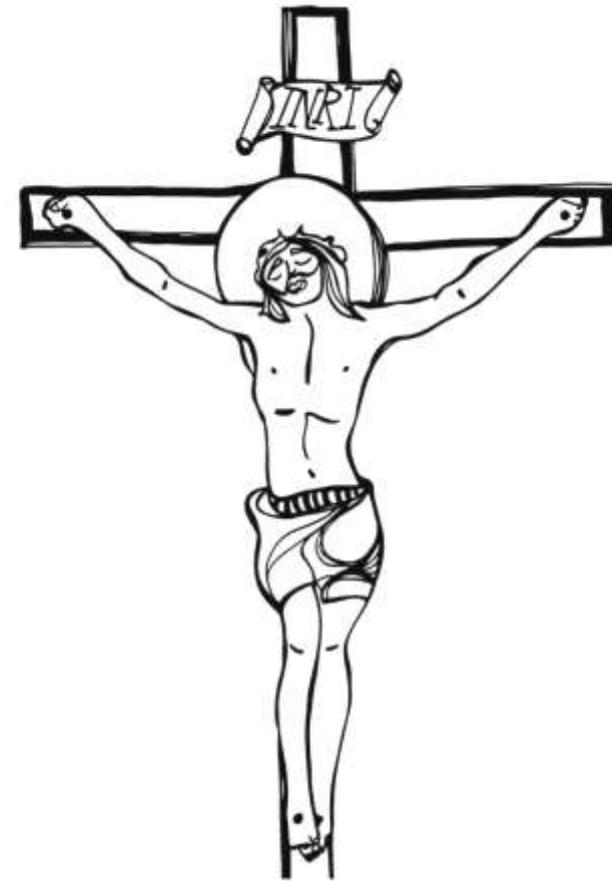
Website: www.stpetri.org

Facebook: St. Petri Lutheran Church

Contributions (General Fund)

November 16, 2025 \$2,944.00 Attendance: 64

October 2025
income/expense -\$3,118.76
2025 YTD \$8,122.24



CHRIST THE KING

ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

804 Grand Ave., Story City, IA 50248

Pastor Tim Malek

November 23, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Our Mission:
**We are disciples of Jesus Christ,
called to grow in Christ,
and to invite all to follow him.**

RIVERSIDE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP EVENTS

For more info., please contact us at 515-733-5271 or
email rlbc@riversidelbc.org;
Website: www.riversidelbc.org

Usher in the season at our
RIVERSIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 5:00-7:30pm

**Invite friends and family to Riverside to celebrate
the birth of our Savior!**

Schedule of events

5-7:30p (Dining Hall) Dinner & cookie decorating
(Rec Hall) open for fun & games
(Mortvedt) open for coffee/smoothies

6:30p **Sanctus Real** in Concert (**SOLD OUT**)

Light Has Dawned

Held at Harvest E-Free Church in Story City
Ladies, please join us for a **joyful Christmas
Celebration** on Saturday, December 13th from
9:30am-11am; doors open at 9am; brunch included!
Cost: Free! Donation box available
Questions to samanthafrykholm@gmail.com

The Birthday Smile Project

No child should miss out on the joy of a birthday
celebration. Our community program provides a free
birthday cake to children from families facing
financial hardship in the Roland-Story Schools.
What we offer: A custom-made birthday cake
completely free of charge, available for children 1-18.
How it works: Families can sign up directly; the
custom cake is ordered; pick up the cake and make
their day unforgettable!

How to apply: Contact Alyssa Loots via text message
to 515-290-9899

Help us spread the word! Together we can make every
child's special day filled with sweetness and smiles! ☺

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETRI

Today

Nov. 23

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Sun. School-Thanksgiving Food Drive
10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Communion
11:00 a.m. **Baked Potato Bar and POTLUCK
salads and desserts**

**7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service
at Salem Lutheran in Roland, IA**

(Pastor Phil Webb from Grace UMC preaching)

Monday

Nov. 24

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday

Nov. 25

NO Bethany Quilters

Wednesday

Nov. 26

No Youth Groups

Thursday

Nov. 27

**HAVE A GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING!
Office Closed**

Friday

Nov. 28

Office Closed

Saturday

Nov. 29

Sunday

Nov. 30

NO Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Healing Service

11:00 a.m. **Coffee with the Council**

ST. PETRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 23rd

~~ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ~~

OUR PRAYER LIST

Judy Schnurstein, Larry Reisetter

PRAYERS OF ONGOING CONCERN

Linda Fevold, Darlene Patterson, Paul Wierson

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT NEAR TO US

Pat & Jacqueline Bencke-Japan ELCA Missionaries

Soldiers; Peace Workers; & Humanitarian Aid
Workers; For those in Ukraine and Russia

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION

Baptism anniversaries this week:

Hayden Gossel, Jason Patterson,
Gloria DeRidder, Kay Disbrowe

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is TODAY, November 23rd.

We will have a **Baked Potato Bar** after church, which
Includes a POTLUCK of salads and desserts.

All are welcome!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
at Salem Lutheran Church-Roland, IA
TODAY, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

*The community (that YOU are a part)
is cordially invited to
praise God for His goodness!*

Julefest First Annual Concert & Market Saturday, December 6th

Lutheran Memorial Church 1201 Grandview Ave., Des Moines, IA; Join the Grand View University Choir,

Wind Ensemble and Drumline in
celebrating the Christmas season, all to
support music programs at GV.

3p-7p Christmas Market/Family Activities

4p & 7P Free Concerts



Celebrate the season with cozy cheer and
Scandinavian charm at St. Petri's

TASTE OF NORWAY CHRISTMAS MARKET!

- Taste traditional Norwegian treats

- Admire beautiful quilts

- Purchase delicious Christmas cookies

Don't miss this joyful holiday gathering that is
taking place Saturday,

December 6th from 9:00-11:00am!

If you would like to help, there are sign-up sheets
on the table outside the church office to bring a
quilt to display and/or make cookies.

Any questions, please contact Abby Patterson

St. Petri's Blessing Box, on the NW corner of the
church, is being heavily used. If you would like to
donate, you may bring food items to the church office.

**St. Petri will be working at Loaves & Fishes food
pantry, Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9:45am to 12:00pm.**

Since it will be the holiday season, we will probably
have a heavy influx of customers. We will need a
minimum of 7 people at the food pantry. Please arrive
around 9:45, so we can get ready to open at 10:00.
You can contact John Fevold or David Sporleder if
you want to help. Thank You for volunteering.

**You are warmly invited to a
SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**
at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City
Saturday, November 29 from 11 am to 1 pm.

The luncheon will feature traditional delights such as
potato cakes, rice pudding, and kringla, alongside
homemade soup, cookies, fruit, and festive beverages.
After dining, check out the bake sale filled with home-
made treats crafted with care. Dine in or carry out
and celebrate the season with warmth and tradition!

Comments in point 4 & 5 are interrelated in regards to the type of sign desired as a replacement

A smaller majority of the members responding wished to have a brick and mortar sign as we currently have with replaceable letters and in sign lighting.

A larger majority of the members responding wish to have an electronic sign that changes messages and can be updated by wifi from the office.

Most members responding were willing to participate in fundraising for a new church sign. Most members agreed with the \$5-10,000 electrical update to support the sign update.

Most members agreed with the \$25-35,000 sign update price estimates.

Most members agreed with the June 2026 project start date.

Patrick R. Murken, Trustee Chairperson

Illustrations of sign examples sent out 4 times last year, they are available in the church office.

Waiting for official response from city administrator, Mark Jackson, on type of lit sign, lit print sign, and moving lit letters acceptance or denial.

St. Petri Projects, Update, and Ongoing Preventative Maintenance Process and Plans for Balance of 2025, and Beginning of 2026

Project #1 Keypad lock release system for the North East Door Project

This project is a keypad lock release system to open the northeast door for rapid or emergency access to St. Petri.

This system will also include an emergency crash bar system for exit rapidly at the northeast door adjacent to the elevator.

The church office staff will have access both by wi-fi and by computer system to unlock this door.

The combination will also be shared with the fire department, police department, St. Petri staff, and those deemed to have emergency need.

There is also an emergency key backup option as you can see in the illustration in case of a power failure.

I would like to suggest that this system be one of highest priority projects I have ever worked on at St. Petri.

Current on hand

\$1,250.00

Original cost estimate

\$8,120.00

Updated cost estimate

\$9,138.00

Needed

\$7,888.00



Project #2 New Church Sign Project

A majority of the members responding wished to have the Church Sign in the same place as it is currently. Reusing the old sign foundation would save money. The members that responded on moving the church sign suggested the sign be moved further south on the property, and possible set at an angle. Very small response.

A majority of the members responding wished to have the brick/mortar flower locations at the south end removed. This removal would be greatly appreciated by both the snow removal crew and the lawn mowing crew. Also, the members who water the flowers have a lot of work watering the flowers with the small amount of dirt in the planters.

Current on hand \$15,000.00

Original cost estimate \$40,000.00

Updated cost estimate

Needed \$25,000.00





Poinsettias

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Return to the Church office by
Sunday, December 7, 2025.

I will bring my own poinsettia(s) by Dec. 12 _____

I want St. Petri to order me _____ poinsettia(s) \$12. each

To sponsor poinsettias, please fill out below.

Name _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Please take your plant home to enjoy after the Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service!