

## **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](mailto:pastor@stpetri.org)

### **Church Office**

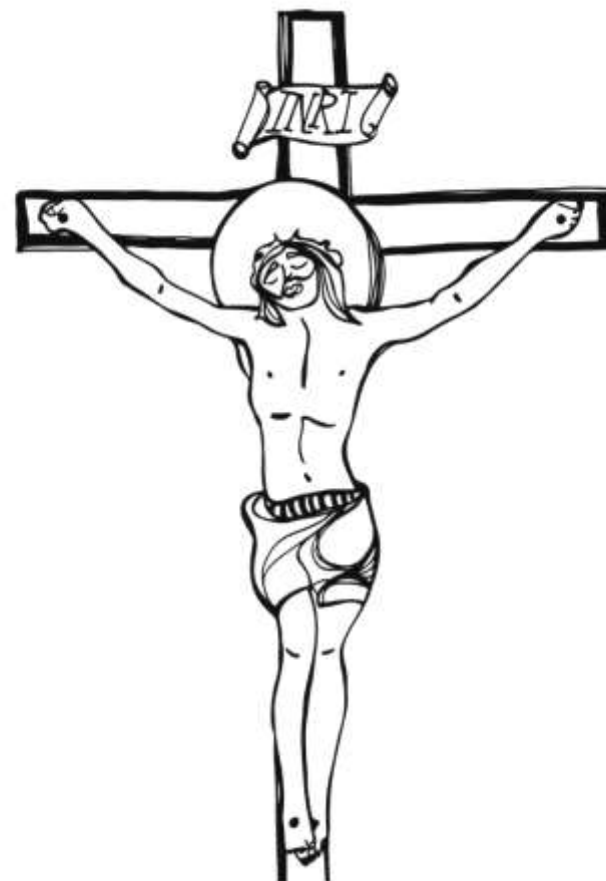
515-733-4623  
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Facebook: St. Petri Lutheran Church

### **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.**

**ST. PETRI LUTHERAN CHURCH STORY CITY, IA**  
**CHRIST THE KING**

November 23, 2025

10:00 a.m.

**ELW** = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)

p. = Liturgical pages in front of hymnal;

# = Hymn numbers

Prelude: Crown Him with Many Crowns  
arr. Richard deCosta

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song- *Lead on, O King Eternal!*  
ELW #805

Greeting

Canticle of Praise ELW p. 140

Prayer of the Day

First Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Second Reading – Colossians 1:11-20

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 142

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Sermon – “Servant King” Pastor Tim

Hymn of the Day-*Lift High the Cross* ELW #660

Creed ELW #104

Prayers of Intercession–

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

... through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Processional Offering

*Shall We Gather at the River* ELW #423

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW p. 144

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer ELW p. 145

Invitation to Communion

You are welcome to receive Communion at our services, regardless of age or church affiliation. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please come forward with arms crossed over your chest. Please fill out a communion card, found in the pew pocket, & hand it to an usher when you come forward. (Please be sure your card is readable.) **White grape juice is available please indicate to the server.**

Communion Songs – *Lamb of God* ELW p. 146  
*Beautiful Savior* ELW #838

Prayer after Communion

Sending of Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song- *Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
ELW #855

Our Mission & Dismissal

Postlude: This is the Feast of Victory  
arr. Charles Callahan

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## RIVERSIDE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP EVENTS

For more info., please contact us at 515-733-5271 or  
email [rlbc@riversidelbc.org](mailto:rlbc@riversidelbc.org);  
Website: [www.riversidelbc.org](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> from  
9:30am-11am; doors open at 9am; brunch included!  
Cost: Free! Donation box available  
Questions to [samanthafrykholm@gmail.com](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **~~ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ~~**

#### OUR PRAYER LIST

Judy Schnurstein, Larry Reisetter

#### PRAYERS OF ONGOING CONCERN

Linda Fevold, Darlene Patterson, Paul Wiersen

#### 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>**

**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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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.

<u>Current on hand</u>	\$15,000.00
<u>Original cost estimate</u>	\$40,000.00
<u>Updated cost estimate</u>	
<u>Needed</u>	\$25,000.00





## 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!