

## **SERVANTS AMONG US**

**Lawn Care:** Pat Murken Family  
**Finance Comm:** Ann Healy, Janet Mortvedt  
**Parish Fin. Secretary/Newsletter:** Veronica Wright  
**Custodian:** Deb Lancaster  
**Assist. Minister:** Abby Patterson  
**Lector:** John Fevold  
**Children Message:** Abby Patterson  
**Pianist/Organist:** Jo Murken  
**Livestream/Ppoint/Sound:** Tim Patterson  
Pat Murken  
**Head Usher:** Al Holm  
**Greeter:** David Murken  
**Ushers:** Ver & Barb Frohling  
**Coffee/Fellowship:** Cheryl Hoffman, Wanda Holm

### **Pastor Tim Malek**

Pastor's phone number: 515-598-6635  
Pastor's email address: [pastor@stpetri.org](mailto:pastor@stpetri.org)

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### **Contributions (General Fund)**

November 23, 2025 \$1,997.00 Attendance: 70

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



## **ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

804 Grand Ave., Story City, IA 50248  
Pastor Tim Malek

November 30, 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**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

November 30, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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

**WOV** = With One Voice (Blue Hymnal)

p. = Liturgy pages in front of hymnal;

# = Hymn numbers

Confession and Forgiveness

Entrance Hymn- *My Lord, What a Morning*  
ELW #438

Greeting WOV p.28

Song – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
ELW #257 vs. 1, 2

Prayer of the Day WOV p. 30

First Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Second Reading – Romans 13:11-14

Children's Message

Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, God of Jacob...O house of Jacob,  
come, **let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.**

Song – *We Are Waiting for Jesus* insert  
(sung while lighting Advent Wreath)

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon – “Keep Awake” Pastor Tim

Hymn of the Day–

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW#242

Creed WOV p.32

Introduction *Healing*

Prayers of Intercession–

...In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

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

Laying on of Hands *Healing*

Hymn (during laying on of hands)

*Healer of Our Every Ill* ELW #612

Prayer

Blessing *Healing*

Peace *Healing*

Offering

(sung as offering is brought forward)

*He Came Down* ELW #253 vs. 1 & 4

Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer WOV p. 39

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn– *The King Shall Come* ELW #260

Our Mission & Dismissal

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

OUR PRAYER LIST

The Family of Troy Mooneyham (Kristin Johnson's  
father), Darlene Patterson, Kevin Keech,  
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:

Kole Knutson, Debra Malek, Sawyer Hjortsvang,  
Ryan Thorson, Gunnar Jones

## 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 Ames Chamber Artists presents **Awake!**

Friday, December 12 at 7:30pm

Saturday, December 13 at 3:00pm

At Collegiate Presbyterian Church, Ames  
A classical Christmas concert with the beautiful sounds of voices and strings, featuring *Bach's Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* and quod libel mass of a cappella works.  
Tickets online & at the door  
Livestreaming available  
With support of the City of Ames  
Commission on the Art (COTA) 2025-2026 season



## 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

<u>Today</u>	<u>Nov. 30</u>
NO Sunday School	
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Healing Service
11:00 a.m.	<b>Coffee with the Council</b>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Dec. 1</u>
10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Dec. 2</u>
9a-3p	Bethany Quilters
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Dec. 3</u>
5:30 p.m.	Compass Youth Group
6:30 p.m.	Youth Meal
7:00 p.m.	Axis Youth Group
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Dec. 4</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Dec. 5</u>
8:30a–5:00p	<b>Cookie/Quilt Drop Off Day</b>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Dec. 6</u>
<b>Taste of Norway Christmas Market/Cookie Walk</b>	
10a-noon	St. Petri volunteers at Loaves & Fishes
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Dec. 7</u>
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
11:15 a.m.	Property/Trustees Comm. Mtg.
6:30 p.m.	Confirmation at Bergen

**St. Petri will be working at Loaves & Fishes food pantry, Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10:00am 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.

## **ST. PETRI ANNOUNCEMENTS** November 30<sup>th</sup>

**Taste of Norway/Quilt Show/Cookie Walk is Saturday, Dec. 6 9:00-11:00.** Please bring your cookies or Taste of Norway treats to the church on Friday Dec. 5 from 8:30-5:00. If you need to bring them on Saturday please have them at the church by 8:00a.

Please bring your quilts on Friday Dec. 5 from 8:30-5:00 or any day from 8:30-3:00 and leave them with Veronica and she will put them in a secure room. You can pick your quilt up Saturday after the Taste of Norway or Sunday. Make sure your name is on your quilt!!!

Thanks for all your time in baking cookies and sharing your quilts! See you on Saturday the 6th!!!

*Nancy, Abby and Donna*

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

**A special thank you** to everyone that signed up for a custodial spot during our transition and kept the church looking great! We have no lack of volunteers that are so willing to step in where needed. It doesn't go unnoticed! *Church Council*

**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.

**2025 Angel Gift Program** If you would like to put a smile on a child's face, here's an opportunity! There are gift tags in the fellowship hall to purchase gifts for those less fortunate in the local communities.

Just pick a tag, purchase the item(s), wrap the gift and securely attach the gift tag to the gift.

**RETURN the gift to St. Petri no later than Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> by noon.** Any questions, contact the church secretary.

### **Community Winter Gear Swap (by RScityserve)**

Open dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2025

Saturdays 10am-noon 403 Broad St., Story City, IA

RScityserve.org facebook.com/RScityserve

If you need any winter gear, feel free to stop in!

### **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)

### **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)**



## 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!

## We Are Waiting for Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up-on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

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