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Contributions (General Fund)

March 8, 2026 \$2,657 Attendance: 58

February 2026

income/expense -\$1,733.59
2026 YTD -\$642.97



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

March 15, 2026

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 Evangelical Lutheran Church
4th Sunday in Lent

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)
p. =Liturgy pages in front of hymnal; # =Hymn numbers

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song - *When We Must Bear Persistent Pain* Insert

Greeting

Kyrie ELW p. 138

Prayer of the Day

First Reading – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Second Reading- Ephesians 5:8-14

Children’s Message

Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 142

Gospel – John 9:1-41

Sermon–“Lord, I Believe” Pastor Tim Malek

Hymn of the Day–“*Amazing Grace, the Chains Are Gone*”

Insert

The Creed ELW p. 104

Peace – The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Offering Song – “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*”

ELW #803 v. 4

Offering Prayer

Prayers of Intercession–

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

... Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer ELW p. 145

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn– *Be Thou My Vision*

ELW #793

Our Mission & Dismissal

When We Must Bear Persistent Pain



1 When we must bear per - sis - tent pain and suf - fer
2 Sup - port us as we learn new ways to care for
3 We thank you for the bet - ter days when we may
4 In ease or pain, in life and death, to you our



with no cure in sight, come, Ho - ly Pres - ence,
bod - ies new - ly frail. Help us en - dure, and
smile to greet the sun, to do your work with
frag - ile lives be - long, and so we trust you



breathe your peace with gifts of warmth and heal - ing light.
live and love. Hear our com - plaint when pa - tience fails.
clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.
in all things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Easter Fellowship Time! We will meet together from 9-10am on Easter morning to celebrate Easter with fellowship and cinnamon rolls! If you would like to donate cinnamon rolls for this event, there is a signup sheet on the table by the church office.

We will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt for all St. Petri kids on Easter Sunday following the 10 AM service. If you're interested in donating candy for the hunt, please put it on the table in the GIFT room downstairs. If you'd prefer to provide a monetary donation, please give that to Kelsey Olson or place in the Faith Formation mailbox. We will stuff the eggs during Fellowship on Palm Sunday.

St. Petri members – Sending your child(ren) to Riverside or another ELCA Bible Camp this Summer? We have camp scholarships available! Please contact Kelsey Olson or Rick Stover.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Lenten Fish Fry - Dine in or Carry out
Friday, March 27th ; 5:00 – 7:00pm

At Sts. Peter & Paul Church 14238 500th Ave., Ames
Menu: Fried fish, baked fish, baked potato, mac & cheese, vegetables, coleslaw & desserts

Adults: \$15; Children 5-12 \$5; Children under 5 Free
Sts. Peter & Paul Knights of Columbus Council #15060
Proceeds go to Council charitable causes.

ST. PETRI ANNOUNCEMENTS March 15, 2026

~~ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ~~

OUR PRAYER LIST

Larry Reisetter, Raejean Bickelhaupt (Troy's Mom),
Judy Schnurstein

PRAYERS OF ONGOING CONCERN

Linda Fevold, 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:
Martha Arends, Ella Jones, Cole Keltner,
Angie Rieck-Hinz, Gail Sporleder, Sam Crouch,
Colleen Lamoreux, Eloise Ericson

Adult New Testament Class –TODAY, March 15, we will meet at 11:15 a.m. and discuss the book of Colossians. Please come having read Colossians. Please join us even if you don't have your homework completed. There will be no test. There will be hand-outs that you will want to collect for your study and reference. Please join us in the old nursery downstairs across from the HS youth room.

Join us for our Lenten Meals and Services

Wednesday, March 18th at St. Petri

5:45pm Supper – Hot ham & cheese sandwiches

6:30pm Lenten Service

Preacher-Pastor John Sheahan

Topic-At the name of Jesus all knees shall bow

Wednesday, March 25th at Bergen

5:45pm Supper – Lasagna

6:30pm Lenten Service

Preacher: Vicar Caitlin Tauro

Topic: Every tongue confesses Jesus

St Petri thanks Pat, Jo and David Murken for their many years of service, mowing the church property. The lawn has always looked great and we are so thankful!

The Property/Trustees Committee along with the Church Council are looking for volunteers willing to be on a mowing rotation calendar. It would involve mowing and trimming both the parsonage and church lawns. The use of your own equipment is also required.

If interested or would like more information please contact property chair Nancy Carlson or any of the property committee members. Thank you!

“Ladies Who Lunch” will be meeting at noon at Cornbred in Ames for lunch on Friday, March 20. Please send a text RSVP to Debra Malek at 320-905-9510 so we have approximate numbers. If you’d like to carpool, let us know!

St. Petri will have “Coffee with Council” on the 5th Sunday of the month during coffee/fellowship time. Join “Coffee with Council” on Sun., March 29. The council welcomes feedback at any time so feel free to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Worship Volunteer Opportunities

A sign-up sheet for March, April, May, and June is now available on the table outside the offices.

There is a line for every Sunday, and a column for Lector, Assisting Minister, and Children’s Sermon.

This sheet will replace the current online Signup Genius that we currently use. Many of you are missing out on this great opportunity because it is online! We’ll try this for the next four months to see if we get more people.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETRI

<u>Today</u>	<u>Mar. 15</u>
9:00 a.m.	NO Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
11:15 a.m.	Adult New Testament Class - Colossians
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Mar. 16</u>
10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Mar. 17</u>
9am-3pm	Bethany Quilters
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Mar. 18</u>
5:45 p.m.	Lenten Meal -Hot Ham & Cheese-St. Petri
6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service (St. Petri)
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Mar. 19</u>
2:00 p.m.	WELCA Bible Study
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Mar. 20</u>
April Newsletter Articles Due	
12:00 p.m.	Ladies Who Lunch -Cornbred Ames
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Mar. 21</u>
8:00 a.m.	Weekend Women’s Bible Study-parsonage
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mar. 22</u>
9:00 a.m.	NO Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Communion
11:00 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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1. A - ma - zing grace! How
 grace that taught my

sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I
 heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved. How

once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I
 pre - cious did that grace a - pear the hour I first be

1. see. 2. 'Twas lieved. My chains are gone, I've been set

free. My God and Sa - vior has ran - somed

me. And like a flood his mer - cy

reigns, un - end - ing love, a - ma - zing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me
 His word my hope secures
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
 The sun forbear to shine
 But God, who called me here below,
 Will be forever mine.
 Will be forever mine.
 You are forever mine.

Chorus

My chains are gone
 I've been set free
 My God, my Savior has ransomed me
 And like a flood His mercy reigns
 Unending love, amazing grace