

SERVANTS AMONG US

Finance Comm: Nancy Carlson, Annette Owenson
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Contributions (General Fund)

July 19, 2026 \$8,386. Attendance: 51

End of June 2026
income/expense -\$4,439.40
2026 YTD -\$6,247.68



ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

804 Grand Ave., Story City, IA 50248

Pastor Tim Malek

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

9:00 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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)

p. =Liturgy pages in front of hymnal; # =Hymn numbers

Prelude: Variations on *In dir ist Freude* (In Thee is Gladness)

Bruce Brolsma

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song- *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW #533

Greeting

Canticle of Praise – *God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW #705 v. 3

Prayer of the Day

First Reading – 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136

Second Reading – Romans 8:26-39

Children's Message

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon – Pastor Jen Thomas, Assistant to the Bishop for
Shared Ministry and Development, Northeastern Iowa
Synod of the ELCA

Endowment Presentation

Hymn of the Day– *Be Thou My Vision* ELW #793

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

...abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Peace

Offertory: Hommage á Gershwin: Quodlibet on “Slane”

Christa Rakich

Offering Hymn - *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* ELW #206

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

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 – *One Bread, One Body* ELW #496

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song – *In Thee Is Gladness* ELW #867

Our Mission & Dismissal

Postlude: March on “One Bread, One Body” Edwin Childs

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A heartfelt “Thank you” to Pastor Jen Thomas,
for coming to St. Petri and sharing the message
with us today!

Quarterly Contribution Statements are ready for you to pick up! They are in the fellowship hall.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. St. Petri will donate \$500 of school supplies to Roland-Story Community School through "Blast Back to School" at United Way. St. Petri would also like to collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. If you would like to donate, each LWR School Kit needs:

- four 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks, no loose leaf
- one 30 centimeter ruler (one side can have inches)
- one pencil sharpener
- five unsharpened #2 pencils
- five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- one box of 16 or 24 crayons
- one 2 ½ inch eraser

I will have a box to collect these supplies outside the Office, you can donate any way you want, for example you might choose to donate 6 pencil sharpeners or 6 boxes of crayons.

Thanks in advance for your donation.

Lost & Found – Please check the Lost & Found on the north end of the Fellowship Hall. There are a lot of good items there that you may be missing (raincoat, umbrella, mittens, gloves, jewelry...)

ST. PETRI ANNOUNCEMENTS July 26, 2026

~~ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ~~

OUR PRAYER LIST

The Family of Scott Crosbie (Paul & Karen Jacobson's nephew), Kay Disbrowe, Larry Reisetter, Jaye Anderson

PRAYERS OF ONGOING CONCERN

Judy Schnurstein, 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:

Jason Johnson, Heather Johnson,
Maddyn Johnson, Makinlea Johnson

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETRI

Today	July 26
9:00 a.m. Worship Service–Communion	
Guest Preacher Pastor Jen Thomas , <i>Asst. to the Bishop for Shared Ministry/Development</i>	
10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	
Monday	July 27
9:00 a.m. Quilt Making	
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	
Tuesday	July 28
9:00 a.m. Quilt Making	
Wednesday	July 29
9:00 a.m. Quilt Making	
Thursday	July 30
Friday	July 31
Saturday	Aug. 1
Sunday	Aug. 2
9:00 a.m. Worship Service	
10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	



Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, our Japan missionaries, are having a **Wedding Anniversary** on **July 31!** You may wish them "Happy Anniversary!" at jacqueline.bencke@gmail.com.

This summer, Pastor Tom Reuss (who served St. Petri), celebrates 55 years of ministry, as well as his 80th birthday (August 24).

To honor him, his family invites people who have known him over the years to share either a brief video or a card with a note, sharing either a story of him that they remember or a few words about what his ministry meant to them. You can text or email videos to 507-696-3309, pwreuss@gmail.com or mail a card to: Tom Reuss

5042 First Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA, 52405

A major stroke, coupled with Parkinson's, resulted in him being in a care facility. His spirits remain joyful!

St. Petri Quilters are in need of bed sheets (in good condition) for making quilts. If you have any, please drop them off at the church. Thank you!

McCallsburg Lions Club Sweet Corn & Bologna Feed at the American Legion Hall in McCallsburg, IA. Mon., Aug. 3; 4:30-7p; Adults \$10, Kids 5 & under \$5. Donations of used eyeglasses & hearing aids accepted.

Senior Variety Show Presents – STARSTRUCK Stage & Screen

August 14th at 7 pm and August 15th at 2pm
at the Ames City Auditorium 520 6th St., Ames, IA
General admission \$10 in advance/\$12 at door
Ticket online QR Code or these locations:

Ames Locations:

Worldly Goods 223 Main St.
Burgies Coffee North 2701 Stange Rd.
RSVP 205 S. Walnut

Story City Location:

RSVP 503 Elm Ave.

Nevada Location:

Bricktown Bakery 1136 6th St.

