

SERVANTS AMONG US

Finance Comm: Kris Foss, Annette Owenson
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Pat Murken
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Contributions (General Fund)

August 9, 2026 \$2,649. Attendance: 53

End of July 2026

income/expense \$2,889.15
2026 YTD -\$3,358.53



ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

804 Grand Ave., Story City, IA 50248

Pastor Tim Malek

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Temple Talk – Food Bank of Iowa, Dawne Garvy

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song- *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
ELW #886

Greeting

Canticle of Praise – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
ELW #858 v. 2

Prayer of the Day

First Reading – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Second Reading – Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Children's Message

Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon – *Always Mercy* Pastor Tim

Hymn of the Day– *In Christ There Is No East or West*
ELW #650

Creed

Peace

Offering

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

Offering Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

...Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song – *Jesus Shall Reign* ELW #434

Our Mission & Dismissal

Postlude

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A special “Thank You” to Dawne Garvy
for sharing information with us about
the Food Bank of Iowa.

~~ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ~~

OUR PRAYER LIST

Kay Disbrowe, Larry Reisetter, Jaye Anderson

PRAYERS OF ONGOING CONCERN

Judy Schnurstein, Linda Fevold, 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:

Calvin Hill, Olivia Hill,
Lucy Muhlenburg, Marilyn Lekwa

COMMUNITY EVENT

Salad Supper Guest Night

Thursday, September 10th at 6:30pm.

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Radcliffe, IA

St. Petri women – The women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church invite you to their Salad Supper Guest Night!

The entertainment will be David Crane,

pianist/organist at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

He is originally from the state of Utah and has lived with his wife and sons in Ames for about 18 months.

As beautifully as he plays, he is even more adept at the string instruments such as viola, cello, and violin.

He is currently performing with the Ames Orchestra as Violin II section leader. He will share his musical talents with us.

Join us for an evening of fellowship, music, and good food! A free-will offering will be received.

Please RSVP to Donna Ostrem at 515-899-2276.

Walk to End Alzheimer's - Ames, Iowa

NOW Is Our Moment.

October 10, 2026 8:00am Registration

Now is the moment we've been waiting for. With new treatments emerging in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia, now is the time for hope. Now it the time for action.

Help us keep the momentum going in your community at the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End

Alzheimer's, the world's largest fundraiser to fight the disease. Register today at alz.org/walk.

ST. PETRI ANNOUNCEMENTS August 16, 2026

This summer, Pastor Tom Reuss (who served at 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!

Please stick around after church today for a group photo/video in front of the altar. We will send this to Pastor Tom for his ministry and birthday celebration.

Wednesday Senior Luncheon

St. Petri will serve the RSVP Wednesday Senior Lunches in August. We need 3 volunteers each Wednesday from 10:30a-noon. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the church office. This is at the Story City Community Center at 503 Elm Ave.

We have an opportunity to participate in the community event "We ♥ Roland Story"

on August 29 from 1-4p in the north park. We will be serving hot dogs and lemonade. If you are available and would like to help serve, please email Ann Healy at ahealy1201@gmail.com. This is a great high school volunteer project! Thanks for your support!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. St. Petri is collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. **If you would like to donate, please donate by SUNDAY, AUGUST 23.** 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 donations!

Youth Ministry News!

Compass Middle school group meets from 5:30-6:30 pm

Youth Meal (Compass & Axis) at 6:30pm

Axis High School group meets from 7:00-8:00pm

Both groups will begin Wed., Sept. 16th.
Both groups meet at St Petri and all are welcome!

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

Worship volunteer opportunities – If you'd like to volunteer to be Assisting Minister, Lector, or give the Children's Message, please sign up at the table outside the church office. Thank you in advance for using your God-given talents to spread the Gospel!

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...)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETRI

Today	Aug. 16
9:00 a.m. Worship Service (indoor)	
10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	
Monday	Aug. 17
Pastor on vacation this week	
Tuesday	Aug. 18
Wednesday	Aug. 19
10:30 a.m. St. Petri serves meal for RSVP	
Thursday	Aug. 20
September Newsletter Articles are Due!	
2:00 p.m. WELCA Bible Study	
Friday	Aug. 21
Saturday	Aug. 22
Sunday	Aug. 23

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Last Day of Collecting LWR school kit supplies

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service- Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

September Newsletter articles are due Thursday, August 20th.

Backpack Sunday is next Sunday, August 23rd. Please bring your backpacks to worship for a special blessing to start off the new school year!