

SERVANTS AMONG US

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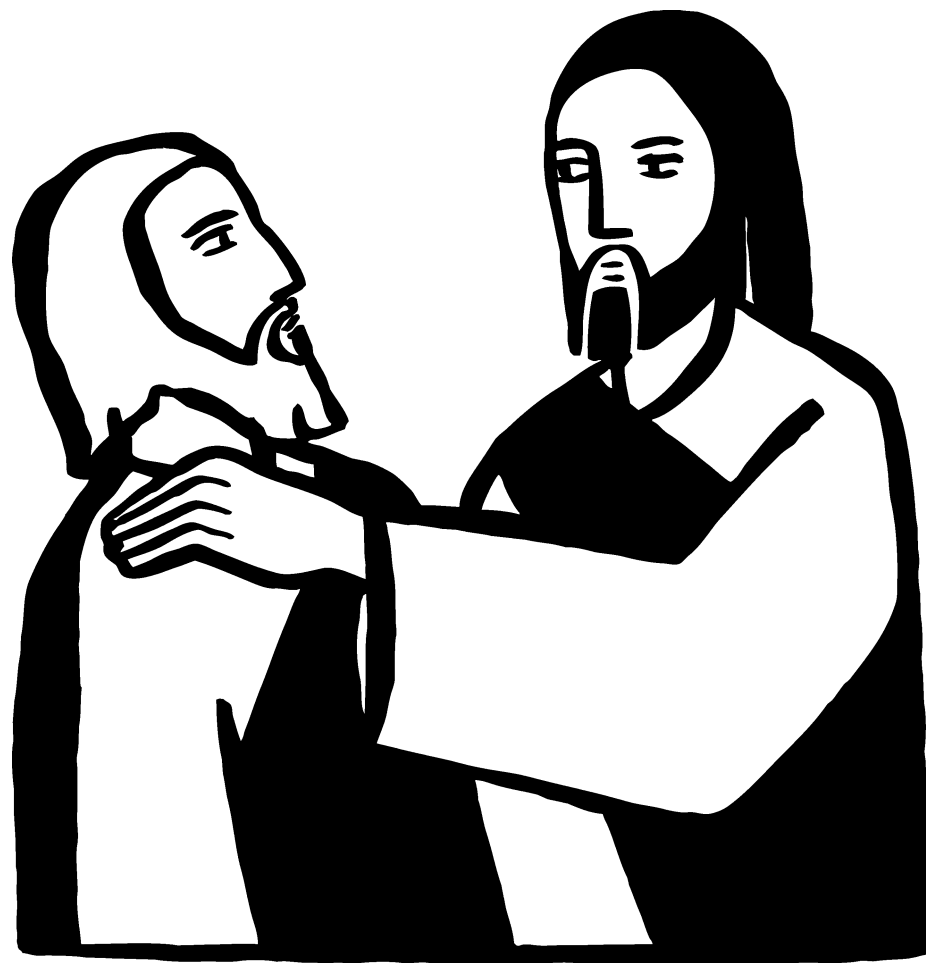
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Contributions (General Fund)

August 16, 2026 \$2,906. Attendance: 48

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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.**

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13th Sunday after Pentecost

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

Prelude -Fantasia on “Built on a Rock”, Opus 18

Dan Nielsen

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song- *O Holy Spirit, Enter In* ELW #786

Greeting

Canticle of Praise – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
ELW #858 v. 3

Prayer of the Day

First Reading – Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Second Reading – Romans 12:1-8

Children’s Message

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon – *Revealing God* Pastor Tim

Hymn of the Day– *Built On a Rock* ELW #652

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

Peace

Offertory: O Holy Spirit, Enter In arr. Johann Pachelbel

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 – *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* ELW #623

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song – *Faith of Our Fathers* ELW #812

Our Mission & Dismissal

Postlude - Faith of Our Fathers

arr. Van Denman Thompson

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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...)

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.

~~ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ~~

OUR PRAYER LIST

The Family of 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:

Mike Healy, Deb Holm, Rolfe Johnstad,
Peter Olson, Katie Thorson, Kelsey Nelson

ST. PETRI ANNOUNCEMENTS August 23, 2026

Today is Backpack Sunday! We will pray a special blessing on all of your backpacks to start you off with a safe and fun-learning new school year!

A heartfelt "Thank You" to the members of my St. Petri Family who came to clean up the storm damage to my farm in July! As Lutherans, we do world-wide, national, statewide, and community ministry together. But, often, the most impactful ministry we do is with and for each other. Once again, thank you all! *Paul Wierson*

Our prayers and sympathies to the family of Kay Disbrowe who passed away August 16th. May God's peace comfort you, especially at this time.

On behalf of the children receiving the Lutheran World Relief School Kits,

Thank you to all who donated for our cause!
Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve the
Wednesday Senior Luncheons in August.
You are appreciated!

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!

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 & lemonade. If you'd like to help, please email Ann Healy at ahealy1201@gmail.com.
Thanks for your support!

Youth Ministry News!

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

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

Steve & Tressa Reissetter are starting a Community Choir. If interested, please call or text Steve at 763-229-4730 or email stevereissetter@yahoo.com

Worship volunteer opportunities – If you would like to volunteer to be Assisting Minister, Lector, or the Children's Message, please sign up at the table outside the church office. Thank you in advance!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETRI

Today 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

Monday Aug. 24

Pastor Reuss 80th Birthday/55 yrs. in Ministry

First Day of School

9am-noon **Quilt Making**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday Aug. 25

9am-noon **Quilt Making**

Wednesday Aug. 26

9am-noon **Quilt Making**

10:30 a.m. St. Petri serves meal for RSVP

Thursday Aug. 27

Friday Aug. 28

Saturday Aug. 29

1-4 p.m. **St. Petri volunteers with "We ♥ R-S"**

Sunday Aug. 30

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – **Healing Service**

10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee with the Council**