

St. Petri Evangelical Lutheran Church
804 Grand Avenue
Story City, Iowa 50248-1417

The St. Petri Messenger

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St. Petri Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Join in praising God for His goodness at the
Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
at Salem Lutheran Church in Roland, IA

St. Petri Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3pm, except Wed. afternoon
Church Office Phone: (515) 733-4623
Email address: stpetrilutheran@stpetri.org
Website: www.stpetri.org

Pastor-Rev. Tim Malek
Missionaries – Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, Japan



November 2025

NOVEMBER 2025
ST. PETRI LUTHERAN CHURCH, STORY CITY, IA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 EVERY SUNDAY 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship <u>11:00a Coffee/Fellowship</u> All Saints Sunday DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS 3 yr olds & 3 rd graders –BIBLES Children sing 11:15a Property/Trustees Mtg. 12:45p Children Theater 6:30p 8 th /9 grade Confirm-Bergen	3 10:30a Staff Mtg.	4 ELECTION DAY 9a-3p Bethany Quilters	5 Youth to “Meals from the Heartland” in West Des Moines	6 3:30p-5:45p Children’s Theater	7 Pastor Day Off	<div style="text-align: center;"> 8 </div>
9 COMMUNION WELCA THANKOFFERING 11:15a Council Mtg. 12:45p Children Theater	10 10:30a Staff Mtg.	11 Veterans Day 9a-3p Bethany Quilters	12 5:30p COMPASS youth 6:30p Youth Meal 7:00p AXIS Youth	13 3:30p-5:45p Children’s Theater	14	15 8a Women’s Weekend Bible Study 11a-1p Community Meal at Library-Free
16 11:15a Adult Bible Study-Ephesians 12:45-4:15p Children’s Theater Group 6:30p 8/9 Grade Confirm-St. Petri	17 Quilt making Mon.-Tue. 9a-noon 10:30a Staff Mtg.	18 9a-3p Bethany Quilters	19 5:30p COMPASS youth 6:30p Youth Meal 7:00p AXIS Youth	20 December news-letter articles due 2:00p WELCA Circle 3:30p-5:45p Children’s Theater	21	22
23 Christ the King Sunday COMMUNION Stewardship Sunday Potato Bar & Potluck 7p Thanksgiving Community Service-Salem Luth., Roland	24 10:30a Staff Mtg.	25	26	27 Office Closed THANKSGIVING DAY Give Thanks to God!	28 Office Closed	29
30 11:15a Coffee with the Council	Dec. 1 10:30a Staff Mtg.	2 9a-3p Bethany Quilters	3 5:30p COMPASS youth 6:30p Youth Meal 7:00p AXIS Youth	4	5	6 9-11a St. Petri Christmas Market 10a-12p St. Petri works at L&F

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NOVEMBER 2025

Faith Seeking Understanding

Grace, Gratitude and Growth



November is naturally a time to reflect on all the blessings that we enjoy. A time of harvest and family gatherings, holidays and special events, a time of reflection as another year begins to wind down.

We all have much to be thankful for:

- We have been claimed and redeemed by God who loves us.
- We have been given the gift of eternal life, death may, for a time, have sway but it does not have the final word.
- We have been blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, wonderful counselor, abiding presence, mighty advocate, who will never forsake us.

We have so much to be so grateful for, grace upon grace like an ever-flowing fountain. May our hearts grow and overflow with *gratitude* to God's goodness. Let our gratitude motivate us to acts of great *generosity* and service, ever working, ever building up the Kingdom of God. Let us continue to pray fervently for and contribute lavishly to the ministries of God here at St. Petri

Lutheran Church, especially as we seek God's guidance and plan for the next year of mission. Let us also pray for full participation in and generous response to our Annual Fall Stewardship Campaign, a time when we consecrate our financial commitment to the ongoing ministry of Christ through St. Petri Lutheran Church.

Additionally, this year we will be collecting food items for Loaves and Fishes as a part of our Fall Stewardship Campaign. Let's try to collect 20 bags (or more) of groceries to help our neighbors. Items that are needed currently include: SpaghettiOs, Baked Beans, Penne Pasta, Canned Pineapple, Tomato Soup, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Cream of Chicken Soup, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels.

Watch for more details to follow and look forward to our Consecration/Celebration Sunday on November 23rd which will include a wonderful baked potato bar and potluck lunch following our worship service.

– God's Work Our Hands,
Pastor Tim



*Thank God for the
many blessings
He has given us.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*



In Our Prayers

Pat Murken, Larry Reisetter,
Lorna Hoversten,
Judy Schnurstein (rehab)

Hospitalized in October

In Memoriam

The Family of Ted Olson-Kris Foss' Dad

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Linda Fevold, Darlene Patterson,
Paul Wierson

Prayers for those not near to us:

Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke, ELCA
Missionaries, Japan
Soldiers, Peace Workers, and
Humanitarian Aid Workers

**Our Japan Missionaries
Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke**



**Sunday
November 2nd
at 2 a.m.**



I want to let everyone know at St. Petri how much I appreciate the card and personal note. I miss St. Petri a lot, and worshiping with you, quilting, and the WELCA Bible Study. Thank you for thinking of me, and for the beautiful quilt!

Judy Schnurstein

Dear Friends, Thank you for standing with Food Bank of Iowa in the fight against hunger... Together, we are bringing hope to the table and working toward a hunger-free Iowa. Many thanks to all – very grateful! *Bergetta Beardsley*

Pastor Tim and Congregation, We are truly grateful for your generous donation to The Bridge Home and your unwavering support to provide hope and a home to those experiencing homelessness in our community...And thank you so much for having us at church! We are thankful for your support of our mission!

Melissa Baunes

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 2, 2025

ROLL OF THE SAINTS

*(Those who have passed away
this past year)*

Dennis Nuetzman, Kim Birchmier,
Carl Fink, Charlotte Hutchinson,
Donn Carsrud, Marilyn Kolbe

*Please take a moment and
say a prayer for their families.*

BIBLE PRESENTATION 2025



St. Petri gifted youth with Bibles in September and November. Those who received Bibles are:

September 14, 2025

8th Graders

Kian Bauman and Jackson Hill

November 2, 2025

3 Year olds thru 2nd grade

Tessa Tafolla, Talon Tafolla,
Tatum Tafolla and Ben Olson

3rd Grader - Wyatt Peterson

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." Prov. 22:6

St. Petri will host a free community meal

at the Bertha Bartlett Public Library on Sat., November 15th from 11am to 1pm or until we run out. The menu will consist of chicken and biscuits, a dessert and bottled water. You may dine in or take your meal to go. Volunteers are needed to serve and help bake cookies or bars. See sign-up sheets near the church office.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is November 23rd.

We will have a **Baked Potato Bar** after church, which **includes a salad and dessert potluck.** Bring one salad OR dessert to share!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE at Salem Lutheran Church-Roland, IA



Join the community in praising God for His goodness!

**Sunday,
November 23rd
at 7:00 p.m.**

If you would like to sing in the
**** Thanksgiving Community Choir ****
on Sunday, November 23 at 7pm,
please contact Salem Lutheran Church at:
515-388-4834 or
SalemChurchRoland@gmail.com
by Monday morning November 3rd.



Come celebrate the season with cozy cheer and Scandinavian charm at the St. Petri **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 6th from 9-11am!





WELCA Report

November 9 **Thankoffering Sunday**

November 17-18 9am-12p Quilt Making

November 20 2pm WELCA Bible Study
-All women are welcome!

Come join the quilters for fun, food, & fellowship. There is a variety of tasks – cutting, tying, pinning, and stitching! Everyone welcome-No experience needed.

WELCA THANKOFFERING

Sunday, November 9th



Each year we have the opportunity to support WELCA programs and projects with a special THANKOFFERING.

Donations to the church-wide office support missions and ongoing needs around the world.

Please find the

WELCA Thankoffering envelope in the November 9th bulletin.

Note "Thankoffering" on the memo line on your check.

Thank you for your continuing support!
Your offerings are greatly appreciated!

Are you headed south for the winter?

Please let the church office know if you'll be gone for a few months. This helps us



recognize why we don't see folks in church for consecutive weeks.

Thanks!

If you want to keep up with the happenings at St. Petri, feel free to share your email address with the church office to get the weekly church bulletin, follow the St. Petri Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/49710534185>

or you can view the monthly newsletter at www.stpetri.org



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 1: Emilia Healy, Debra Malek
- Nov. 2: Grant Brown, Wanda Holm
- Nov. 6: Lillian Braucher
- Nov. 9: Kim Larson, Craig Sills
- Nov. 11: Heather Johnson, Virginia Sayre
- Nov. 16: Poppi Birchmier, Gabi Henrichs
- Nov. 17: Grace Brown, Bennet Hobbs,
Everly Rivers
- Nov. 20: Ben Hermanson, Ron Rahfeldt
- Nov. 22: John Fevold, Reagan Schmitz
- Nov. 23: Marcus Lamoreux,
Glenda Rahfeldt
- Nov. 26: Brooklyn Healy
- Nov. 29: Jim Nelson
- Nov. 30: Brandon Rivers

NOVEMBER C.A.R.E. GROUP 2025

CARE Group 4 Leaders

Cheryl Hoffman, Wanda Holm

Doug & Kendra Braucher	Eloise Ericson
Ver & Barb Frohling	Vivian Gossel
Donna Guard	Allen Holm
Tom & Amelia Klett	Pat & Jo Murken
Jim & Karen Nelson	Jason & Jeannie Patterson
Kevin & Peg Patterson	Tim & Abby Patterson
David & Gail Sporleder	
Scott & Shelley Stevenson	
Nate & Kayla Tafolla	



Many hands make light work!

DECEMBER C.A.R.E. GROUP 2025

CARE Group 5 Leader

Sherri Keigan

Lorene Anderson	Gary & Hope Brown
Nancy Carlson	
Tony Edwards & Jennifer Knutson	
John & Linda Fevold	Evelyn Fink
Seth & Willow Hill	Patty Hoversten
Karen Jacobson	Jim Keigan
Lowell & Beci Lande	Janet Mortvedt
Paul Ness	Randy & Kelsey Olson
Connie Phillips	Shirley Stakey
Rick & Angie Stover	
Chuck & Patty VanPatter	
Wayne Williams	

OUR MISSION:

*We are Disciples of Jesus Christ,
called to grow in Christ
and to invite all to follow him.*

St. Petri's email address:

stpetrilutheran@stpetri.org

WEEKLY SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

are due the Wednesday morning before.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

are due the 20th of the previous month
to ensure that they will be in the
newsletter.

Please send them to
stpetrilutheran@stpetri.org or give them to
the Church Secretary. **Thank you!** ☺

Hi, it's Church Mouse!

We did a great job giving out walking tacos to the community, just for the fun of it. We knew some people could really use this kind of day. The effort was a success, due in no small part to the helpfulness of the Bauman kids and the Schwartz kids on the serving line. A Mr. Kian helped everyone feel welcome by eating a fair amount, too.



Umm, I feel like you all on Sundays seem to be outdoing each other in showing kindness and honor toward one another. I looked it up because it seems like there's a Bible verse about this or something. Yep, right there in Romans 12:10.

We continue to enjoy the hospitality freely given at coffee time after worship. **Annette Owenson** made such delicious pumpkin muffins, with a walnut on top! Someone said, "I would love to get the recipe." Then that someone's husband said, "...You'd have to make it exactly like Annette." We agree though! State fair worthy.

My heart is full, Church Mouse



**St. Petri Evangelical Lutheran Church
Approved Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2025**

Present: Angie Rieck-Hinz,
Travis DeRidder, Rick Stover,
Angie Stover, Ann Healy, Pat
Murken, Kelsey Olson, Abby
Patterson, Pastor Tim Malek



Meeting called to order at 11:22 a.m. Abby offered Devotions.

Angie S. presented the September Minutes for approval. Angie S. made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Kelsey seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Rick presented the Treasurer's Report. He presented the September checks written and Angie R-H approved them. Rick noted that Rolfe and Margaret Johnstad requested \$1,075 designated in memory of their daughter be moved to the Church Sign fund. Ann made a motion to accept the report as presented; Abby seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Pastor reported that the Synod Council meeting was yesterday, 9/13, and that one item discussed there was that the group Lutheran Congregational Support Network is working against the ELCA. He agreed that it would be a good idea to put information in the newsletter to explain more of what the group is doing. Pastor has continuing education hours scheduled in October and the Tri-Synodical meeting is the end of September in Clive. He noted that the St. Petri Parable of the Talents event is being moved from November to sometime in the Spring.

Ann reported that St. Petri gave away 200 hot dogs as well as lemonade at the R-S Serves event in the park at the end of August. St. Petri's Homecoming event is scheduled for September 21 and the Senior Lunch will be September 25. Sunday School youth will help make decorations for the luncheon.

Abby reported that God's Work Our Hands activities went well and shared LSI's and Bethany

Manor's appreciation of what they received. She touched on the September Homecoming event and said St. Petri will host some form of Trunk or Treat at the end of October.

Pat reported that the Black Hills Energy service contract will be canceled after one more service call and Watson Plumbing fixed a leaky outside faucet. Pat also made the Council aware that the new copier contract will change from \$533 to \$210 per month and will be effective for five years.

Kelsey reported that the Sunday School area has been "spruced up." The kids are scheduled to sing at the 9/21 service. Also, four kids will be receiving a Spark Bible and one third-grader will be receiving an updated Bible. Kelsey expressed her appreciation that Sarah Holm has volunteered to serve as a Sunday School backup teacher and that the Sunday School program continues to grow.

Old Business: St. Petri continues to pursue funding for an electronic keypad entry at the south entrance. Angie R-H is submitting an application for a Story County Community Foundation Service Grant.

New Business: A follow-up performance review was held with Veronica where it was decided to retroactively give her a 3% pay raise effective August 1. Pat proposed a motion to give Veronica a 3% pay raise; Ann seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

St. Petri serves at Loaves and Fishes September 27 and it plans to serve another community meal there on October 11. Ann is working to secure two volunteers for the Finance Committee for December and Pat is going to place ads looking to hire a Custodian.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Angie Stover

Contributions(General Fund) 2025
September income/expense -\$2,320.76
2025 YTD \$11,281.00



ST. PETRI MEMBERS



If you have a new address, phone number, or email address, please contact the church secretary so we can update our records. Thank you! 515-733-4623 or stpetrilutheran@stpetri.org

St. Petri has a YouTube Channel

We post videos past events & services... We hope to post more church-related events in the future.

You can find the YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@st.petrilutheranchurchstor190> Questions?

Please contact: Abby & Tim Patterson or Angie & John Hinz

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Check the church's answering machine. If Roland-Story schools are dismissed early due to bad weather, then church events will also be canceled.

INCLEMENT
WEATHER POLICY



Lutheran Services in Iowa Newsletter

NOVEMBER-NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH



Adoption Awareness Month

Lutheran Services in Iowa has served adoptive & foster families for decades, helping to ensure every child has a safe & loving home. To learn more about our Foster Care & Adoption services, please visit www.lsiowa.org/foster-care-adoption.

For more info, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Dir. of Philanthropy/Church Relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org



BERGEN FALL FESTIVAL

Drive-Thru Ham Ball Meal and Bake Sale

101 W. Maple in Roland, Iowa

Saturday, November 1, 2025

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Free will offering

Menu: ham ball, potato, green beans, & dessert

Bake Sale, will include Scandinavian treats such as kringla, lefse...

Festival funds will be used for allocation benefiting many charities & organizations, locally and world-wide

FALL FESTIVAL

DRIVE THRU TAKE OUT ONLY

St. Mary Catholic Church of Williams

Everyone welcome!

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Serving from 4:00-6:00pm; \$15.00/meal

The meal consists of:

Chicken & homemade noodles, meat loaf, real mashed potatoes, home frozen corn, salad, pie!

St. Mary's Pickles will be available for sale

The McCallsburg American Legion

FISH & CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, November 9, 2025

11:00am – 1:00pm

Menu: Fish, chicken strips, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls, applesauce, bars, & beverage

Cost: Free will donation

Come out and help support!



WE NEED YOU!

Please consider helping your church by volunteering to be on a committee for 2026-2027!

The committees meet once a month. This is a very minimal time to spend, but with everyone's help it makes a big difference!

If you would like to help your church please contact:

Jo Murken 515-460-0196 or jomurken@gmail.com

We are looking for more volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee for this year. The position is short term, usually about 4 to 6 weeks, and does not involve a lot of hard work. There are 4 positions total on the committee. Please contact Angie Rieck-Hinz 515-231-2830 if you can help fill a spot.

Positions that are open and term length

President	1 yr.
Vice President	1 yr.
Secretary	1 yr.
Treasurer	1 yr.

Christian Fellowship Coord. 1 yr.

Worship Community Coord. 1 yr.

Property/Trustees Coord. 1 yr.

Faith Formation Coord. 1 yr.

Property/Trustees 2 yr.

Property/Trustees 2 yr.

Nominating Comm. 1 yr.

Nominating Comm. 1 yr.

Outgoing Council 1 yr.

Outgoing Council 1 yr.

Finance Committee 2 yr.

Finance Committee 2 yr.

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Finance Committee 2 yr.

Endowment Committee 2 yr.

Endowment Committee 3 yr

Endowment Committee 3 yr

Synod Assembly not til 2026

1 man N/A

1 woman N/A

1 youth N/A

Bethany Manor

1

2

3

alternate

Riverside Bible Camp (in Feb.)

1

2

alternate

Riverside Conference (in Feb.)

1 man

1 man

1 woman

1 woman

1 youth

1 youth

Job descriptions are on following pages. →

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The **PRESIDENT** shall preside at the meetings of the Congregation Council, congregation and Executive Committee.

In the absence of the president, the **VICE PRESIDENT** shall preside at meetings of the Congregation Council, congregation and Executive Committee.

The **SECRETARY** shall keep the minutes of the Congregation Council, congregation and Executive Committee and have custody of the archives of the congregation.

The **TREASURER** shall have custody of all funds of the congregation and shall receive and disburse such funds in accordance with the decisions of the Congregation Council or the congregation.

A **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** of four voting members of this congregation, two of whom, if possible, shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council, shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive re-election.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE - The St. Petri Mission Endowment Fund (hereafter named the **FUND**) is established to provide vehicles and structure for members who have the ability and desire to benefit St. Petri Lutheran Church through charitable giving that is consistent with our mission of being disciples of Jesus Christ and making disciples on both a local and global level. The purpose of the **FUND** is to promote long-term funding of specific programs that support Christ's mission and ensure our financial stability. This fund will not fully replace any regular budgeted items, or take the place of regular giving by St. Petri members. The **COMMITTEE**, which oversees the **FUND**, will seek to provide a perpetual source of income for the purposes designated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Recording and depositing contributions.

COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTIONS

a. Christian Fellowship Coordinator

1. Attend monthly council meetings to report on progress of tasks and to make requests/motions to the council
2. Prepare a written report for the annual meeting of the congregation
3. Prepare publicity pieces (newsletter, bulletin, temple talk) as needed
4. Recommend to the Property/Trustees Committee annual budget requests
5. Establish and coordinate a network of helpers to complete the following tasks:
 - i. Organize & coordinate volunteers for weekly, monthly, seasonal, and annual activities of the congregation as needed. These activities may include, but are not limited to:
 1. Worship Volunteers & Hospitality (Head usher, ushers, taxi, greeters, etc.)
 2. Grounds Volunteers (Snow removal & Lawn Care)
 3. Special congregational events (such as: Turkey Supper, Kumla Feed & Senior Luncheon)
 4. Other fellowship & congregational activities as desired.
 5. Funeral volunteer coordination (hospitality & luncheon volunteers)
 - ii. Coordinate ELCA events and ELCA materials (World hunger, refugee/immigration, advocacy)
 - iii. Coordinate activities to consider faithful stewardship campaigns including automatic donations, pledge drive, etc.

b. Worship Community Coordinator

1. Attend monthly council meetings to report on progress of tasks and to make requests/motions to the council
2. Prepare a written report for the annual meeting of the congregation
3. Prepare publicity pieces (newsletter, bulletin, temple talk) as needed
4. Recommend to the Property/Trustees Committee annual budget requests
5. Establish and coordinate a network of helpers to complete the following tasks:
 - i. Choose hymns monthly
 - ii. Organ/piano/handbell maintenance (line up tuners, advise & approve on repairs)
 - iii. Decorate sanctuary seasonally (cross drapes, advent/Christmas decorations, Harvest theme in fall, Lent/Easter)
 - iv. Work with Pastor on Special Services
 - v. Organize poinsettias/Easter lilies
 - vi. Plan special music and guest musicians/concerts
 - vii. Prepare new member welcome baskets
 - viii. Mailing of bulletins for shut-ins
 - ix. Be actively involved in the selection of the missionary supported by St. Petri and keep the congregation informed of missionary work and their needs
 - x. Communion assistance on communion Sundays
 - xi. Communion visits to shut-ins
 - xii. Visits to shut-ins (non-communion related)
 - xiii. Mid-week prayer services
 - xiv. Lectern/assisting minister list coordination
 - xv. Coordinating care for members (illness, etc.)

c. Faith Formation Coordinator

1. Attend monthly council meetings to report on progress of tasks and to make requests/motions to the council
2. Prepare a written report for the annual meeting of the congregation
3. Prepare publicity pieces (newsletter, bulletin, temple talk) as needed
(Constitutional Changes cont.)
4. Recommend to the Property/Trustees Committee annual budget requests
5. Establish and coordinate a network of helpers to complete the following tasks as needed in collaboration with the ministry staff:
 - i. Provide leadership training opportunities for youth
 - ii. Generation of a search committee and job description for a paid youth worker as needed
 - iii. Coordinate fellowship hour receptions for both Confirmation and Graduation Sundays
 - iv. Pick adult education curriculum
 - v. Supervise and coordinate all Cross+Generational Ministry
 - vi. Coordinate youth programing and adult support for programing
 - vii. Grant camper-ships/scholarships for Bible camps and other youth leadership programming
 - viii. Organize Vacation Bible School program

d. Property and Trustees Coordinator

1. Attend monthly council meetings to report on progress of tasks and to make requests/motions to the council
 2. Prepare a written report for the annual meeting of the congregation
 3. Prepare publicity pieces (newsletter, bulletin, temple talk) as needed
 4. Work with the elected committee members to complete the following tasks:
 - i. Establish a list of 3-5 resource people, resident experts, or reserve workers to be called on for consultation, project planning, or simply an available labor pool.
 - ii. Building and grounds maintenance of church and parsonage
 1. Organize congregational work days for church maintenance and repairs (raking leaves, painting, trimming bushes, shrubs, trees, care of flowers and plantings, care of outside planters and landscaping)
 2. Regularly inspect church and parsonage for repairs and maintenance needs
 3. Make minor repairs at the church
 4. Review and authorize repairs and maintenance requests
 5. Designate use of various parts of church for functions
 6. Oversee specially designated committees in relation to repairs and fundraising for repairs
 7. Complete/oversee parsonage restore and renew projects
 - iii. Draft and recommend policies for use of church to be adopted by church council including the following:
 1. Vehicle safety policy
 2. Parsonage use policy
 3. Electronic communication
 4. Custodial duties
 5. Usage and fees policy
 6. Travel expenses policy
 7. Employee credit card policy
 - iv. Generation of a search committee for church custodian
 - v. Supervise legal matters including all insurance; review compliance and policy annually
 - vi. Prepare and recommend the annual budget to Congregation Council
 - vii. Hire and supervise work of custodian
 - viii. Oversee the budget and church expenditures
 - ix. Ascertain that expenditures are within the approved budget
 - x. Recommend to Congregation Council any fiscal restraints (in consultation with the treasurer) that may be needed for cash flow purposes
 - xi. Coordinate projects with the Endowment Committee.
 - xii. Recommends salary changes for church employees and professional staff to the council
- Work with all other committees or groups on joint church projects



RIVERSIDE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP EVENTS

For more information,
please contact us.

Website: www.riversidelbc.org

Email: rlbc@riversidelbc.org

Office phone: 515-733-5271

Fall Recharges

Theme: "All Good"

"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:6

November 7-8: Junior High Recharge
(grades 6-9) *One overnight*

***November 21-23:** Senior High Recharge
(grades 9-12)

*High school recharge is 2 nights.

Youth, enjoy worship, friends, food, games, activities, free time, small groups, carpetball, awesome camp leaders, skits... more info/register on Riverside's website.

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 2 Virtual Event

Giving Tuesday is a movement to inspire generosity around the world and Riverside is again joining in on this movement this year. Will you join us?

Over the last several years, our Giving Tuesday event has been a great way to rally Riverside supporters as we wrap up an impactful year of ministry. This year, we are inviting you to consider generously giving to the ministry of Riverside and invest in the growth of the property and the lives of individuals. Here are the two ways your giving on Giving Tuesday will impact the continued mission of Riverside:

1. Eternal investment. Your giving will go towards our general fund which funds all of our camperships, ensuring all kids of all ages are able to come to camp regardless of finances. You directly impact real lives for eternity as we continue in our mission, "To know Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to all."

2. Archery tag. Your giving will allow us to add archery tag as an engaging and relational option for campers and retreat groups. We are excited about adding this activity to our programming and look forward to the fun memories it will bring in the years to come!

Thank you for your prayers and support of this ministry over the years, and thank you for considering giving a financial gift towards the continued Christ-centered, life-changing ministry of Riverside!

HOW CAN I GIVE?

1. Go to the donation portal on our website so that you can make an electronic gift.
2. Mail in a check to our office with 'Giving Tuesday' in the memo to: 3001 Riverside Road, Story City, IA, 50248
3. Call in a gift over the phone. You can reach our office at 515-733-5271.
4. Drop off a gift at camp on Tuesday, December 2!

Usher in the season at our **RIVERSIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Sunday, December 7, 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 (in Chapel)
- Additional Details -
Concert is free with RSVP thru OneCause.
Please bring a canned good item for our local food pantry.
Pre-concert Meet & Greet with Sanctus Real (\$30 ticket available on OneCause).
This event is sponsored by Atlas Thrivent of Story City – we're grateful for their support!