

This Week at Grace

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This week at Pastor Jonathan will use Matthew 25 as inspiration for her message. Tony and Chrissy Semler-Blue will usher. Gail Remis will serve as liturgist. Kate or Chris Feil will be running tech. You can see and hear our worship services LIVE on our Facebook page @storycitygrace or through our website (which will link you to our Facebook page) – grace-umc.com.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 22

No Activities

Sunday, November 26

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 A.M. Decorate Church
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 4:00 P.M. Axis (at St. Petri)

Monday, November 27

- 5:45 P.M. Finance
- 6:30 P.M. Council

Wednesday, November 29

- 6:00 P.M. Compass (at St. Petri)
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
- 8:00 P.M. Bells

Sunday, December 3 (1st Sunday of Advent)

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 4:00 P.M. Axis (at St. Petri)

Christmas Program

There will be no rehearsal for the Christmas program after the children's message this week. All the kids will rehearse beginning next week.

In Our Prayers

Dorothy Carbaugh; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Cathy Hermanson—Cancer; Mindy Kardell—traveling overseas; Loretta Parker; Claudia Pauk—thankful her hands are improving; Birdelle Post—Turning 105; Paula Sampson—Cancer; The Taylors; Over 1000 pounds of food delivered to Loaves and Fishes; Mason, Luccas and Jori went to All-State.

Meals on Wheels



Meals on Wheels delivery for November has begun. The following people are delivering meals the third week in November. Please be at the north doors by 10:50 to pick up the

food for delivery.

November 27

Louis and Tep Reeder

November 28

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November 29

Route 1: Gini Michel

Route 2: Kevin and Candi Holm

November 30—Jane Jackson and Fred Larson



Reports Available

Copies of the 2024 budget and leadership report are available in the narthex. There are two additions -- Lay Member to Annual Conference: Virginia Swenson, and Lay Leader: Dave Doolittle.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

Loaves and Fishes

It is Grace's turn to help with Loaves and Fishes again on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30-12:00. If you are interested in helping, please contact Louis Reeder (402-641-6722) or Jan Feil (319-350-9157).

Angel Tree

If you picked up an Angel Tree slip from Alyssa on November 12, reminder, gifts are need to be dropped off at Immanuel Lutheran Church by December 6.

Copier Policy

To help with the cost of copier supplies, the trustees have decided to implement a policy that if you make copies for personal use, you will be charged a fee of 15 cents per side.

Family Christmas in Story City

The holiday season is the perfect time to make magical memories with your family! We have a fun event planned in Story City on December 16th that offers an array of magical holiday experiences that capture the essence of the festive spirit of the holiday season. For more information on this fun event go to:

[Family Christmas In Story City](#)

Holiday Cookie Sale

December 2 | 10 a.m.—until sold out

St. Petri Church

804 Grand Avenue, Story City, Iowa

Prepackaged containers of approximately 3 dozen

holiday goodies:

1 box for \$13 or

2 boxes for \$25

Plus CRAFTS for SALE

**SAINT PETRI EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



THINK YOU MAY BE PREGNANT?



Lighthouse offers free & confidential pregnancy testing in Story City at Immanuel Lutheran Church, located just 20 minutes north of Ames. **Call 621-648-4198**

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES:

- *Pregnancy Tests
- *Medical Referrals
- *Adoption Referrals
- *Parenting Classes
- *Encouragement
- *Post-rape Support
- *Infant Loss Support
- *Abortion Grief Support
- *Sexual Health Facts
- *Mentoring

MYRTLE'S CLOSET

Children's clothing NB - 3T; diapers, wipes, books, toys & quilts available free to families enrolled in Lighthouse Center's programs.

Myrtle's Closet is located in Immanuel Lutheran Church, 604 Lafayette Ave, Story City. Private parking in the alley on the north side of church - follow the **Lighthouse** signs into the building and head upstairs. Volunteers register & assist you with shopping.

Myrtle's Closet Story City Facebook page for hours & to volunteer.

Community Event



A PRESENTATION ON PROJECT IOWA'S CULTIVATING CAREERS COURSE

Join us for a community discussion on workforce experiences

Engage with community members on issues important to you and learn about free job training to pursue more meaningful and stable employment.

Bertha Bartlett Public Library

Tuesday, December 6th
6:00pm-7:15pm

**Hosted by AMOS and
Project Iowa**

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Four Weeks
Monday - Friday
2 Hours/Week**

- Week 1: Path to Purpose
- Week 2: Wellness
- Week 3: Job Seekers
- Week 4: Digital Skills

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**Pathways to a
Career:**
Project Iowa's
Cultivating Careers
Course

Who We Are

AMOS | A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy

AMOS is a Central Iowa community action group that seeks to channel individual action into a responsible and powerfully organized force for the common good.

Project Iowa started in 2008 due to public response to challenges that every day people face in achieving their work force goals.

Together, the two organizations secured \$100,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act for 30 Story County residents to complete Project Iowa's job skills course, "Cultivating Careers."

How?

Receive one-on-one support from a staff member to help with

- Individual Empowerment
- Creating a Professional Resume
- Interview Skills
- Job Search Skills
- Defining Personal Skills

Attend job trainings and make connections through Project Iowa and within your cohort

400 individuals have a stable income due to Project Iowa programs and support

"I can tell you without hesitation that everyone from Project IOWA - the staff and the other learners in my cohort has changed my life. Their program really allows participants to discover their strengths and build self-confidence. You've helped me find new purpose in my life and career"

- Vicki, Participant

Why Project Iowa?

If you want to...

- ✓ Discover skills to help you find better and more stable employment
- ✓ Gain useful professional connections
- ✓ Develop Career Readiness Skills
- ✓ Better understand your purpose and transform your life

Then Project Iowa's Cultivating Careers course is for you!

Loaves & Fishes

Pantry Needs

- SpaghettiOs
- Baked Beans
- Penne Pasta
- Pineapple
- Tomato Soup
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Facial Tissue
- Paper Towels

DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE STORY CITY GCC, LOCAL CHURCHES, OR AT LOAVES & FISHES ON SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM 10-NOON.

Community Winter Gear Swap

Brought to you by RSCityserve!

COLLECTION DAY: Saturday, Nov 4, 8-NOON

Collection bins also available at SC rec center and various churches

Accepted Outdoor Winter Donations:
Gently used, clean, any size (Infant-Adult)

*gloves/mittens
*boots
*hats

*snow pants
*coats
*Roland-Story gear

Donations are not required to take items!

*Open Dates for 2023-2024 Winter Season:
NOV. 11, 18 - DEC. 2, 9, 16 - JAN. 13, 20, 27
*10-Noon on Saturdays, 403 Broad St. in Story City.

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