

# This Week at Grace

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This week at Grace Pastor Jonathan will use 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 as inspiration for his message. The Rasmussen Family will usher. Becky Barclay will serve as liturgist. Kurt Carlson 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](http://grace-umc.com).



## Upcoming Events

### 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)

### Wednesday, December 6

- 5:00 P.M. Children's bells
- 6:00 P.M. Compass (at St. Petri)
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
- 8:00 P.M. Bells

### Saturday, December 9

- 9:30 A.M.—12:00 P.M.  
Loaves and Fishes

### Sunday, December 10 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:30 A.M. Youth Council at Grace
- 4:00 P.M. Axis (at St. Petri)

### Monday, December 11

- 5:30 P.M. Worship Committee

## Youth Council

The Youth Council will meet at 11:30 p.m. at Grace on Sunday, December 12.

## 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; Paula Sampson—Cancer; David Skaar—stroke; The Taylors;

## Christmas Program

There will be practice for the Christmas program on Sunday, December 3. All kids involved in the program will be dismissed after the children's message to go down to the fellowship hall to practice for the program.

## Office Hours

Shannon will be out of the office a couple of days this month. She'll be out of the office on Friday, December 8 as a result the church will be closed this day. She will also be out of the office on Tuesday, December 12. Jonathan should be in that morning if you need anything. The church will also be closed on December 25 and 26 for the Christmas holiday.



### 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 need to be dropped off at Immanuel Lutheran Church by December 6.

### 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](#)

### Bells and Brass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

7:30 PM

COLLEGIATE UMC, AMES, IA

THE ANNUAL BELLS AND BRASS CONCERT  
WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH  
AT 7:30. PLEASE JOIN THE CHANCEL  
HANDBELL CHOIR AND COLLEGIATE  
BRASS IN A CONCERT OF SACRED AND  
SECULAR CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND A  
CHANCE FOR EVERYONE TO SING SOME  
CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS SONGS.



**Let's fill the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettia flowers for the Advent Season.** You are invited to bring in a poinsettia plant beginning Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for the remainder of the holiday season. You may bring a poinsettia of your own from where ever you choose. If you want to pay tribute to loved ones either as a memorial for those who have passed or in honor for those who are still with us, simply fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, or you may deliver it to the church office.

My name \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# 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**





# NOW ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation is offering over 100 scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year! Some scholarships are specifically for Methodist colleges, and many are open to anyone. Check out our website <https://iumf.org/scholarships/> to read the criteria and apply! Applications are accepted December 1—March 1 annually. With over \$250,000 to award this year, we want to help the student in your life graduate with less debt!



## 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.

**RSCITYSERVE**

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## 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.

Please join us for

## RSCMS's 2023 Senior Citizen's Dinner

*When*

**Tuesday,  
December 19**

Doors Open: 11:00am

Meal Served: 11:30 am

Program to Follow

*Meal*

Ham Balls  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Pears  
Dinner Roll  
Apple Pie  
Coffee/Water

*Rsvp*

By Friday, December 8  
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