

# This Week at Grace

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This week at Rev. Katharine Yarnell will use Haggai 2:9 as inspiration for her message. Brian and Dee McNamara will usher. Dave Doolittle will serve as liturgist. Nate Warwick 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, November 12

- 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

### Sunday, November 13

- 5:30 P.M. Worship Committee

### Wednesday, November 15

- 1:30 P.M. UWF
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Worship at Riverside
- 7:00 P.M. Choir
- 8:00 P.M. Bells

### Sunday, November 19

- 8:00 A.M. Trustees
- 9:15 A.M. Worship
- 10:15 A.M. Mission Brunch
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 4:00 P.M. Axis at St. Petri
- 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice for Thanksgiving Service at St. Petri
- 7:00 P.M. Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Petri

## Christmas Program

Rehearsals have begun for the children's Christmas program. The following kids will be dismissed after the children's message to go practice on Sunday, November 12: Beckey's class, Owen, Alexandra, Reagan, Lena, and Adeline

## In Our Prayers

Kurt Carlson—friend killed in auto accident; Donyel Caruth—sister Tawnya has cancer; Doug Feil; Carolyn Geise—broken arm from fall; Rhonda Hampton—Granddaughter's baby girl was stillborn; Cathy Hermanson—Cancer; Loretta Parker; Claudia Pauk; Paula Sampson—Cancer; The Taylors; Dan and Marilyn Webster; Celebration for members of the Roland-Story cheerleaders (division champs) and competitive dance team (second place)

## 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 13

Gloria Sampson and Erma Schaeffer

November 14

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November 15

Route 1: Gini Michel

Route 2: Kevin and Candi Holm

November 16

Gloria Sampson and Erma Schaeffer

November 17

Jane Jackson, 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.

### Fall Clean Up Days

Fall Clean Up Days are tomorrow and Saturday, November 10 and 11 this year. Plan to come help clean up the church grounds before winter comes.

### Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher this Sunday will be Rev. Katharine Yarnell, Executive Director of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation. Following our fellowship time, Rev. Yarnell will lead a discussion in the choir room on the topic "Tax-Savvy Ways to Support your Favourite Ministries." How can you help the church now and in your will? How does our church's endowment with the Foundation work?

### Stewardship

Most of you should have received a letter from our pastor including a pledge card for 2024. Please fill this out and return to church no later than November 19 when we plan to dedicate them in worship. If you did not receive a card, extras will be available in the narthex. A financial pledge for the coming year helps the church leadership make decisions for the ministry of the church. Grace has been blessed in recent years with generous support.

### Out of Office

Shannon will be out of the office for about 45 minutes to an hour, Friday morning (November 10) to attend the Veterans day program at the middle school at 10:00. She will also be out of the office next Wednesday, November 15. Jonathan will be around after 10:00 so the church should be open if you need to stop by.

### Mission Brunch

Our November Mission Brunch is on November 19 at 10:15am in the fellowship hall. This month, money raised will go to support Loaves and Fishes. The quarter tube will also be out during the service so remember to bring your quarters.

### Angel Tree

Alyssa will have Angel Tree slip with her on Sunday. If you would like to take one or more to ship for a family in need, find her on Sunday. Gifts will need to be returned to Immanuel Lutheran Church by December 6.

### Thank you!

Many thanks to my Grace Church friends for the cards, calls, FaceBook messages, and texts. Each and every one brightens my day and helps keep me positive. Thankfully, my 'bad' days are fewer, but I do get them. Happily, they are usually interspersed with 'good and great' days. It would be fabulous to predict in advance when the challenge days are going to hit. But, so far, it's always a surprise. Hmmm, I may need to rethink my fondness for surprises....

Anyway, thanks again and may your days be filled with surprises of the happy variety!

With love, Cathy

### Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Petri Church. If you wish to sing in the choir during the service, there will be a rehearsal at St. Petri prior to the service at 6:00 p.m.



## Harvest Home

Grace church has participated in a long tradition called Harvest Home. We will continue again this year with November 19 as our designated date to give to the food pantry before the Thanksgiving holiday. Keep in mind that many people will be baking and cooking for family and the following items would be greatly appreciated.

- Spices such as cinnamon, pumpkin, chili
- Cookie and frosting mixes
- Sauces such as tomato and pasta
- Basic baking ingredients such as flour, sugar, margarine, butter, shortening
- Paper products are always needed. Consider giving toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex

Food items may be brought to the church beginning this Sunday and will be collected in the narthex. Following the November 19 brunch, which is designated for the Loaves and Fishes food pantry, the items will be taken by volunteers to the pantry.

## 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 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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## 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.

## Holiday Cookie Sale

December 2

10 a.m.-until sold out

St. Petri Church 804 Grand, Story City

\$13 for a prepackaged container of approximately 3 dozen holiday goodies.  
PLUS CRAFTS FOR SALE!

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