



**ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
PO Box 127  
502 Second Street South  
Rockwell, IA 50469

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## December Newsletter 2025

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### **Worship Times**

St. Peter, Rockwell  
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Worship Online Sundays at 9:00 am

**www.youtube.com at St Peters Lutheran Church Rockwell IA**

**www.facebook.com at St Peter Lutheran Church**

**St Peter website: [www.stpeterrockwell.com](http://www.stpeterrockwell.com)**

*Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.*

*~ ~ Robert Louis Stevenson*



Come let us  
*Adore*  
Him



**Church Secretary:** Christy Meinders  
**Cell phone:** 641-430-1041  
**Church email:** [stpeter@netins.net](mailto:stpeter@netins.net)  
**Church Office Phone:** 641-822-3101

***Please pray for:***

Christine Foell, Mona Arends, Jo Thomas, Jenn Butler, DiAnne & Dave Severin, Dawn & Wendell Thomas, Audrey Harder, Joan Petersen, Kathleen Hansen, Larry Kruckenberg, Janet Hoftiezer, Kevin Hoftiezer, Lon Peterson, Wendy Jorgensen, Seneca Echelberger, Jill Watters and all who are homebound or hospitalized, or are suffering in any way.

**Prayer Requests or Visits**

**Just a reminder:** If you have any prayer requests that you would like added to the bulletins/newsletters, or you would like someone to visit and/or bring communion, please contact the church office – leave a message on the phone 641-822-3101 or email [stpeter@netins.net](mailto:stpeter@netins.net)

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**Please send all announcements** to St. Peter's email: [stpeter@netins.net](mailto:stpeter@netins.net) or call the church office phone number @ 641-822-3101 to leave any messages you may have. I am at the church most nights from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Sending an email is the best way to get a message to me. Thank you, Christy.

**Articles and information for the January's Newsletter  
are due by Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. PETER CHURCH NEWS**

<b>President:</b>	Jenn Butler.....641- 512-5274	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mrs. Linda Meyer.....641-822-4755	klmeyer@netins.net
<b>WELCA President:</b>	Mrs. Cheryl Flatness.....641-822-3472	
<b>LYO President:</b>	Parker Sheriff	
<b>Faith Formation Team:</b>	Pam Litterer, Brandie Witte, Chelsey Morrison, Mary Etta Miller, Alicia Vaughn, Rich Fjone	
<b>Custodian:</b>	Wendy Jorgensen.....641-210-8187	
<b>Organist:</b>	Mrs. Lana Schaefer.....641-425-7615	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Christy Meinders.....641-430-1041	

### **USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Mike Echelberger, Todd Liekweg, Gary Sturges & Families

### **GREETERS FOR DECEMBER**

Jay & Carla Thompson

### **COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR DECEMBER**

Todd Liekweg

### **ACOLYTES FOR DECEMBER**

Lane & Liam Sturges

### **Sunday School News:**

- **The teachers would first** like to say how amazing and awesome it is to see the kids come week after week to Sunday [School](#). We want to thank the parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles for bringing them each week. We hope that they are enjoying our time as much as the teachers are. One thing that we would like everyone to keep in mind is that our Sunday School program is for kids aged 3 to 6th grade. There is talk of having a nursery class for 2 and 3-year-olds, but that is in its planning stages. We would need a teacher for the new class. For now, we are sticking with our current program of 3-year-olds to 6th graders, but we are excited for the opportunity to grow.
- **We would also like to thank everyone** who donated, helped plan, etc, for God's Work Our Hands Day. The Sunday School was able to fill 45 boxes for Operation Christmas Child and create around 12 Sharing Plates. Thank You!
- **The Sunday School Christmas Program** will be held on Sunday, December 21, during the 9 am church service
- **We will not have Sunday School** on the following dates:
  - Sunday December 21
  - Sunday December 28
  - Sunday January 4

**Friendship plates** will be made Saturday, December 6th:

Chairperson: Lana Schaefer, Co-Chairperson: Cheryl Flatness

Committee members: Wendy Jorgensen, Jeanette Sturges, Tracy Madden, Angie Twedt, Traci Hansen, Becky Dhondt, Linda Corporon, Holly Hess, Barb Grunklee, Andrea Engh, Josie Baxter, Britney Fjone, Dawn Liekweg, Michelle Martinez, Diane Dodd, Chelsey Morrison and Kristen Engels. If there are others that would like to contribute that would be awesome.

(The committee members need to bring 2 dozen individually wrapped candy, cookies, bars, snacks, etc. In addition to providing goodies the committee members will help fill friendship plates and then deliver them. Part of the expectation for delivering the plates is that you plan to stay and visit with the recipients. These friends were once active members of our church but now are in the nursing home or home bound with few visits from our church family. This is an important part of the outreach from our church. If you have questions please call your chairperson.)

**Memory Tree Ornaments** will be sold starting Sunday, November 30th. They are \$5 each and the money is used to buy Christmas presents for the residents of the Rockwell Nursing Home. Thank you!

**There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex** for ushers, greeters, and communion committees for the upcoming year 2025. This is your opportunity to volunteer or choose when you would like to help with one of these committees.

## **Holiday Meal**

**With the holiday's fast approaching** the Mission's Committee is asking for your help with collecting food for a holiday meal. We will have a holiday table set up in the Narthex to collect all donated food items. All donations will go to the West Fork Food Bank in Sheffield. Suggested food items are: Canned corn, green beans, carrots, cream of mushroom, chicken or celery soup, french onions, bag or boxed potatoes, gravy, jello, cranberries, pumpkin, apple, blueberry pie filling, cake or brownie mixes. We would like to thank you in advance for all your donations. The Mission's Committee

### **Share The Warmth!**

No sign-up, no judgment, just kindness. Please take what you need!

### **How You Can Help:**

Donate gently used or new winter items (Any knitters or crocheters in the house? Got that new coat last year that is outgrown this year? Out of style hats?)

Hang donations on the provided clotheslines

Share with friends and neighbors in our community....SPREAD THE WORD!!!!!!

Donate money to purchase items (see how to below)

### **How You Can Receive:**

See something you need? Please take it, it's yours!!

### **Locations:**

Thornton City Park Pavilion  
(corner of Main St and 5th St)

Sheffield City Park Pavilion  
(corner of 5th St and Gilman St)

St Peter Church Parsonage, Rockwell  
(corner of Madison St E and 2nd St S)

Leave What You Can... Take What You Need

Cold weather is here - let's help each other stay warm! We're collecting coats, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, boots, and more for our neighbors in need

### **Times Available:**

Starting Nov 9 - Open 24/7 (bad weather may result in it coming down until weather passes). Come at any time you feel comfortable.

Together we can keep our community warm this winter!

Please contact Lay Minister Jason Grunklee, St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell with questions or to make a monetary donation.

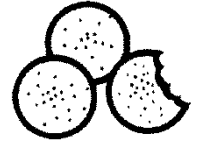
641-822-3101, stpeter@netins.net or grunklee0@gmail.com

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> led by the LYO at 7:00pm.

The **Offering Envelopes for 2026** will be available the first part of December. If you do not have an offering envelope and wish to, please contact Treasurer, Linda Meyer by

email ([klmeyer@netins.net](mailto:klmeyer@netins.net)), cell phone (641-425-5617), or in person. She will be happy to include you in the list.

**Our church volunteers lead bingo** at the **Rockwell nursing home**. We furnish the prizes plus 4 (four) dozen homemade cookies. If you would like to donate cookies, please sign your name and the amount of cookies you are furnishing on the signup sheet found on the bulletin board. Thanks for volunteering!



**St. Peter Men are invited to a Saturday Breakfast/Bible Study** at the Faith United Church. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. (see church calendar for dates) Contact Rich Fjone for more information.

If you wish to **Reserve the Parish Hall and/or Church**, please contact the Church Secretary, Christy Baxter @ 641 -822-3101 or by sending an email to [stpeter@netins.net](mailto:stpeter@netins.net). The Reservation will be placed on the Church Calendar located in the Parish Hall hallway. Also, if you want to borrow any items from the kitchen, please notify the secretary, to check them out.



Women of Faith (formerly  
Mary/Martha Circle)  
**DECEMBER MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**at 1:30 pm**  
**Devotions: Linda Meyers**  
**Hostess: Carol Ames**

**The Women of the ELCA St Peter** is composed of all confirmed women of the Church. They are “members” of (Mary Circle/Martha Circle) as listed in the Church Handbook.

All women are encouraged to attend the Circle Meetings.

The Officers for 2023 of the WELCA are as follows:

President: Cheryl Flatness

Vice President: Carol Ames

Secretary: Linda Meyer

Treasurer: Linda Corporon

Chairman of Education: Linda Heft

Chairman of Stewardship: Linda Corporon

## St Peter's Women of Faith

Women of Faith meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 1:30 for bible study, business meeting, coffee and fellowship. We are currently studying the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians' "Wisdom for Living".

The Quilters meet every Tuesday at 9:00. All members are welcome to come and help with this important Mission Project.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Communion is served monthly to approximately 10 members who are residents at care centers or confined to their homes. This outreach is being done by Women of Faith, Ken Meyer, and Jim Turner. If you're interested in helping contact Lana.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** - monthly WOF meeting at 1:30 in the Parish Hall.

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** - Friendship Christmas Plates

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Bingo at the Rockwell Nursing Home

**Memory Tree** – Will Start being sold on Sunday, November 30th.

***Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who respects the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30***

## **St Peter Pastoral Acts 2025**

*"In Christ all shall be made alive" 1 Corinthians 15:22*

### **Baptisms**

Kolbi Jean Berding, October 19, 2025, daughter of Alex & Maci Berding  
Bodie James Rygh, November 18, 2025 son of Michael Rygh & Lisa Jorgensen

### **First Communion**

Avery Kothenbeutal, Camden Morrison, Robert Litterer

### **New members**

Elizabeth & Colton Lamfers & Hunter Nettifee  
Danielle & Avery Kothenbeutal & Nicholas Nelson

### **Confirmation**

Charleigh Martinez, Emersyn Mckee, JT Litterer

### **United in Marriage**

### **Transfer Out**

Cheyenne (Liekweg) Jensen  
Kurry Waston

### **Funerals**

Ramy Leo Peters, December 10, 1981 – February 25, 2025  
Memorial Service held on March 4, 2025 at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell  
Bryan Miller, December 4, 1958 – April 16, 2025  
Memorial Service held on April 26, 2025 at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell  
Clarence Ralph Kirchhoff, March 7, 1930 – June 10, 2025  
Memorial Service held on June 14, 2025 at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell  
Constance Ruth Hitzhusen, January 20, 1938 – January 19, 2025  
Memorial Service held on June 28, 2025 at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell  
Robert Brood, June 10, 1934 – November 13, 2025  
Memorial Service held on November 29, 2025 at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell