



**ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
PO Box 127  
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Rockwell, IA 50469

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## **October Newsletter 2026**

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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](https://www.youtube.com) at St Peters Lutheran Church Rockwell IA**

**[www.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) at St Peter Lutheran Church**

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

**You are invited!**

**St. Peter Lutheran Church**

**Fall Fun Festival**

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am – 2 pm**

**Lunch 11 am – 1 pm**

**(Dine - in or carry - out)**

**Vendors – Bake sale – Silent Auction**

**St. Peter Lutheran Church Women,**

**Rockwell, Iowa**

**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:***  
Please pray for

Steve Swenson, Tatum Kuhlmeier, Elowynn Austin, Christine Foell,  
Jo Thomas, DiAnne & Dave Severin, Dawn & Wendell Thomas, Audrey  
Harder, Joan Petersen, Larry Kruckenberg, Janet Hoftiezer, Lon  
Peterson, Wendy Jorgensen, 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 October's Newsletter  
are due by Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

## **ST. PETER CHURCH NEWS**

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| <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>        | Ellie Harms                                                                                                                       |                    |
| <b>Faith Formation Team:</b> | Pam Litterer, Brandie Witte, Chelsey Morrison,<br>Mary Etta Miller, Alicia Vaughn, Rich Fjone<br>Wendy Jorgensen.....641-210-8187 |                    |
| <b>Custodian:</b>            | Mrs. Lana Schaefer.....641-425-7615                                                                                               |                    |
| <b>Organist:</b>             | Christy Meinders.....641-430-1041                                                                                                 |                    |
| <b>Secretary:</b>            |                                                                                                                                   |                    |

## **USHERS FOR OCTOBER**

Aaron Petersen & families

## **GREETERS FOR OCTOBER**

Dawn Floy & Janan Wegner

## **COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR OCTOBER**

Dawn Floy & Janan Wegner

## **ACOLYTES FOR OCTOBER**

### **Sunday School News**

Sunday School has started and is in full swing. We have a couple of weeks under our belts and it is great to see all of the kids. Just a couple of reminders

- Class will run from 10:15-11:00
- Students need to be 3 years old by Sept.1, 2026, in order to attend.

The Sunday School is partnering with the Women of Faith to hand out candy and hot chocolate during Rockwell's Trick-or-Treating. Rockwell will be trick-or-treating on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 5- 7 p.m.

**The Sunday School kids** will be singing during the 9 am church services on the following Sundays:

- Sunday, October 18, 2026
- Sunday, November 15, 2026
- Sunday, December 20, 2026

### **Fall Recharge** at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp

Registration and details can be found at: <https://riversidelbc.org/>

- Oct 16-17: grades 3-6
- Nov 6-7: grades 6-9
- Nov 20-22: grades 9-12

Missions will pay a portion; let Brandie Witte know if your child is registered to attend

Join our Facebook page St. Peter Lutheran Sunday School, for the most up-to-date information

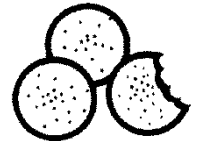
**Thank you to everyone that** brought plastic containers for us to use for leftovers, but our cupboards are full! We'll let you know if we need more. There are also several pans on the counter in case you forgot to pick them up. Lately the counter has been full of leftover paper products and other things. The lack of usable space makes it difficult when anyone is serving a meal or other events so please take things with you when you are finished.

**The ladies of WELCA** will be selling raffle tickets for a quilt and a Yeti cooler. Tickets sell for \$5 for a single ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. Tickets will be drawn the day of the Fall Bazaar.

**Fellowship games will meet** on the first and third Wednesdays of each month for 3<sup>rd</sup> through High school students at the Middle School in the big gym. A light meal will be served at 5:30 for any student wishing to attend followed with huddle time and games from 6:00-7:00PM. Instead of asking for volunteers to provide a light meal for the kids they are asking volunteers to make cookies or bars and for cash donations to serve the same meal both nights. There are 50 - 60 kids that take part in this Wednesday night active. If you would like to give a cash donation to help with a light meal please call Dean and Bonita Weber at 641-822-4588 or see Matthew Fjone. They will meet for the first time this year on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Sacred Heart Parish Rockwell** will be having their Annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday October 18, 2026, as a takeout drive thru only. We will serve from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm or until all is gone. Our menu will be Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, corn, cranberries, tea biscuit and apple or pumpkin pie. The cost is \$15.00 a meal. Please enter thru parking lot. Come and enjoy a great meal

**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)  
**OCTOBER MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 1:30 pm**  
**Devotions: Bev Peters**  
**Hostess: Bev Peters**

**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:**

#### **September:**

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: WOF Monthly Bible Study at 1:30 in the Parish Hall. Bev is leader and hostess. Lesson #4

Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Bingo at the Rockwell Care Center at 2:00 All volunteers are welcome. Let Louise know if you are interested

### **REMINDER:** Fall Festival is October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 -2:00

**Bake Sale:** we appreciate all donated items

**Silent Auction:** See Lana if you have items to donate

**Raffle:** Yeti Cooler and Quilt

**Lunch served from 10:30 – 1:00. Beefburgers, Chili, Chips, Bars, and drink. A donation sheet is in back of the church.**

**If you are donating food items they should be at the church by Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank You**

**NOTE:** Check out the new furniture purchased by the WOF in the Fellowship Room just off the kitchen. Great place for meeting and fellowship.

**NOTE:** WOF have prayer shawls available. A prayer shawl is a wearable hug to provide comfort, warmth, and spiritual support to anyone facing difficult times. It is a reminder of God's presence and strength. Please contact Lana, Louise or Bev if you have any questions.

***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 2026**

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

### **Baptisms**

Creed Thomas Kockler, January 18, 2026 son of Tanner & Margo Kockler  
Addilyn Taylor, Bentley Mark, and Carter Lawrence Ballhagen, February 15, 2026

Children of Mark & Taylor Ballhagen

Estella Marie Neal, March 22, 2026 daughter of Ben & Madison Neal

Garett Roger Buns, July 12, 2026 son of Thomas and Samantha Buns

Alvin Andrew May, July 26, 2026 son of James and Taylor May

Livvy Nicole Fjone, August 23, 2026 daughter of Matthew & Britney Fjone

### **First Communion**

#### **New members**

Dana Dotson

#### **Confirmation**

Lucas Benson, Lauren Bills, Bryce Engh, Jude Grunklee, Eden Kobliska,

Ethan Rembe, Braxtyn Schulz, Benton Schwark and Lane Sturges

### **United in Marriage**

Paula Jorgensen & Nicholas Berry

Macy Sturges & Wes Washpun

### **Transfer Out**

#### **Funerals**

Mona J Arends, February 23, 1933- February 11, 2026

Memorial Service held on February 20, 2026, at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell

Kevin Lee Hoftiezer, November 13, 1965 – March 3, 2026

Memorial Service held on March 20, 2026 at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell

Kathleen J Hansen, June 7, 1928 - Thursday, April 15, 2026

Memorial Service held on April 20, 2026, at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell

James Donald Turner, November 18, 1939 – June 28, 2026

Memorial Service held on July 13, 2026 at St Peter Lutheran Church, Rockwell