

# Introducing Storyteller Pati Kachel



*Pati loves God, His people and His holy Word...  
and she loves to tell stories about all of them!*

Stories make up our lives – moments around a campfire, tales before bedtime, laughter in a car ride. They knit us together for generations. A storyteller for over 30 years, Pati Kachel knows this better than most. Heartwarming and memorable, **Pati tells stories that encourage, delight and inspire.**

Many of Pati's favorite stories tell of women who have changed the world in large and small ways. Audiences everywhere are captivated by her programs, which incorporate singing, colorful hats and costumes, poetry, a smattering of props, and most importantly, a focus on Jesus Christ and the abundant life He provides to those who love Him.

Pati is a founding member of *Story Arts of Minnesota* in the Twin Cities, which promotes the craft of storytelling and supports performers to develop as creative artists. She also belongs to *Salt of the Earth Storytellers*, an ecumenical fellowship of Biblical storytellers.

Pati's years of storytelling have led her to present at a variety of venues, including churches, retreat centers, schools, libraries, hospitals, camps, tea rooms, bookstores, prisons, living rooms, homeschool co-ops, universities, coffeehouses, and conference centers. She has performed from Seattle to Pittsburgh, all over the Midwest, and even abroad in the Netherlands and Canada.

It is through *The Parable Fund* that Pati is able to tell these stories. This nonprofit organization's mission is to share earthly stories based in scriptural truths that communicate Judeo-Christian values. More details about *The Parable Fund* are available on the back of this brochure.

Pati welcomes the opportunity to provide **wholesome entertainment for any kind of venue.** Browse the programs inside this brochure to find the best match for your group's needs.

To learn more about Pati or to schedule a program, please visit *The Parable Fund* website at [www.theparablefund.org](http://www.theparablefund.org)

*"I will praise You,  
O Lord,  
with all my heart;  
I will TELL of  
all Your wonders."*

*Psalm 9:1*

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*Telling It Well*

# Seasonal Story Programs

*Pati Kachel was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her family tree has both Norwegian Lutheran and German roots. At the age of four, she was found delighting a crowd with her singing and dancing on a tabletop at the neighborhood library's bookmobile. She has enjoyed books and entertaining her audiences ever since! As a child Pati always loved to play "dress up." Now she enjoys wearing colorful costumes and hats for her full-time work as a traveling storyteller.*



*Pati made her personal commitment to follow Jesus Christ at the age of thirteen through the ministry of Young Life. While attending St. Anthony Village High School, she was encouraged to excel in art, creative writing, speech, and vocal music. While attending college in Tucson, Arizona she was involved with Campus Crusade for Christ. With a degree in Communication Arts, she has worked as a commercial artist and graphic designer. Pati has served in women's ministries leadership and on worship teams. She has hosted many small group Bible studies. When she is not on the road telling stories, Pati enjoys having friends over for afternoon tea parties and scrapbooking nights at her very cozy and cluttered home in Shoreview, Minnesota.*

## Love Stories to Warm Hearts

Planning a St. Valentine's Day Banquet or special event? Invite Pati to share all kinds of love stories with your audience. A hopeless romantic, she loves life and loves people and has learned the meaning of True Love. With humor and honesty, she presents the greatest love story ever told: the Love of God.

## Irish Tales and Other Blarney

Add meaning and merriment to your St. Patrick's Day celebrations with an enchanting variety of stories of saints, poems, ancient prayers, and Celtic songs.

## Bloom Where You're Planted

Cultivate contentment in your life with the help of the Divine Gardener. Pati shares biblical principles to help you joyfully grow and flourish in your life. A blooming good program for a spring gathering with a gardening theme.

## Father Knows Best, But Mom Knows Better

Want to plan a meaningful Mother & Daughter event? In this amusing presentation, take a little stroll down memory lane to recall the wise words of our mothers. A sure-to-be-remembered program inviting audience participation, honoring mothers and their significant role in our lives.

## Don't Miss The Boat!

Add some "Son-shine" to your summertime gathering. Listen and learn biblically-based wisdom on how to keep your friendships sailing smoothly. This fun, nautically-themed message filled with ideas on how to be a faithful friend. Pati's personal stories are sure to enrich and encourage you to cruise through life with Christ as the captain of your relationships.

## Move Over, Martha Stewart!

You and your home can become vessels for God to touch many people's lives. This program includes great ideas to help you open your heart and home in the ministry of hospitality and fulfill the command of Jesus to love your neighbors.

## Stories of Thanks-Living

Prepare hearts of joyful gratitude around Thanksgiving time with this colorful feast of stories about God's goodness and abundant provision. Images of harvest time and family time are shared through treasured remembrances, scripture, songs, and poetry for living a thankful life.

## Christmas Presence and Tidings of Comfort & Joy

Both of these programs are ideal for an Advent season service or Christmas tea. Pati joyfully weaves together festive music, light-hearted poems, tender Christmas stories, and audience participation to keep the focus on Christ in the center of our celebrating. These programs are sure to make you merry, because Jesus is the reason for the season!

# Story Portraits Of Inspiring Christian Women

## Daughters of Heaven

Through the imagery of story and song, Pati paints portraits of amazing Christian women through the centuries whose contributions to the world have left a legacy worth remembering. With Pati's humor and historical commentary, listeners will be inspired by the achievements and accomplishments of these heroines of Heaven. Each one-hour-long program features the life story of one of these inspiring believers. These programs have been creatively scripted to motivate and encourage today's women of all ages to serve Christ with their whole hearts. Some of these stories are told as costumed characterizations and others as biographical commentaries.

### Corrie ten Boom

Known best for her book *The Hiding Place*, Corrie ten Boom was part of a Christian family who helped hide and smuggle hundreds of Jewish people out of Holland during WWII. In *Conversations with Corrie*, Pati resurrects Corrie's legacy of courage and wisdom, donning an authentic costume, a handful of props, and a Dutch accent. Performed countless times, Pati's most popular program brings her audiences to both tears and laughter. Please note: this program runs 75 minutes long with no intermission.

*Gems From Corrie's Crown* is an encore dramatization of Corrie ten Boom. In this presentation Pati unfolds more stories about Corrie's life after the war. This program features the very best of what Corrie experienced and learned while she traveled around the world sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

With humor and humility this silver-haired saint imparts her godly wisdom to encourage the hearts of fellow Christians.



### Susanna Wesley

This wise woman spent her lifetime studying scripture, praying, teaching and making disciples. *Oh Susanna!* is a tribute to this extraordinary English mother and pastor's wife. Her devotion to Jesus Christ profoundly influenced the spiritual destiny of her many children, including John, Charles, and Samuel Wesley.

*Pati is shown here portraying Susanna Wesley. Wearing a 17th Century costume, she tells her remarkable life story in the first person narrative style, complete with a British accent.*



### Katharina von Bora Luther

Katharina was the wife of Protestant Reformer Martin Luther. Her life was a shining reflection of the virtuous woman described in Proverbs 31. In this costumed characterization of *Katie Did It All*, listeners will be introduced to her abundant life as a supportive wife, godly mother, and happy homemaker. A table display of portraits and books adds to the experience.



### Florence Nightingale

*The Lady With a Lamp* tells of Flo's decision to leave the expectations of British high society to answer God's call to service. She diligently persevered to elevate the role of nurses and brought lifesaving reforms to healthcare. This program is a costumed dramatization of Florence writing her memoirs.



### Mother Teresa

She walked through the streets of India answering her divine call to serve the poorest of the poor. Teresa shared God's love, joy, and compassion with this needy world, one person at a time. In *Treasures from Mother Teresa*, listeners will hear how she put her Christian faith into action and how they can too! An artful display of photos and books about her life will be included.



### Ruth Bell Graham

Ruth was the beloved wife of evangelist Billy Graham and the mother of their five children. Told through words from her personal journals and poetry, Pati shares the wonderful wisdom, warmth, and wit of this gifted writer. A delightful collection of photographic memories is displayed, making *The Life and Legacy of Ruth Bell Graham* a real crowd-pleaser.



### Helen Keller

Her eyes could not see, her ears could not hear, but she had a strong will, a clever mind, and most of all a heart full of God's love for people.

*A Shining Light in the Darkness* tells how God used Helen's writing and speaking to bring hope and inspiration to others with hindered abilities.



### Amy Carmichael

This determined and devoted Irish lass served as a brave missionary, rescuing thousands of needy children in the streets of Dohnavur, India.

In *Mother to the Motherless* Pati portrays Amy, whose love for God led her to open an orphanage and found a mission. She wrote books, poems and beautiful hymns.



### Catherine Booth

Co-founder of the Salvation Army with her husband, Catherine had a heart full of compassion for the lost and destitute of London. Many souls

were saved whenever she preached the Gospel. This is a costumed dramatization.

*New story productions about other inspiring Christian women are being researched and written. Visit our website for information about new programs.*

# Crowd-pleasing Story Programs & Workshops

## "Ya Sure, I'm a Norvegin Lutheran"

In this program Pati shares captivating stories honoring her heritage as a Norwegian Lutheran. With songs, humor, and historical information she tells tales of her pioneer ancestor's immigration from Norway to their Minnesota homestead near Paynesville. She has performed this show at The Mindekirken, numerous Sons of Norway lodges, and countless Lutheran churches around the Midwest. Pati is a charter member of the Pauline Fjelde Daughters of Norway Lodge #51 of Minneapolis. Do even Norwegian bachelor farmers love this show? Ya sure, you betcha!

## A Patchwork Quilt of Heartwarming Stories

This is a very popular presentation. Pati creatively sews together a comforting quilt of several short stories about people whose inspiring lives have added color and craziness to her own life. Her listeners will be kept in stitches with these meaningful messages that are sure to warm their hearts. Ideal for a fall or winter event.

## Heart Strings & Apron Strings

Aprons represent people who have loved us and served us. Pati presents her colorful collection of vintage aprons and the enchanting stories of the people who wore them. She lovingly honors the memory of all of those industrious "church basement" mothers and grandmothers with her good humor, poems, songs, and tender tales.

## Tales of A Tea-Totaler

This is a whimsical presentation of many delightful personal stories, poems, and songs about "taking tea" which Pati has collected during her many travels to Great Britain and Ireland. In her warm and sincere manner, Pati closes with a gentle invitation for her listeners to let Jesus "fill their cup" and refresh them with His company. This program, which is designed as a creative evangelism opportunity, is ideal for inviting guests.

## The Glad Hatter

Pati brings along and artistically displays her wonderful collection of vintage hats. As she puts them on, she magically becomes the colorful characters who once wore them. You will be introduced to her merry-hearted grandma and her eccentric Grand Aunt Esther. You will meet the generous Miss Fanny and the remarkable Ruby Wilson whose mission in life was to beautify the earth. Pati is a member of *The Red Hat Society* and has presented this program at many Red Hatter groups. You're invited to wear a hat and share a story, too. Make sure to bring your cameras and smiles!

## Dementia, Dad and Donuts

With humor and candor Pati tells stories about her experiences as a caregiver to her dad, who contended with dementia for the last decade of his life. Listeners will be touched with laughter and tears as they connect with these hilarious and endearing recollections of her forgetful father. Pati's words will bring consolation and comfort to people whose lives have been touched by someone with dementia. This presentation would also be appropriate for honoring dads around Father's Day or for a men's fellowship gathering.

## A Cup of Kindness – Encouragement for Caregivers

Pati knows firsthand the importance of the supportive presence of others to help us get through challenging health issues. To strengthen and affirm those who serve as caregivers, she has carefully crafted a collection of gentle stories, tender songs, and encouraging scripture.

## Lasting Impressions – Encouragement for Educators

Dedicated teachers make lasting and lifelong impressions on their students. Pati shares personal and amusing stories about her favorite elementary and high school teachers that profoundly and positively impacted her life. A touching tribute to inspire teachers.

## Celebrating Singleness

Sometimes God's wonderful plan for our lives does not include marrying a charming prince and living happily ever after. Pati shares encouraging scripture, songs, and insights about how God has helped her to joyfully embrace the gifts of solitude and singleness.

## I Love To Tell The Stories...And You Can, Too!

This is an equipping workshop (or funshop) designed to introduce participants to the oral tradition of storytelling. With helpful handouts and small group exercises, you can begin learning how to share your own stories. These skills can also be applied to tell unforgettable Bible stories. Listen, learn, and take the leap into the welcoming world of well-told stories.



*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
His love endures forever.*

*Let the redeemed of the Lord  
tell their story.*

*Let all who are wise heed these things  
and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord."*

*– Psalm 107:1–2*

# Presentations For Women's Retreats

## A Time for Everything under Heaven

Our lives are made of many different seasons. Through telling personal faith stories and singing gentle songs, Pati shares her practical insights into the timeless truths of chapter three of the book of Ecclesiastes. Her listeners will discover, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven." Presented over four sessions, this format allows retreatants time for fellowship, meals, and recreation time together, all within a restful and reflective structure. Small group discussion sheets and helpful handouts of the scripture applicable to everyday life are provided.

## Give Me a Break!

Are you stressed or blessed? The Bible has all kinds of helpful and humorous stress management tips. Learn God's remedy for a balanced life with scriptural truths and helpful stories. Listeners will learn how to recharge their spiritual batteries. An excellent talk for a retreat, offering time for personal reflection and refreshment.

## Just a Closer Walk

Pati opens her suitcase of memories from her travels around the world to share testimonies, true stories, and songs of how God has heard and answered many prayers in her life. This is a message to encourage people to pray, wait, and trust in God's faithfulness every step of the way. As you draw nearer to God through prayer, He will draw nearer to you too!

## Hanging On to Hope

A collection of scriptures, stories, and songs to encourage you to persevere through those difficult and discouraging times that we all face. Hope is a gift from Heaven to help us on earth.

## God's Timing Is Perfect

This program includes scriptures, songs, and stories about the sovereignty of God to encourage your hearts while you wait on the Lord to answer your prayers.

## Literary and Educational Programs

### Anne of Green Gables

An inspiring and educational program about **Lucy Maud Montgomery**, the Canadian author of the charming *Anne of Green Gables* book series. Dressed in vintage Victorian costume, Pati will invite you on a little journey to Prince Edward Island. Enjoy the humor and wisdom of that unforgettable literary character, Anne Shirley. A collection of antiques, PEI artifacts, books, and photographs are also displayed for the audience to enjoy.



### Beatrix Potter

Well-loved children's book author and illustrator Beatrix Potter is illuminated through this colorful presentation. In *Meet Miss Potter*, Pati authentically portrays this interesting watercolor artist and conservationist in Victorian costume and with a British accent. She tells her life story and the inspiration for her bestselling book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. Potter's illustrations, photos, vintage artifacts, and clothing are displayed for viewers to have a window into her creative world.



### Jane Austen

An informative and insightful program about the beloved English novelist, Miss Jane Austen. A pioneer of women making their living through writing, Austen penned seven of the best-selling books of all time, including *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *Emma*. Dressed in Regency period costume, Pati shares about the life and times of this gifted author. Austen memorabilia and British artifacts are displayed to enrich the learning experience.



## The Parable Fund's Mission

is to educate, encourage, enrich, and entertain  
listening audiences through excellent presentations  
and storytelling programs.

This mission is accomplished by the presentation of insightful and inspirational information on a wide variety of topics through original productions. Using the creative performance art of storytelling, we focus on sharing biblical and personal faith stories communicating Judeo-Christian values. We specialize in telling true stories of outstanding women through the ages whose contributions to the world serve as an inspiration today. Through costumed dramatizations we tell the life accomplishments of women of faith such as Corrie ten Boom, Susanna Wesley, Katharina von Bora Luther, Florence Nightingale, L. M. Montgomery, Beatrix Potter, and Jane Austen. We also present story portraits of Mother Teresa, Ruth Bell Graham, Helen Keller, Amy Carmichael, Catherine Booth and others.

Performances occur in a variety of settings including churches, retreat centers, public schools, homeschool co-ops, libraries, community centers, homes, civic organizations, healthcare facilities, and senior living residences. We work with professional educators and event organizers to develop scripts and workshops that meet the needs of each organization. In addition to performing dramatizations, we work in the community through one-on-one mentoring, providing educational workshops, and hosting bridge-building events. The goal of these projects is to help equip listeners to live a more purposeful life of service to others, ultimately resulting in people living within their community in a more caring and compassionate way.

*"O my people, listen to my teaching,  
open your ears to what I am saying.  
I will open my mouth in parables.  
For I will show you lessons  
from our history, stories handed down to  
us from former generations.  
I will reveal these truths to you  
so that you can describe these glorious  
deeds of God to your children,  
and tell them about the  
mighty miracles He did."  
- Psalm 78: 1-4*



The shortest distance between two people  
is a story.

## The Parable Fund

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