



St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Sundays at 9:00am
WOW Wednesdays at
5:30 pm (Sept—April)
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**Join Us For Easter Worship
And Behold the Lamb of God
Who Knows You by Name
(Sunday April 9th, 9:00 am)**

A message from Pastor Dave...

On Sunday April 16th at the 9:00 am worship service, we'll celebrate the confirmation of eleven young people. In the church, a person who is searching for spiritual fulfillment is called a "seeker." So, the theme of this year's Confirmation Sermon is - "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" and the Hymn of the Day will be a wonderful song by The Sidewalk Prophets called "Help Me Find It."



The following students will be confirmed
on Sunday April 16th at the 9:00 am worship service.

Nevaeh Norton

Deeanna Pumphrey

Boe Jones

Jack Lambert

Parker Johnson

Ty King

Charly Lloyd

Eden Devibliss

Alyvia Husmann

Taye Schmit

Kaesyn Husmann

Please join us as we celebrate the confirmation of these eleven seekers.

Faith, Hope, Love...
Pastor Dave

**St Matthew Lutheran Church
Council Meeting February 19th, 2023**

Call to Order

The February meeting of St Matthew was called to order by Dalana Rigby. Those present were Stu Gerdes, Pastor Dave, Dalana Rigby, Carolyn Dirks, Dave Titman, Diane Tuetken, Carolyn Tonn, Jeff Hinrichs, Nanci Paulsen and Nancy Gerdes.

Devotions were led by Jeff Hinrichs

Minutes - Previous meetings minutes were reviewed.

Pastor's Report: Eleven young people will be confirmed on Sunday April 16th. Special thanks to Jim Reuter for leading our confirmation program.

Donald Stott's funeral will be held at St. Matthew on Saturday March 25th at 11:00 am. He was a local young man who died at Pearl Harbor when he was 19 years old. The public is invited and welcome to attend the funeral.

Offering envelopes have been ordered for 2024.

Worship services were cancelled on Sunday Feb. 5th and Wed. Feb. 8th (WOW) due to Pastor Dave having Covid-19. These were Pastor Dave's first sick days in six years.

Treasurer's Report: reviewed. Stu Gerdes stated that \$50,000 was moved from the general fund and put into a 1 year CD. Stu Gerdes made a motion to accept the above reports as presented. Carolyn Dirks 2nd. Motion carried.

Old Business: A proposal to purchase solar panels for the church was discussed, followed by a decision not to go forward with the project.

We will be moving forward with getting estimates on replacing the carpeting on the front and back steps of the church.

New Business: Diane Tuetken brought up a missionary funding request for her granddaughter that will be traveling to Africa on missionary work. Dave Titman made a motion to grant \$250.00 from the benevolence fund for this mission work. Carolyn Dirks seconded. Motion carried.

Next council meeting will be rescheduled from Easter Sunday to the following Sunday, April 16th with Nanci Paulsen leading devotions. Jeff Hinrichs made a motion to accept this change and Stu Gerdes seconded. Motion carried.

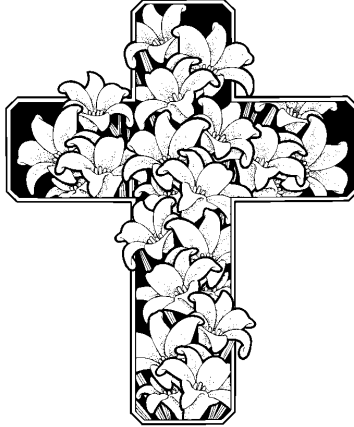
Next on the agenda was selecting a new church council president and vice president. Stu Gerdes made a motion that Jeff Hinrichs be president and Dalana Rigby be vice president. Dave Titman seconded and motion carried.

Dalana Rigby opened up nominations for treasurer. Dalana Rigby made a motion that Nancy Gerdes be treasurer and Carolyn Tonn seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanci Paulsen

Easter Lily Memorials



The Easter Season is drawing near, so we're inviting you to help enhance the beauty of our church by providing an Easter Lily for display.

The cost per Easter lily is \$10.00.

Please fill in the following form and return it with your money to the church office by April 3rd.

Those who purchase Easter lilies may take them home with them after the Easter Sunday worship service.

Thanks for your help.

Name _____

In Memory/Honor of _____

Number of plants _____

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			
WEEK OF:	SUNDAY	WOW	TOTAL for WEEK
February 19	54	Cancelled	54
February 26	60	103	163
March 5	58	66	124
March 12	43	68	111
February			
	St. Matthew Ministry		Building
Income	\$ 7,817.80		\$ 1,120.00
Expenses	\$ 10,275.39		
January 1 Balance	\$ 34,648.39		
February 28 Balance	\$ 35,231.92		
Year-to-Date			
Income	\$ 21,037.43		\$ 2,288.00
Expenses	\$ 20,453.90		

April & May Ushers & Communion Assistants

April Ushers: Jim & Jackie Reuter, Stuart Gerdes, Dale Jo Yousse
April Communion Assistant: Pam Kray
April Altar Guild: Pam Kray
May Ushers: Jeff & Sandy Hinrichs, Steve Goode
May Communion Assistant: Pam Kray
May Altar Guild: Pam Thompson

	<p>Weather related church cancellations for St. Matthew can be found on KCRG.</p>	
<p>If you can't make it to church, for any reason, our worship services are broadcast on Local Access Cable 4 every Friday at 10:00 am & Sunday at 9:00 am year-round. You can also view our worship services anytime on our church website: stmatthewmonticello.com.</p>		

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Donald Stott who died on December 7, 1941 on the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. Funeral at St. Matthew on March 25, 2023



<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Classes</u>	
Lent & Wow	Mar. 22	5:30 pm	6:15 pm	
Lent & Wow	Mar. 29	5:30 pm	6:15 pm	
Lent & WOW	Apr. 5	5:30 pm	6:15 pm	end of year party

Lenten soup supper served every Wednesday evening Feb. 22nd to Mar. 29th.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Four Sacred Worship Services During Holy Week

Palm Sunday	April	2	9:00 am
Lent & WOW	April	5	see above
Maundy Thurs.	April	6	6:30 pm
Easter Sunday	April	9	9:00 am

Please remember our members with a prayer, a card, or a visit.

Pinicon Place

1615 Breca Ridge Dr, Anamosa, IA 52205

- ◆ Lorna Rieniets 105
- ◆ Raymond Rieniets 104

Monticello Care Center

500 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

- ◆ Denny Joslyn 402
- ◆ Dorothy Norton 512
- ◆ Deb Johnson 503

Pennington Square

502 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

- ◆ Mary Tschantz 101

Individual Addresses:

Sycamore Gardens, 107 E. 9th St., Monticello, IA 52310:

John Boss	#102	Ann McNamara	#118
Jean Robison	#110	David Griffith	#122

- ◆ Darlene Gottleaber, 327 N. Gill, Monticello, IA 52310
- ◆ Irene Behrends, The Views of Marion, 720 Oakbrook Dr., D104, Marion, IA 52302
- ◆ Dan Ulferts, 1701 Meadow Ridge Dr., Apt. 37, Anamosa, IA 52205
- ◆ Bonnie Chappell 316 S. Sycamore, Monticello, IA 52310
- ◆ Kim Stadtmueller, 2005 49th St., Marion, IA 52302
- ◆ Donna Joslyn, River Bend Retirement Community, 318 Tyler St., NE, Cascade, IA 52033

SOMETHING TO KEEP YOU BUSY

**“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”**

(John Wesley)

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