

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Sundays at 9:00am WOW Wednesdays at 5:30 pm (Sept—April) stmatthewmonticello@gmail.com Pastor Daye Raemisch

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Walk in the Fruit of the Spirit more often, and some people will wonder what happened to you, some may even wonder what got into you.

Answer: The Holy Spirit

## A message from Pastor Dave...

On the cover of this edition of Echoes, there's a picture of a beautiful piece of bulletin board artwork that's located near the back entrance of the church. Special thanks to Marty Scharff for making it.

Some people say there's no such thing as a coincidence in God's world. Interestingly enough, on the very same week that Marty put the new bulletin board up, which is focused on the Fruit of the Spirit, I preached a sermon on the Fruit of the Spirit.

Here's a few thought on the Fruit of the Spirit. As the days go by I try, as best I can, to keep my own personal faith grounded in, and centered on, the Fruit of the Spirit. The more I am able to live by, and walk in, the Fruit of the Spirit the better my life will be.

You can find the Fruit of the Spirit on the cover of this edition of Echoes and below. The Fruit of the Spirit are: love - joy - peace - patience - kindness - goodness - faithfulness - gentleness, and self-control. Do those words describe you? Wouldn't it be something if those words described you. Imagine the possibilities!

For your own good, I challenge you to memorize the Fruit of the Spirit and then try your best to live by, and measure your life by, the Fruit of the Spirit. Truth be told, that is God's plan for your life.



Faith, Hope, Love... Pastor Dave

# **Sermon Topics for the Next 3 Months**

Selected From the Revised Common Lectionary List of Recommended Readings for Worship in Lutheran Churches

June 25, Romans 6:1b-11 (Sin's power is broken)

July 2, Romans 6:12-23 (No longer slaves to sin)

July 9, Romans 7:15-25a (Struggling with sin)

July 16, Romans 8:1-11 (Life in the Spirit)

July 23, Romans 8:12-25 (Future glory for believers)

July 30, Rom. 8:26-39 (Nothing can separate us from God's love)

August 6, Romans 9:1-5 (A heart for the lost)

August 13, Romans 10:5-15 (Salvation for everyone?)

Aug. 20, Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32 (God's mercy is for everyone)

August 27, Romans 12:1-8 (A living sacrifice to God) \*

September 3, Romans 12:9-21 (Love each other) \*

Sept. 10, Romans 13:8-14 (Love fulfills God's requirements)

Sept. 17, Romans 14:1-12 (The danger of a critical heart)

# The Book of Romans

Good Theology for Growing Christians
Who Love God

<sup>\*</sup>Romans 12:1-8 and Romans 12:9-21 both on August 27 because Pastor Dave will be on vacation on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.





A Big Week at St. Matthew!

We recently installed brand new, crystal clear, glass in our sign on Cedar St.

Special thanks to Bob First, Stu Gerdes, Don Tapken, and Jeff Hinrichs. It was also Vacation Bible School week at St. Matthew. It was so wonderful to see the church full of children making a joyful noise unto the Lord!







Vacation Bible School

A Place Where The
Children of God Grew In
Faith and Shared The
Love of God.

VBS WAS AWESOME!

Good Friends, Good
Fun, Good Food, and
the Good News that
Life Goes Better with

God on Your Side.



WEEK OF:	SUNDAY	WOW	TOTAL for WEEK
May 21	54	No	54
May 28	92	WOW	92
June 4	47	Until	47
June 11	52	Fall	52
May	St. Matthew Ministry		Building
Income	\$ 15,098.84		\$ 1,050.00
Expenses	\$ 11	1,530.42	
January 1 Balance	\$ 34,648.39		
May 31 Balance	\$ 49,152.94		
Year-to-Date			
Income	\$ 6'	7,749.91	\$5,454.00
Expenses		3,245.42	. ,

## July & August Ushers & Communion Assistants

July Ushers: DaLana Rigby, Nanci Paulsen July Communion Assistant: Larry Scharff

July Altar Guild: Ann Eby

August Ushers: Greg Wink, Steve Goode, Shane & Tara Norton

August Communion Assistant: DaLana Rigby

August Altar Guild: Ann Eby



#### Women's Bible Studies

Second Tuesday of the month at 9:00am.

### Women's Sewing Circle

Will be meeting the 2nd Wed. of each month at 1:00 pm.

#### Men's Bible Studies

The 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 6:30 am, and every Thursday at 10:00 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

#### **Monticello Care Center**

500 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

Denny Joslyn
 Dorothy Norton
 Deb Johnson
 503

#### **Pennington Square**

502 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

♦ Mary Tschantz 101

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- Kim Stadtmueller, 2005 49th St., Marion, IA 52302
- Donna Joslin, River Bend Retirement Community, 813 Tyler St., NE, Cascade, IA 52033



#### In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Art Kromminga who died on May 30th.

A private grave-side committal service was held for Fred and Fran Iben.



Happy 4th of July



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