



St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Sundays at 9:00am  
WOW Wednesdays at  
5:30 pm (Sept—April)  
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### **A message from Pastor Dave...**

At St. Matthew, we're blessed to have so many members who love, support, and care for our church. Special thanks to Stu Gerdes, Dan Lahr, and Jeff Hinrichs for managing and working on the installation of new carpet on the front and rear steps of the church. We also greatly appreciate the generous financial support from all of our members who make it a pleasure to do ministry at St. Matthew. I do believe our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ would say... "Well done my good and faithful servants."



**New Carpet Welcomes the Faithful to St. Matthew**

Our new sign  
says it all:  
Worship on  
Sunday morning  
at 9:00 am,  
WOW on Wed.  
night, and a  
personal invita-  
tion from God,  
who says to  
each and every  
person... "Come  
meet Me and be  
with Me in My  
house."



New carpet will  
greet the faithful  
on Sunday morning,  
and the children and  
families of WOW  
and Mother Goose  
Preschool.



Faith, Hope, Love...  
Pastor Dave

**St Matthew Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting August 13, 2023**

**Call to Order:** The August meeting of St Matthew was called to order by Jeff Hinrichs. Those present were Stu Gerdes, Pastor Dave, DaLana Rigby, Carolyn Dirks, Dave Titman, Trisha Lambert, Carolyn Tonn, Jeff Hinrichs, Nanci Paulsen and Diane Tuetken. **Devotions** were given by DaLana Rigby. **Minutes** were previously reviewed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Dave announced the Pulpit Supply for 2023. DaMisha McFarlan Pollock will be Sept. 3rd, Riley Anderson-Reed Oct. 15th, Emily Ronsberg Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and Jim Reuter on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. WOW and Confirmation will be starting on September 13<sup>th</sup> with pizza and cake kickoff followed by worship. Pastor explained how the ELCA is handling the shortage of Pastors by equipping lay members of the congregation as Synodically Authorized Ministers. This is a one-year pilot program, where participants will attend four workshops in September and October covering topics such as sacramental ministry, preaching, pastoral care and worship planning.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was reviewed.

**Youth and Family Ministry:** Trisha Lambert stated that VBS was great. Everyone that wanted to attend was allowed. WOW will begin September 13th

**Trustees Report:** The carpet replacement for the front steps has been ordered and a down payment put down. Replacing the carpeting on the back entry step will be at a later time.

**Elders Report:** Dave Titman and Carolyn Dirks stated that Homebound Communion is going well. They could still use more members willing to help out and give communion to those who wish it.

Stu Gerdes made a motion to accept the above reports as presented. Carolyn Dirks 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** The replacing of the carpeting at the entrances was old business and it was discussed during Trustees report.

**New Business:** DaLana Rigby said they would be working on getting ideas for the 2023 Benevolence Giving and present it at the next council meeting. They plan on keeping 5 of the same recipients that received last year.

Marty Scharff reported to the council on the repairs to the organ. She's waiting for a breakdown and estimate of the repairs by priority. The repairs so far seem to be quite extensive. The organ was purchased around 1923. To replace it with a new one would run in the neighborhood of \$250,000. When Marty receives the paperwork, she will let the council know and it will be reviewed. Stu Gerdes brought up that people showed an interest in starting of the Sharing of the Peace again. It will begin on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>. People can either shake hands, bump elbows, greet however they feel comfortable.

Stu Gerdes made a motion to adjourn and Carolyn Dirks 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer, The next meeting will be held Oct.8.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nanci Paulsen





## **St. Matthew Fall Dinner**

**Thursday, October 5th  
4:30-7:00 pm**

### **Menu**

Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Corn  
Dinner Rolls, Salads & Desserts

Adults - \$15.00

Kids 12 yrs. and under - \$7.00

For carry-outs call 319-465-3262

### **Food and Monetary Donations**

Please sign-up at church to bring salads and desserts

Please make donations for the purchase of food by dropping  
donations off at the church office Mon.-Thur. 9:30 am - 3:30 pm



### **October Communion Schedule**

During the month of October, Holy Communion  
will be on the 1st and 4th Sundays



### **In Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy and prayers to  
the family of William J. Heiken who died on  
Monday, September 11, 2023



<b>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b>WEEK OF:</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WOW</b>	<b>TOTAL for WEEK</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>August 27</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>September 3</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>September 10</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>St. Matthew Ministry</b>		<b>Building</b>
Income	\$ 9,936.34		\$1,850.00
Expenses	\$ 12,864.65		
January 1 Balance	\$ 34,648.39		
August 31 Balance	\$ 37,716.98		
Year-to-Date			
Income	\$ 95,050.71		\$9,715.00
Expenses	\$ 91,982.18		

### **October & November Ushers & Communion Assistants**

**October Ushers:** Stuart Gerdes, Jim & Joan Berends

**October Communion Assistant:** Carol Dirks

**October Altar Guild:** Grace Zimmerman

**November Ushers:** Jeff & Sandy Hinrichs

**November Communion Assistant:** Greg Wink

**November Altar Guild:** Pam Kray



### **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 402
- ♦ Dorothy Norton 506
- ♦ Deb Johnson 503

**Pennington Square**

502 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

- ♦ Mary Tschantz 101

**Individual Addresses:**

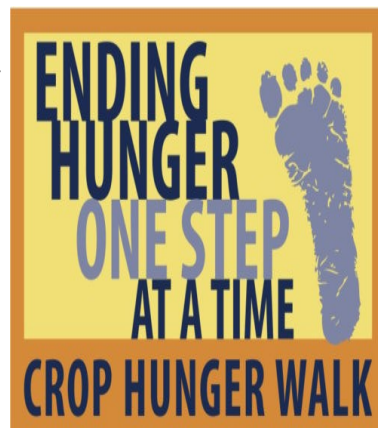
Sycamore Gardens, 107 E. 9th St., Monticello, IA 52310:

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

- ♦ Darlene Gottleber, 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 Joslin, River Bend Retirement Community, 813 Tyler St., NE, Cascade, IA 52033
- ♦ Sharon Kromminga, Grand Living At Indian Creek, 325 Collins Rd., SE, #434, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

**2023 CROP WALK** will be held Sunday, October 8th starting at 2:00 pm with registration beginning at 1:30 pm. Walkers will gather at the Wapsipinicon State Park in Anamosa. The walk will start and end there. Walker/sponsor forms are available in the church narthex or the church office. As in past years 25% of the generated income will return to the four local Jones County Food Pantries.

Anyone who wants to form a team for the walk can get an envelope from Ann Eby. Donations may be left at the church office or placed in the offering plate marked "Crop."



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