

November
2023

ECHOES

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Sundays at 9:00am
WOW Wednesdays at
5:30 pm (Sept—April)
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

At St. Matthew God helps us be
Grateful, Gracious and Generous,
not...

...Greedy, Grumpy, and Grouchy.

Are you grateful or greedy?
Are you gracious or grumpy?
Are you generous or grouchy?

Don't be a turkey this Thanksgiving!
Be grateful, gracious, and generous
with everyone, even your relatives!



A message from Pastor Dave...

As a congregation we have been blessed so as to be a blessing to others. One of the ways we share the love of God with all people is through benevolence giving. Below you'll find a list of some of the charitable causes we have funded this year. Total Benevolence giving for the year was \$18,750.00, which is well over a tithe (10%) of our operating budget.

Most Recent St. Matthew Benevolence Allocations

1. Monticello Food Pantry, \$300.00
2. Monticello, Friends of the Library, \$300.00
3. Austin Strong Foundation, \$300.00
4. Monticello Avenue of Flags, \$300.00
5. Monticello, Shop With a Cop, \$300.00
6. Jones County Senior Dining, \$500.00
7. Monticello Advancement Services, \$150.00
8. ELCA Disaster Relief Fund, \$1,950.00
9. ELCA Fund for Leaders, \$500.00
10. ELCA Missionaries Support, \$300.00
11. Luther College Scholarships, \$1,000.00
12. ELCA World Hunger Fund, \$500.00
13. EWALU Bible Camp, \$1,250.00
14. LSI Bremwood Counseling Center, \$750.00
15. Wartburg Theol. Seminary, \$300.00
16. Univ. of Iowa Chaplaincy, \$200.00
17. Ministries of the SE-IA Synod, \$5,000.00
18. SE-IA Seminary Fund for Leaders, \$500.00
19. Fareway Care and Share, \$100.00
20. Monticello, Quilts of Valor, \$500.00
21. Sleep in Heavenly Peace, \$1,100.00
22. Shannon/Carpenter Schools Child Welfare, \$400.00
23. Monti Animal Welfare, \$300.00
24. Monticello, Systems Unlimited, \$150.00
25. Compassion International, child support, \$1,000.00
26. St. Matthew Giving Tree Program, \$1,600.00

The preceding list includes the most recent Benevolence giving from our general fund, WELCA, and Mission Endowment Fund allocations.

At St. Matthew, God helps us be Grateful, Gracious, and Generous...



...NOT Greedy, Grumpy and Grouchy!

At St. Matthew, we cherish spiritual humility, generosity, and kindness because God cherishes spiritual humility, generosity, and kindness. It is a beautiful thing to see all the good and worthy causes that we are supporting as a church. Thank you for your generous support of ministry at St. Matthew... your church!

Faith, Hope, Love...
Pastor Dave





"Christmas... why it's the most wonderful time of the year!"

You can help make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas by donating a poinsettia.

Plants will be displayed for the Christmas season, including our 3:30 & 6:00 pm Christmas Eve worship services.

**This Christmas... Remember Your Loved One
With a Poinsettia Donation**

Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your payment by December 12th. Names will be listed in the Christmas worship bulletin and Echoes Newsletter.

Cost is \$10.00

Number of Plants _____

Given by _____

In Memory/Honor of _____

Mail this form with payment to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 226 N. Cedar St., Monticello, IA 52310 or drop it off at the church office by Dec. 12th.

Thank You!



**Join Us for
Christmas Eve
Worship**

**Candle Light Worship
Service**

3:30 pm & 6:00 pm



November Communion Schedule

During November, Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month



Let us pray,

Dear Lord, we ask you to cleanse our hearts and minds of all the cultural clutter that has corrupted our faith and blinded us to the true nature of your calling on our lives. We pray for you to move in our lives, in our families, and in our church, bringing the kind of renewal, restoration and revitalization that only comes with the love of God. This Thanksgiving, we earnestly pray: Bring it, Lord. Bring us life in Christ, bring us the love of God, and bring us Spirit-driven compassion and humility. All this, we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Daylight Savings Time
Ends at 2:00 am on
Sunday November
5th.

Don't forget to turn
your clocks back one
hour.



St. Matthew Fall Dinner 2023



Smile Everyone!

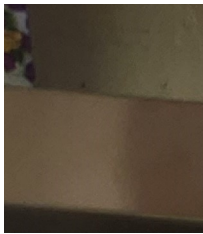




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Many thanks to
everyone who
helped cook and
set up.



All profits
from the Fall
Dinner go to
charity.





**This Way for
a Great Meal!**



**Lots of great salads
and desserts!**



Service with a smile!





Carry-outs are ready!

A Great Meal was served and a Great Time was had by all!

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped in any way to make this year's dinner a success!



Lots of handmade items were available for purchase.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WEEK OF:	SUNDAY	WOW	TOTAL for WEEK
September 17	45	60	105
September 24	42	51	93
October 1	47	47	94
October 8	47	64	111

September	St. Matthew Ministry	Building
Income	\$ 15,938.73	\$ 1,050.00
Expenses	\$ 8,163.94	
January 1 Balance	\$ 34,648.39	
May 31 Balance	\$ 45,491.77	
Year-to-Date		
Income	\$110,989.44	\$10,688.00
Expenses	\$100,146.12	

November & December Ushers & Communion Assistants

November Ushers: Jeff & Sandy Hinrichs

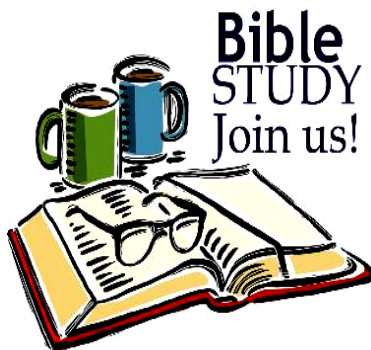
November Communion Assistant: Greg Wink

November Altar Guild: Pam Kray

December Ushers: Shelley Raemisch, DaLana Rigby, Nanci Paulsen

December Communion Assistant: Sheralyn Lahr

December 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.



In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Lorna Rieniets who died on Tuesday, September 26, 2023



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

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 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 Joslin, River Bend Retirement Community, 813 Tyler St., NE, Cascade, IA 52033

**November Is St. Matthew's Month
To Run The Monticello Food Pantry**

Volunteers Are Needed To Run The Monticello Food Pantry
During the Month of November

Two Volunteers/time slot

Friday Nov. 3rd	1:45-4 pm
Monday Nov. 6th	4:45-7 pm
Friday Nov. 10th	1:45-4 pm
Monday Nov. 13th	4:45-7 pm
Friday Nov. 17th	1:45-4 pm
Monday Nov. 20st	4:45-7 pm
Monday Nov. 27th	4:45-7 pm

A Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex.



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