



St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Sundays at 9:00am
WOW Wednesdays at
5:30 pm (Sept—April)
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He Is Risen! & He Makes All Things New!

The above picture is bulletin board art that's located in the entrance of St. Matthew. Special thanks to Diane Tuetken for creating this beautiful tribute to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

A message from Pastor Dave...

On Sunday April 14th, at our 9:00 am worship service, we'll celebrate the confirmation of six young people. Here at St. Matthew, confirmation classes, and our worship services at WOW, are designed to help our young people navigate the complexities of life in the modern world. We teach and preach practical theology, an approach to faith that's grounded in grace and grounded in reality. We follow Jesus because it's the best way to live!



The following students will be confirmed
on Sunday April 14th at the 9:00 am worship service.

Anicka Kahler

Emma Hardersen

Addie Norton

Landon Stogdill

Paige Pumphrey

Mackylie Marlowe

Please join us as we celebrate the confirmation of
these wonderful young people.

Faith, Hope, Love...
Pastor Dave

*thankful
grateful
AND
blessed*

RECONFIRM AND REAFFIRM YOUR FAITH NO MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE

Below you'll find 12 signs of spiritual maturity, so I have to ask: Do these describe you...or not so much. At St. Matthew the purpose of our church is to grow in faith and share the love of God with all people. That means we cherish spiritual humility and seek after spiritual maturity.

1. Your life is grounded in the love of God.
2. You have broken free from the power of the past.
3. You listen to your anger, sadness, and fear.
4. You slow down for Sabbath and you count your blessings.
5. You recognize your brokenness and vulnerability.
6. You live in such a way that others see your faith.
7. You have less interest in material things.
8. You engage in conflict maturely.
9. You refuse to judge the spiritual journeys of others.
10. You let go of the need to be right.
11. You embrace endings and losses as part of a faithful life.
12. You are more grateful, gracious, and generous, and much less greedy, grumpy, and grouchy.
13. You cheer for the Wisconsin Badgers... just kidding! :-)



Celebrating Palm Sunday at WOW



**Children's Bell Choir
Was Awesome!**





Lenten Soup Supper Was Fantastic!





Palm Parade At St. Matthew Was Wonderful!



**St Matthew Lutheran Church
Council Meeting March 10, 2024**

Call to Order

The March meeting of St Matthew Lutheran was called to order by DaLana Rigby. Those present were Stu Gerdes, Carolyn Dirks, Pastor Dave, Nancy Gerdes, Carolyn Tonn, Dave Titman, Diane Tuetken, Nanci Paulsen and DaLana Rigby. **Devotions** were given by Stu Gerdes. **Minutes** were previously reviewed.

Pastors Report: Pastor reported that Marty Scharff would be retiring from playing the organ at St. Matthew. We greatly appreciate her many years of service. Kayla Wiley, a pianist, will be playing once a month on Sunday starting in April. Kayla has many years experience playing in Lutheran churches. Jim Reuter and Jeff Hinrichs will be working together to lead worship services when Pastor Dave is on vacation (4 Sundays per year). Six young people will be confirmed on Sunday April 14th. Five baptisms are planned for the next few months.

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented and reviewed. Nancy Gerdes reported that the CD was renewed for another year.

No further reports were given and Stu Gerdes made a motion to approve the above reports as presented, Carolyn Dirks seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was a recommendation to discontinue providing Lutheran College scholarships. We have no students scheduled to receive a scholarship at this time. There was much discussion. Nancy Gerdes made a motion to discontinue the scholarship program. Carolyn Tonn seconded. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the Benevolence Giving. There was discussion on how we would break it down this year and the amount that would be given. It was decided to table the discussion till the September or November council meeting to make the decision.

A motion was made by DaLana Rigby to adjourn the meeting and Stu Gerdes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting will be held May 12th with Nanci Paulsen giving devotions.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanci Paulsen
Council Secretary



In memory of Vernon & Loretta Chapman and Frederick & Kathryn Rieniets from Warren & Kathy Rieniets.

In memory of John Koch and Ray Kleinow from Ruth Kleinow.

In memory of Judie Orgies and Emil Orgies from Dennis Orgies.

In memory of Ron Raemisch and Tom & Ena Mae Gille and from Pastor Dave and Shelley Raemisch.

In memory of Charlie Tonn, and Tonn & Czizek families from Carolyn Tonn.

In memory of our family and friends who have gone before us from Gaylen & Pam Kray.

In memory of Ed Simon, Otto & Lovelda Thielen, and Edward & Mildred Simon from LaFonda Simon.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jake Paulsen and Mrs. & Mrs. Paul Martensen from Janice Woodroffe.

In memory of Mom, Dad, Brother & Sister from Diane Tuetken.

In memory of Family & Friends from Jeff & Sandy Hinrichs.

In memory of Ron & Mary Wink from Greg & Angie Wink.

In memory of Loved ones from Loren & Barbara Dirks.

In memory of Bonnie Tapken from Don & Phyllis Tapken.

In memory of Dale Zimmerman, Lorenz & Loretta Zimmerman and Glenn & Bernice Behrends from Grace Zimmerman.

In memory of Our Parents from Dan & Sheralyn Lahr.

In memory of Mike Martinsen from Diane Martinsen.

In memory of Maxine Eby and Our Parents from Harold Eby.

In memory of Ron & Mary Wink from Mike & Pam Wink.

In memory of Roger Busch and Cary Busch from Regena Busch.

In memory of Vera & LaVern Schoon from Penny & Dave Schoon.

In memory of Hank & Katie Ehlts, Nicolas Eby & Don Rigby from DaLana Rigby.

In memory of Roger & Joanne Thompson from Craig & Pam Thompson.

In memory of Anthony DeSousa, Allen Conrad, Vincent Thomas & James Thomas from Jane Conrad.

In memory of Parents, Husband, Son and all my Loved Ones from Helen Heiken.



CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The Friday morning Men's Bible Study group has been donating to various local organizations and people in need for many years. They have donated a total of \$9,242.80

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WEEK OF:	SUNDAY	WOW	TOTAL for WEEK
February 18	57	80	137
February 25	47	61	108
March 3	59	61	120
March 10	47	65	112
March 17	49	71	120
February	St. Matthew Ministry		Building
Income	\$12,504.40		\$ 745.00
Expenses	\$12,121.70		
January 1 Balance	\$ 23,549.89		
February 29 Balance	\$ 20,032.54		
Year-to-Date			
Income	\$20,583.62		\$ 1,618.00
Expenses	\$24,100.97		



Save The Date
Vacation Bible School

Mon. June 10th - Thurs. 13th

Lunch & Snacks Provided

9:00 am—12:30 pm

It's Free, No Charge!

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)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Lois Freese
who turns 95 years young
on March 30th!

God Bless You Lois!

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

Anamosa Care Center

1209 E 3rd St, Anamosa, IA 52205

- ♦ Don Monk 403

Monticello Care Center

500 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

- ♦ 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
- ♦ Sharon Kromminga, Grand Living At Indian Creek, 325 Collins Rd., SE, #434, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

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.

April & May Ushers & Communion Assistants

April Ushers: Jim & Jackie Reuter, Stuart Gerdes, Dale Jo Yousse

April Communion Assistant: Stuart Gerdes

April Altar Guild: Pam Kray

May Ushers: Jeff & Sandy Hinrichs, Steve Goode

May Communion Assistant: Pam Kray

May Altar Guild: Pam Thompson

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