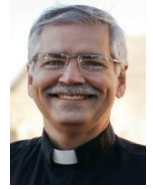


November
2024



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Sundays at 9:00am
WOW Wednesdays at
5:30 pm (Sept—April)
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LET OUR LIVES BE FULL

OF BOTH
Thanks
&
Giving

The text 'Thanks & Giving' is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. It is surrounded by several colorful autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and brown, scattered around the letters. Small brown dots are also scattered near the leaves.

A message from Pastor Dave...

First Communion Celebration

We'll be holding a special First Communion Celebration for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders at WOW on Wednesday evening November 6th.

It all starts with a delicious pizza supper at 5:30 pm followed by worship at 6:00 pm. During the worship service we'll have a Bible Lesson on the meaning and theology of Holy Communion. Then, later in the service, as the congregation receives Communion our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will be invited to partake of their first communion along with their church family. There are no other classes required. Simply show up on Nov. 6th, soak in our bible lesson on the meaning of Holy Communion, and then taste and see that the Lord is good. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Matthew, for it is the Lord's table.

Thanks & Giving

Whether you know it or not, your attitude and outlook on life is apparent to all who encounter you, be they friends, family members, or complete strangers that you meet in passing. Most of the people that you encounter as your life unfolds very seldom, if ever, read the Bible. However, they do read you and see something in you. The question is: Do they see the kindness, compassion, goodness, and the love of God in you, or something less?

How's Your Attitude?

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset and attitude as Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 2:3-5)

Happy Thanksgiving! May you know how blessed you really are, and may you remember that God has blessed you so that you may be a blessing to others.

Faith, Hope, Love...
Pastor Dave

Celebrations & Sad Goodbyes

We joyfully celebrated the baptism of Lena Hinrichs, daughter of Nate Hinrichs and Maddy Franzenburg on October 2nd at WOW. And we celebrated the wedding of Stephanie Pumphrey and Brain Tepezano on October 26th.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Helgens who died on August 26th. Michael's funeral was held on September 17th.

Our Fall Dinner Was A Great Success!

All profit goes to local charities!



We've Been Doing Fall Dinners At St. Matthew For Over 100 Years!



Best Steak & Pie In Iowa!



Great Food
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Sharing The Love of
God With All People



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WEEK OF:	SUNDAY	WOW	TOTAL for WEEK
September 22	95	No WOW	95
September 29	56	108	164
October 6	51	58	109
October 13	49	48	97

September	St. Matthew Ministry	Building
Income	\$ 9,446.15	\$ 975.00
Expenses	\$10,748.17	
January 1 Balance	\$23,549.89	
September 30 Balance	\$31,884.32	
Year-to-Date		
Income	\$119,544.04	\$8,866.00
Expenses	\$111,209.61	

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

Hurricane Relief—You Can Help!

Our denomination, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is providing financial and other support to the recent hurricane victims, and you can help! To give by phone, call 800 638-3522. Checks or money orders can be mailed to Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 or give at, “ELCA.org/hurricanes/donate”

The Cakes Say...

**WOW Is Wonderful, WOW Is Fun,
and God Is Great!**

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**We Very Much Appreciate
Tricia & Tim Lambert
Our WOW Leaders**



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

Monticello Care Center

500 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

- ◆ David Griffith 203
- ◆ Mary Tschantz 208
- ◆ Dorothy Norton 506

Pennington Square

502 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Deb Johnson, 104 Wilson Ct., Apt. #14, Anamosa, IA 52205
- ◆ Irene Behrends, The Views of Marion, 720 Oakbrook Dr., #C109, Marion, IA 52302
- ◆ Sharon Kromminga, 4501 Victory Blvd., Apt. 1210, Yorktown, VA 23693

Germany "Reformation History" Trip
(Pastorally Guided Travel Opportunity)

Germany Group Travel opportunity July 2025 – Pastor Dennis Rodenberg with Zion Lutheran in Wyoming and St. John Lutheran in Olin will be leading a group travel to Germany from July 22-August 2, 2025. While using Luther as a base, we will explore not only Luther and Reformation history, but experience the changes that have impacted Germany—and the world—from Bach to World War II, the Cold War, and beyond. We will conclude our trip in Hamburg, exploring the wonderful port city and the embarkation point for many of those who settled in the United States.

Other stops will include Berlin, Leipzig, Wittenberg (Home of the Reformation), Erfurt, the Wartburg Castle, and Nuremberg. Come along not just for history, but for the experience of culture, scenery, and best of all—Food and Drink! Please reach out to Pastor Dennis at pastorrodenberg@netins.net to express your interest or to find out more, including itinerary and pricing.

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