



St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Sundays at 9:00am  
WOW Wednesdays at  
5:30 pm (Sept—April)  
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## **The Lion of The Tribe of Judah**

**They Say: "March Comes In Like a Lion"  
And The Bible Says: So Will Christ,  
When He Returns in Glory!**

**Of Course He Isn't Safe,  
But He Is Good.  
He's The King,  
I Tell You!**

C. S. Lewis  
Chronicles of Narnia

# Lent



## Lenten Worship Services

	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Classes</u>
Ash Wednesday	Mar. 5	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Until 7pm
Lent & WOW	Mar. 12	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Until 7pm
Lent*	Mar. 19	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	no classes
Lent & WOW	Mar. 26	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Until 7 pm
Lent & WOW	Apr. 2	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Until 7 pm
Lent & WOW**	Apr. 9	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	no classes
Palm Sunday	Apr. 13		9:00 am	
Maundy Thurs.	Apr. 17		6:00 pm	
Easter Sunday	April 20		9:00 am	

### Lenten Soup Suppers

Lenten soup supper served every Wed. evening Mar. 5th to April 2nd.

\*Lenten soup supper and worship will be held on Mar. 19th, but there won't be any WOW classes after worship due to Spring Break.

### Last WOW of the Year Pizza Party April 9th

\*\*Pizza Party at 5:00 pm then Worship at WOW at 6:00 pm.

**St Matthew Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting January 12, 2025**

**Call to Order**

The January meeting of St Matthew was called to order by Jeff Hinrichs. Those present were Stu Gerdes, Pastor Dave, Dave Titman, Delana Rigby, Nancy Gerdes, Jeff Hinrichs, Tricia Lambert, Tim Lambert, Carolyn Tonn and Nanci Paulsen

**Devotions** were given by Jeff Hinrichs.

**Minutes** were previously reviewed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reported that the attendance for Christmas Eve services was about what it was last year with a total of 164 attending. WOW leadership change is scheduled for April when Tricia & Tim Lambert complete their service.

Pastor Dave vacation Sundays for 2025-2026 will be August 31, October 12, November 23 and one more date in early 2026 TBD.

**Youth & Family Ministry:** Tricia & Tim stated that they will work with WOW Leaders that would take over their position.

**Treasurer's Report:** reviewed **Trustees Report:** Nothing to report **Elder's Report:** Nothing to report **Deacon's Report:** Nothing to report

Stu Gerdes made a motion to accept the above reports as presented. Nanci Paulsen seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Waiting on the repairs of the men's bathroom.

**New Business:** The budget for the year 2025 was reviewed. Stu Gerdes made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Nancy Gerdes seconded. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the \$50K CD that will be maturing in February. A motion was made by DaLana Rigby to re-new the CD and seconded by Nanci Paulsen. Motion carried. There also was a motion made by Stu Gerdes that would give Nancy Gerdes authority to work with the CD and make the decision to re-new for 9 months at 4.35 or at any better new rate that becomes available between now and maturity date. Carolyn Tonn seconded. The motion carried.

Jeff Hinrichs explained where the disbursements from the 2024 Endowment Funds will be going. A motion was made to accept these disbursements by Nanci Paulsen and seconded by Carolyn Tonn. Motion carried. The church received a memorial for Deb Kuker. A motion was made to put the check into the Endowment Fund by Jeff Hinrichs. DaLana Rigby seconded. Motion carried.

**CHURCH COUNCIL OPENINGS**—Dave Titman, Nanci Paulsen, and Pam Kray have completed their terms of service on our church council. Thank You for your service! If you'd like to serve on council please contact Pastor Dave. We only meet every other month for about 40 minutes right after Sunday worship.

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

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting will be held March 9th with Stu Gerdes giving devotions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nanci Paulsen

**St Matthew Lutheran Church  
Annual Meeting January 26,2025**

Called to Order by President Jeff Hinrichs

The annual meeting of St. Matthew Lutheran Church was held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, following morning services with 43 members present.

Pastor opened with prayer.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the 2024 annual meeting were reviewed with no questions.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor highlighted things that have been happening at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in 2024. Pastor Dave expressed appreciation to Tricia and Tim Lambert for their tremendous service as leaders of WOW. He also made note, that there were 8 baptisms and 1 funeral at St Matthew.

**President's Report:** Jeff Hinrichs expressed the appreciation to all the staff, volunteers, and members of St. Matthews Lutheran Church for the success of 2024.

**Board of Elders:** Dave Titman thanked Carolyn Dirks for faithfully organizing home-bound communion. He thanked all the workers and volunteers that help serve St Matthew in all capacities.

**Board of Deacons:** The report was presented and reviewed. There was a short discussion as Carolyn Tonn explained the actions of the benevolence donations.

**Board of Trustees:** Jeff Hinrichs reported that most of the year was spent maintaining the church inside and out with a new door being put in at the elevator entrance.

**Youth Ministry:** Trisha Lambert highlighted that the Youth Program had a great 2024 year with VBS and the Christmas program. WOW will wind down in April 2025. Tricia and Tim will be stepping down as leaders of WOW, but will still be available to help with the transition of the new leaders.

**WELCA Report:** Reviewed

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was presented and reviewed. Nancy Gerdes reported that the \$50,000 CD that matures in February was renewed into a 9 month CD.

**Endowment Fund:** The report was reviewed.

**Memorial Fund:** The report was reviewed.

Merle Gerdes made a motion to accept the above reports as presented. Grace Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business:** The 2025 budget was reviewed. Jeff Hinrichs went over what the changes from the previous 2024 budget were. Larry Scharff made a motion to accept the 2025 budget as presented. Carolyn Dirks seconded and the motion carried.

Stu Gerdes made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Carolyn Dirks seconded. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nanci Paulsen  
Council Secretary

## 2025 Church Budget

(Approved by unanimous vote at our January 26 annual meeting)

	<b>Actual 2024 Expenses</b>	<b>Proposed 2025 Budget</b>
<b>PASTOR EXPENSES*</b>		
Pastor's Salary	\$23,102.50	\$23,102.50
Housing Allowance	\$37,344.00	\$37,344.00
ELCA Health Ins. & pension	\$25,810.92	\$27,000.00
Travel Reimbursement	\$ 175.54	\$ 200.00
Pulpit Supply Pastor	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total Pastoral Expenses</b>	<b>\$86,832.86</b>	<b>\$88,646.40</b>
*Pastor Dave's 2024 actual pay (\$60,446.50 / year) equals salary and housing allowance combined.		
<b>OFFICE MAINT/ADMIN EXP.</b>		
Church Secretary Salary	\$ 10,103.45	\$10,103.45
Janitor	\$ 5,167.50	\$ 0
Organist	\$ 2,933.98	\$ 3,000.00
Employee Payroll Tax	\$ 1,901.99	\$ 2,500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 3,316.38	\$ 3,500.00
Copier & Computer Exp	\$ 1,036.98	\$ 1,100.00
Church Electric	\$ 3,816.61	\$ 5,000.00
Church Water	\$ 1,100.43	\$ 1,100.00
Church Gas	\$ 2,736.00	\$ 5,000.00
Church Phone & Interne	\$ 3,116.83	\$ 3,200.00
<b>Total Office Maint/Admin Exp.</b>	<b>\$35,230.15</b>	<b>\$34,503.45</b>
<b>YOUTH &amp; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>		
Youth Director Salary	\$ 6,662.52	\$ 6,000.00
Christian Education	\$ 2,479.30	\$ 3,500.00
<b>Total Youth &amp; Christian Ed</b>	<b>\$ 9,141.82</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>
<b>WORSHIP &amp; FELLOWSHIP EXP.</b>		
Worship & Altar Guild	\$ 4,474.20	\$ 5,000.00
Convention	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Worship &amp; Fello. Exp.</b>	<b>\$ 4,674.20</b>	<b>\$ 5,200.00</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE EXP.*</b>	<b>\$ 3,125.00</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>BANK SERVICE CHARGES</b>	<b>\$ 221.30</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$139,225.33</b>	<b>\$137,849.85</b>

\*2025 Benevolence Giving will be allocated from the Mission Endowment Fund.

<b>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b>WEEK OF:</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WOW</b>	<b>TOTAL for WEEK</b>
January 12	59	40	99
January 19	49	Cancelled	49
January 26	59	32	91
February 2	47	Cancelled	47
February 9	50	Cancelled	50
February 16	46	Cancelled	46
<b>January</b>	<b>St. Matthew Ministry</b>		<b>Building</b>
Income	\$13,090.25		\$ 3,049.00
Expenses	\$10,329.56		
January 1 Balance	\$37,798.76		
January 31 Balance	\$40,559.45		
Year-to-Date			
Income	\$13,090.25		\$ 3,049.00
Expenses	\$10,329.56		

**March & April Ushers & Communion Assistants**

**March Ushers:** Jim Eby, Cliff Mardorf, Dan Lahr, Craig Thompson  
**March Communion Assistant:** Pam Kray  
**March Altar Guild:** Pam Kray  
**April Ushers:** Jim & Jackie Reuter, Stuart Gerdes, Dale Jo Yousse  
**April Communion Assistant:** Stuart Gerdes  
**April Altar Guild:** Pam Kray



Weather related church cancellations for St. Matthew can be found on KCRG.

If you can't make it to church, for any reason, our worship services are broadcast on Local Access Cable 4 every Friday at 10:00 am & Sunday at 9:00 am year-round. You can also view our worship services anytime on our church website: [stmatthewmonticello.com](http://stmatthewmonticello.com).



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

**Monticello Care Center**

500 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

- ◆ Mary Tschantz 208 Dorothy Norton 506 David Griffith 203

**Pennington Square**

502 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

**Individual Addresses:**

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

John Boss #102 Ann McNamara #118

- ◆ 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

## **Help Wanted**

### **Youth & Family Ministry Leader**

The new leader of WOW (Worship on Wednesday) will be responsible for leading a simple 30-minute Bible Lesson for the children of WOW right after worship at WOW on Wednesday nights, October to April. The leader will also coordinate Pizza night at WOW on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from Oct. to April. In addition, the leader of WOW coordinates the WOW Christmas Program, leading practices during class time after worship during the weeks preceding the Christmas Program.

The leader of WOW is also responsible for coordinating the St. Matthew Vacation Bible School program, which is held for four half-days in June.

The out-going WOW leader, Tricia Lambert will be available to help the new leader get started and comfortable with how we do things at WOW.

The new leader of WOW will be paid for 5 hours per week, year-round, starting April 1, 2025. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Dave or a Church Council member.

### **WOW Is Wonderful Faith Filled Family Fun Time!**

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