

#### A Message From Pastor Dave...

Easter is all about a fresh start and a new beginning, so here's something for you to think about as you live out the rest of 2025. And the rest of your life! Do you spend most of your time living in the Fruit of the Spirit or the Fruit of the Selfish-Soul?

The fruit of the Spirit is... Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

(Galatians 5:22-23)

The fruit of the selfish soul is... sarcasm, cynicism, condescension, pessimism, antagonism, arrogance, apathy, malice, hostility, negativity, and a critical heart.

Every word that we say, and every thing that we do, tells others who we are, so I'm wondering... what do my words and deeds say about me? And what do your words and deeds say about you?

### You were saved for a reason!

Faith, Hope, Love... Pastor Dave

# Thank You! Tricia and Tim Lambert

Thank You For Seven Years of Devoted and Dedicated Service as the Youth & Family Ministry Leaders at St. Matthew. You Did an Awesome Job!





Vacation Bible School Mon. June 9th – Thurs. 12th Lunch & Snacks Provided 9:00 am—12:30 pm It's Free, No Charge!



## Easter Lily Memorials

Thank you to the following people for donating Easter Lilies



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 Ronald Raemisch and Thomas & Ena Mae Gille from Pastor Dave and Shelley Raemisch. In memory of Charlie Tonn, and the Tonn & Czizek families, including those serving in the Christian mission field, from Carolyn Tonn. In honor of all people fighting cancer 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 Martensen Woodroffe. In memory of Mom, Dad, Grant, Gaylan, Sharon from Diane Tuetken. In memory of Loren & Meta Tobiason; August & Loretta Dirks 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 Mike Martinsen from Diane Martinsen. In memory of Maxine Eby from Harold Eby. In memory of Mary Lou Benjamin and Kathleen Novy from Jane Conrad. In memory of all my Family and Friends from Helen Heiken. In memory of Henry & Kathryn Ehlts, Nicholas Eby from Michael & Jeanette Elkin Families In memory of our Parents, Harry & Norma Shady; Bruce & Barb Klein from Jeff & Julie Klein. In memory of Haley Knutsen from Pat & Harold Knutsen. In memory of Loved Ones from Sue Brokaw. In memory of Bill & Rachel Griffith; Merle Griffith from Diana Peterson. In memory of our family from Jim & Joan Berends. In memory of Ron Meyer from Janet Meyer.

### OUR NEW CHURCH COUNCIL

President DaLana Rigby

Vice President Jeff Hinrichs

<u>Secretary</u> Vacant

Treasurer Nancy Gerdes

**Board of Elders** Carolyn Dirks Greg Wink

<u>Board of Deacons</u> Carolyn Tonn DaLana Rigby



Board of Trustees Jeff Hinrichs Stuart Gerdes

Board of Education Vacant

Memorial Board Regina Busch Sandy Hinrichs

Thank you so very much to those who have generously agreed to serve on our church council. As you can see above, there are a couple of vacancies on council at this time. If you're willing to serve on our church council, please contact Pastor Dave or DaLana. Our church council only meets every other month for about 40 minutes right after worship on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

#### May & June Ushers & Communion Assistants

May Ushers: Jeff & Sandy Hinrichs, Steve Goode May Communion Assistant: Pam Kray May Altar Guild: Pam Thompson June Ushers: DaLana Rigby June Communion Assistant: Nanci Paulsen June Altar Guild: Grace Zimmerman

| WEEK OF:          | SUNDAY          | WOW   | TOTAL for WEEK |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------|
| March 23          | 54              | 34    | 88             |
| March 30          | 53              |       | 53             |
| April 6           | 50              | 38    | 88             |
| April 13          | 63              |       | 63             |
| March             | St. Matthew Min | istry | Building       |
| Income            | \$11,957.75     |       | \$ 1,491.00    |
| Expenses          | \$10,734.37     |       |                |
| January 1 Balance | \$37,798.76     |       |                |
| March 31 Balance  | \$42,123.30     |       |                |
| Year-to-Date      |                 |       |                |
| Income            | \$35,487.21     |       | \$ 5,385.00    |
| Expenses          | \$31,162.67     |       | φ 5,505.00     |

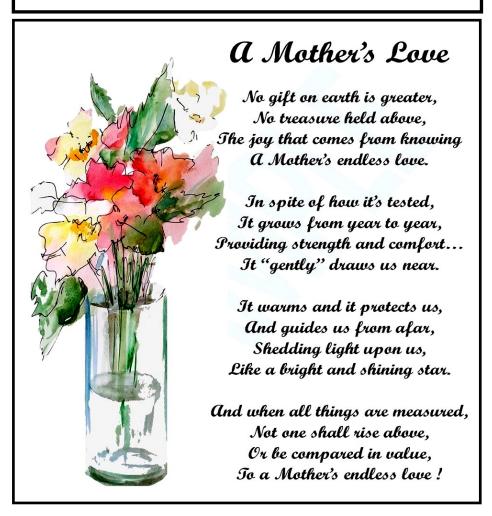
| Please remember our members with a prayer, a card, or a visit. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Monticello Care Center   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 500 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dorothy Norton 207 David Griffith 209                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pennington Square  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 502 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Individual Addresses:    |          |                    |      |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|------|--|--|--|
| Sycamore Gardens, 107 E. | 9th St., | Monticello, IA 523 | 310: |  |  |  |
| Ann McNamara             | #118     | John Boss          | #102 |  |  |  |

- Darlene Gottleaber, 327 N. Gill, Monticello, IA 52310
- Dan Ulferts, 1701 Meadow Ridge Dr., Apt. 37, Anamosa, IA 52205
- Bonnie Chappell, Pennington Senior Living, 1615 Brecca Ridge, Anamosa, IA 52205
- 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

# MONTICELLO FOOD PANTRY APPEAL

The Monticello Food Pantry needs our help. In particular, we need donations of canned fruit, creamed corn, and apple sauce. Donations can be left on the church pew at the back entrance of the church. Monetary donations can be made payable to Monticello Food Panty and placed in our offering trays or dropped off at the church office.



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