



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

A Message From Pastor Dave...

In this issue of Echoes, you'll find a brief bio from our new Youth & Family Ministry Leader, Trish Schmid. We're happy to have Trish joining us and can't wait to see what the Lord is up to here at St. Matthew.

I also want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every one of you who have supported our church financially. The cost of operating a church keeps going up, as witnessed by our \$13,000.00 insurance premium for 2025! That's over \$1,000.00 per month, just for insurance!

A few years ago, I sent out thank you cards to everyone that had made a financial contribution to St. Matthew during the preceding year. It was then that a strange thing happened. Some people who had made financial contributions to St. Matthew never got a thank you card in the mail, and wondered why I had skipped them.

Here's what happened. I went to the post office to buy some stamps, but they wouldn't let me use the church credit card because it had Stu's name on it. So, I went back to my office and ordered two rolls of stamps from Amazon. You can buy almost anything on Amazon these days, but this time it didn't go as planned.

A few days after I mailed out those thank you cards, I got a phone call from the U.S. Post Master in the quad-cities informing me that they had confiscated some of my thank you cards, because the stamps that I'd used were counterfeit!

So now you know "the rest of the story." If you never received a card from me, thanking you for your financial support of our church, it's because the post office confiscated your card.

Regardless, you'll see in the financial statement that appears later in this newsletter that we're doing pretty good keeping up with our bills. Thank you for your generous support of ministry here at St. Matthew!

Faith, Hope, Love...
Pastor Dave



Church Council Meeting

May 18, 2025

Persons Participating: DaLana Rigby, Jeff Hinrichs, Diane Tuetken, Greg Wink, Stu Gerdes, Trish Schmid, Carol Dirks, Carolyn Tonn, and Pastor Dave.

Devotions: Greg Wink

Pastor's Report: Special thanks to DaLana Rigby and Jeff Hinrichs for singing during the Easter worship service. Also for DaLana singing at the Mother's Day and Father's Day services.

Jeff Hinrichs and Jim Reuter (peaching) will lead worship on Oct. 12. Jeff Hinrichs and DaLana Rigby (preaching) will lead worship on Nov. 23.

WOW will start on October 1, 2025, and conclude on April 9, 2026. This year, the Bible Lesson theme for worship at WOW will be "The Parables of Jesus." Meals will be served every week from 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm; Worship will be from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm; and classes will be held from 6:30 – 7:00 pm. Special thanks to Pam Kray for preparing the meals at WOW. There will be no confirmation classes during 2025 - 2026.

Youth Ministry: St. Matthew will participate in the community-wide Vacation Bible School Program this summer. Trish Schmid will post sign-up and volunteer information on our church Facebook page. We will not run our own VBS program.

A funeral was held for Julie Ireland on April 9th.

Treasurer's Report: Thanks be to God, we are doing well financially so far this year! There's a financial summary at the end of this issue of Echoes.

Building Treasurer: We've had minimal building expenditures so far this year, so our building fund is in good shape.

New Business: Welcome to Trish Schmid, our new Youth & Family Ministry Leader. Karde's donated \$3,000.00 to St. Matthew in appreciation for use of our parking lot and in compensation for inconvenience during their construction project.

Next Council Meeting: July 13, with DaLana leading Devotions.

Pastor Dave

We Have A New Youth & Family Ministry Leader!



I am very excited to become the Youth Leader for St. Matthews. My name is Trish Schmid and I have lived in Monticello for 8 years. I have a 16 year old son named Cole and a dog named Elly. I have worked with children of all ages for the past 30 years. The past 8 years I have been the director of the before and aftercare program and also the preschool teacher for the 3yr old class at Sacred Heart. In the fall of 2025 I will open my own preschool and begin my journey as the leader of WOW at St. Matthew. I look forward to meeting each of you and to begin my journey at St. Matthew.
Thank you for welcoming me into your lives!

WOW STARTS WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1st

Meal 5:15 pm
Worship 6:00 pm
Classes 6:30-7:00pm

Every Wednesday evening from October 1st to mid-April we'll start with a nice meal for the whole family followed by fun, faithful, family-friendly worship at 6:00 pm. After worship, the kids will meet for class from 6:30-7:00 pm.

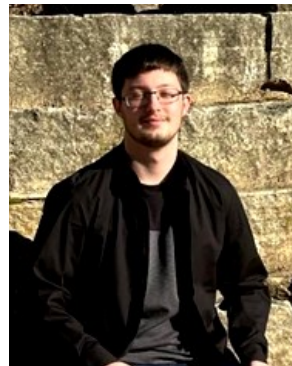
June & July Ushers & Communion Assistants

June Ushers: DaLana Rigby
June Communion Assistant: Nanci Paulsen
June Altar Guild: Grace Zimmerman
July Ushers: DaLana Rigby, Nanci Paulsen
July Communion Assistant: Larry Scharff
July Altar Guild: Ann Eby

CONGRATULATIONS



Alyvia Husmann



Charly Lloyd



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Deeanna Pumphrey



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WEEK OF:	SUNDAY	WOW	TOTAL for WEEK
April 20	92	No	92
April 27	51	WOW	51
May 4	59	Until	59
May 11	66	Oct. 1st	66
May 18	74		74
April	St. Matthew Ministry		Building
Income	\$15,082.50		\$ 1,459.00
Expenses	\$11,187.80		
January 1 Balance	\$37,798.76		
April 30 Balance	\$46,018.00		
Year-to-Date			
Income	\$50,569.71		\$ 6,844.00
Expenses	\$42,350.47		

Thank You For Your Generous Support of Ministry at St. Matthew!

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

Monticello Care Center

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♦ Dorothy Norton 207 David Griffith 209

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Individual Addresses:

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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, Pinicon Senior Living, 1615 Brecca Ridge, Anamosa, IA 52205
- ♦ Kim Stadtmueller, 2005 49th St., Marion, IA 52302
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- ♦ 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.

Happy Fathers Day

Gracious God, on this Father's Day we're especially thankful for the fathers and father figures in our lives. Hold them in your good care.

Give them patience, wisdom and strength, that through them their families may experience your unconditional love.

Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Amen.

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