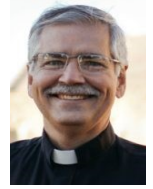


June  
2026



St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Sundays at 9:00am  
WOW Wednesdays at  
5:15 pm (Oct—April)  
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*Your Father Who Art In Heaven  
Is Calling You Home To His House  
This Summer. See You In Church!*

## A Message From Pastor Dave...

Here's some good biblical advice for summer.



### **Lettuce Be Kind**

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ has forgiven you."

(Ephesians 4:32)

### **Squash Gossip**

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

(Ephesians 4:29)

### **Turnip For Worship**

"Some people have given up the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other to gather for worship, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer."

(Hebrews 10:25)

Faith, Hope, Love...

Pastor Dave

# CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2026

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Greg Wink, Carolyn Tonn, Stu Gerdes, Trish Schmid, Trisha Lambert, DaLana Rigby, Jeff Hinrichs, and Pastor Dave. Devotions by Greg Wink.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Sharing The Peace. Pastor suggested we resume "sharing the peace" by handshake during worship. Council approved.

Preaching Plans For seminarian Tricia Lambert: In June, Tricia will participate in a formal candidacy interview at the SE-IA Synod office. Once she is approved for candidacy by ELCA, she can enroll in seminary. Pastor Dave will be her official mentor for the practical on-site training portion of her seminary education. In the fall of 2026, Tricia will preach twice but have no part in leading the worship liturgy during those two services. During the first few months of 2027, Tricia will preach twice and lead a portion of the worship liturgy. Finally, in the months leading up to Pastor Dave's retirement at the end of July 2027, Tricia will lead two full worship services without assistance from Pastor Dave.

Funerals were conducted for Carl Sternhagen on Jan. 14, Richard Davis on Feb. 12, Donna Joslin on Feb 27, and Kevin Sweeney on May 13.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Combined offering Income for March and April exceeded expenses by \$10,721.50. It should be noted that those numbers are skewed by the fact that, in lieu of weekly offerings, one member gave a lump sum offering of \$10,000.00 in March. Thanks be to God for such generosity!

**BUILDING TREASURER:** Required State of Iowa and insurance company elevator inspections cost our church over \$1,200.00 last month and a fire extinguisher inspection cost \$331.70.

**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY:** During the Sunday service on May 17 we recognized our 2026 high school graduates. WOW will meet Sept. 30 to April 14 next year. Worship at WOW will start at 5:45 pm followed by classes for kids and confirmation students from 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm. There will be no meal at WOW next year. Of course, WELCA can still do Lenten soup suppers. St. Matthew will be participating in the community-wide Vacation Bible School program this summer, August 3-7.

**ELDERS REPORT:** The Church Council extends farewell wishes for joy and peace to Carol Dirks who will be moving in late May. Thank you Carol for managing our homebound communion program and helping our church and our community in so many other ways! Sandy Hinrichs will oversee the homebound program going forward.

Council Minutes continued...

**DEACONS REPORT:** Pastor Dave suggested we have the Deacons (DaLana Rigby & Carolyn Tonn) bring a proposal for \$5,000.00 in charitable giving to our next council meeting. Motion approved.

**TRUSTEES REPORT:** Exhaust fans on the Education Building roof have been replaced.

Pastor Dave



**Congratulations To The 2026 High School  
Graduates Who Were Confirmed  
At St. Matthew In 2023.**

We held a special graduate recognition during worship on Sunday May 17. Each graduate received a beautiful quilt from the church.

Nevaeh Norton  
Eden Devilbiss  
Boe Jones

Kaesyn Housmann  
Parker Johnson  
Ty King

**June & July Ushers & Communion Assistants**

**June Ushers:** DaLana Rigby

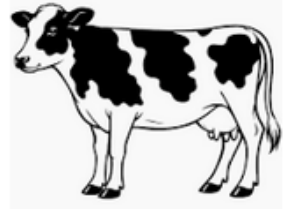
**June Communion Assistant:** Nanci Paulsen

**June Altar Guild:** Grace Zimmerman

**July Ushers:** DaLana Rigby, Nanci Paulsen

**July Communion Assistant:** TBD

**July Altar Guild:** Ann Eby



*The Monticello  
Community Chorus  
invites you to  
their spring performance  
of*



# *All God's Critters*

*Come and enjoy music with an animal theme.  
Songs to make you smile and maybe even laugh out loud.*



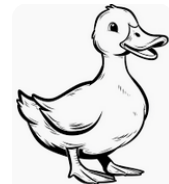
***Sunday, May 31st  
3:00 p.m.***



***First Presbyterian Church  
211 W. First St., Monticello***



*Freewill offering will go to local charity.*



# Monticello Community Vacation Bible School

August 3rd-7th  
9am-12pm

3 year old (potty trained)-6<sup>th</sup> grade

Youth  
Registration:

<https://forms.gle/4m3Zya3Cda6ZKVsd8>



Volunteer  
Link:

<https://forms.gle/rTRPK34QztGPKDTD8>



This summer, St. Matthew will participate in the community-wide Vacation Bible School program. Registration information appears above.



For Vacation Bible School this year we are collecting the cardboard center of paper towels for a craft project. There will be a box for the collection in the back entrance of the church.

**May The Peace That Passes All Understanding  
Guard Your Heart And Mind In Christ Jesus.**

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

<b>WEEK OF:</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WOW</b>	<b>TOTAL for WEEK</b>
April 19	71	No WOW	71
April 26	58	Until	58
May 3	57	Sept. 30	57
May 10	61		61
May 17	82		82

<b>April</b>	<b>St. Matthew Ministry</b>	<b>Building</b>
Income	\$10,184.87	\$ 710.00
Expenses	\$11,634.66	
January 1 Balance	\$44,253.65	
April 30th Balance	\$50,097.37	
Year-to-Date		
Income	\$62,771.37	\$ 7,899.00
Expenses	\$56,927.65	

*Thank You For Your Generous Support of St. Matthew!*

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

**Monticello Care Center**

500 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

◆ Dorothy Norton 207    David Griffith 209    Mary Ebensberger 210

**Individual Addresses:**

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

Ann McNamara #118                      John Boss #102

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Deb Johnson, 104 Wilson Ct., Apt. #14, Anamosa, IA 52205
- ◆ Sharon Kromminga, 4501 Victory Blvd., Apt. 1210, Yorktown, VA 23693
- ◆ Sara Struve, 766 Horizon Canyon Dr., Henderson, NV 89052
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