September 2022

ECHOES

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Sundays at 9:00am
WOW Wednesdays at
5:30 pm (Sept—April)
stmatthewmonticello@gmail.com

Pastor Dave Raemisch
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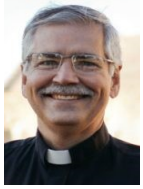

WOW!

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Confirmation

Start in September!

WOW Kickoff Pizza & Cake Party
Followed by Worship and Classes
Wednesday September 14th
Starting at 5:30 pm

A message from Pastor Dave…

Holy cow... it's time for WOW!

And I can hardly wait! It all starts at 5:30 pm on Wednesday September 14th with a big pizza and cake party followed by fun, faith-filled, family-friendly worship at 6:15 pm. Classes for K-7th grade kids and Confirmation Class for 8th & 9th graders follows worship, then it all wraps up by 7:30 pm. Just remember, at WOW we eat the cake first then the pizza!

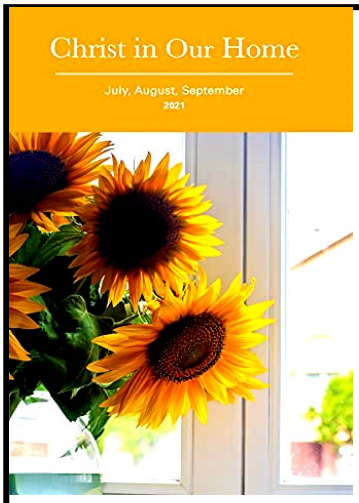
This year at WOW we're going to focus on the parables of Jesus as we learn practical lessons about how to live well as followers of Jesus Christ. We'll also have a very special worship service at WOW on November 2nd when Bishop Amy Current joins us worship.

This part is important, so listen up, as you make plans to participate in WOW this year, be sure to do your part to "share the love of God with all people" by asking your family, friends, and neighbors to come to WOW with you. Jesus made it very clear that our faith is not just for our own personal benefit. We are "saved for a reason" and the reason is bigger than us.

I'm really looking forward to WOW this year and can hardly wait to see all of you. And by the way, our 2022-2023 WOW theme song is gonna rock this place with faith and fun as we sing "I Just Want Be A Sheep.... baa, baa, baa, baa." at the start of every worship service. It's our way of honoring what Jesus said about have the faith of a child if we want to see the Kingdom of heaven.

Faith, Hope, Love…
Pastor Dave

WOW is fun, faith-filled, family-friendly worship

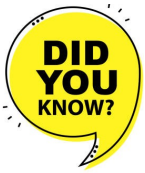


CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Christ in Our Home is a quarterly Christian devotional that brings you a daily message of God's amazing grace. Reflections and prayers are based on scripture readings from Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings. Each day offers a Bible verse, a personal commentary or meditation, a suggested prayer concern, and a unique prayer.

If you are not currently receiving this devotional and would like to, please contact the church office by phone at 319-465-3262 or by email at stmatthewmonticello@gmail.com. These devotionals are provided free by WELCA.

INTERESTING SEPTEMBER DATES



September 11 is **Patriot Day**, held in honor and remembrance of those who died in the September 11 attacks of 2001.

September 11 is also **Grandparents Day** this year. Honor your grandparents today—and every day!

September 17 is **Constitution Day**. This day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on September 17, 1787 (just five years prior to the founding of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, believe it or not!).

September 21 is recognized as the annual **International Day of Peace**. Observances range from a moment of silence at noon to events such as peace walks, concerts, and volunteering in the community.

September 22 marks the start of fall! This year's **Autumnal Equinox** occurs at 9:04 P.M. EDT on Thursday, September 22. On this date, there are approximately equal hours of daylight and darkness.

In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Neil Bleadorn who passed away on July 28, and to the family and friends of Robert Zirkelbach who passed away on August 2nd.

WOW

Starts September 14th

On Wednesday September 14th we'll kick-off the 2022-2023 WOW season with a Pizza & Cake Party at 5:30 pm followed by fun, faithful, family-friendly worship at 6:15 pm, then right after worship we have Bible classes for kindergarten to 7th grade kids and Confirmation for 8th & 9th graders. All the fun, faith, and fellowship wraps up at 7:30 pm.

All Are Welcome!

Women's Bible Studies
Second Tuesday of the month at 9:00am. Social distancing will be observed and wearing a face mask is optional.

Women's Sewing Circle
Will be meeting the 2nd Wed. of each month at 1:00 pm.

Men's Bible Studies

The 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 6:30 am, and every Thursday at 10:00 am. Face masks not required.

St Matthew Lutheran Church
Semi-Annual Meeting
August 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order by DaLana Rigby with 26 members present. Pastor opened with prayer.

Minutes The minutes were read from the 2022 annual meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that there will be 2 more weeks of sermons on the Book of Acts and then will be starting the Revised Common Lectionary. WOW will be starting September 14th with a pizza and cake kick-off party for the whole church. VBS went well this year even though EWALU was not able to come and lead. Starting in September, the hymns on Sundays will be printed in the bulletins.

Treasurer's Report: Stu Gerdes presented the report for people to review and if there were any questions.

Elders Report: Dave Titman thanked all who are involved with the many services of the church that make the church run smoothly. The Senior Dining is doing well. Not so many attending yet but those that do are enjoying the meal along with good fellowship. Homebound communion could still use some volunteers to help assist.

Deacon's Report: Anita Kramer reported that there were 8 charities that the Noisy Coin offering would be distributed to this year. Each would receive a check for $250.00. Anita Kramer made a motion to accept the above reports as presented. Loren Dirks seconded and motion carried.

Old Business: All the lights in the church have been replaced with LED lights. Discussion was on adding the 4th air conditioner to help relieve some of the load on the other three. The trustees will be looking into this.

New Business: They will be replacing the covering of the church sign out front, that has turned yellow with age, with a new clear one. The trustees will be taking an assessment of repairs that need be addressed around the church. With no other business, Anita Kramer made a motion to adjourn and Kathy Gerdes seconded. Motion carried. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanci Paulsen
Council Secretary

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WEEK OF:	SUNDAY	WOW	TOTAL for WEEK
July 24	45		
July 31	43	No WOW	
August 7	44	until Sept 14	
August 14	52		
August 21	51		

July	St. Matthew Ministry	Benevolence	Building
Income	$ 9,480.65	$ 740.00	$ 1,182.00
Expenses	$ 9,337.60		
January 1 Balance	$94,333.70		
July 31 Balance	$82,284.82		
Year-to-Date			
Income	$80,324.36	$ 4,379.50	$12,739.00
Expenses	$82,505.60	$12,905.82	

JONES COUNTY SENIOR DINING PROGRAM

Serving at St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Mon-Fri starting at 11:30 am

Must call each day in advance to reserve a meal

462-4484

Suggested donation per meal is $5.00

NEW SOCIAL GROUP FOR WIDOWS AT ST. MATTHEW

A new social group for widows is up and running at St. Matthew. Our primary purpose will be planning and participating in a variety of fun social activities. For information contact Regena Busch (319) 480-1539 or Carolyn Tonn (563) 590-5328.

September & October Ushers & Communion Assistants

September Ushers: Jim Eby, Cliff Mardorf, Dan Lahr, Craig Thompson
September Communion Assistant: Nanci Paulsen
September Altar Guild: Pam Thompson
October Ushers: Stuart Gerdes, Susan Brokaw, Jim & Joan Berends
October Communion Assistant: Greg Jones
October Altar Guild: Grace Zimmerman

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

Pinicon Place
1615 Breca Ridge Dr, Anamosa, IA 52205

- Lorna Rieniets 105
- Raymond Rieniets 104

Monticello Care Center
500 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

- Denny Joslyn 402
- Dorothy Norton 512
- Deb Johnson 503

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
- Gladys Tholen, 4520 Ford Ave., NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405; Ph # (319) 390-0750
- Irene Behrends, The Views of Marion, 720 Oakbrook Dr., A216, Marion, IA 52302
- 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

Reach out to those who can't make it to church with a card or letter to show we are thinking of them.

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