



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

## Start in September!

WOW Kickoff Pizza & Cake Party  
Followed by Worship and Classes  
Wednesday September 13th  
Starting at 5:30 pm

**A message from Pastor Dave...**

## **Confirmation 2023-2024**

James Reuter & Pastor Dave Raemisch

### **The Purpose of Confirmation**

Our approach to faith is Christ-centered, biblical, and practical. The purpose of confirmation is to help students grow in faith so they can better share the love of God with all people! We help young people embrace the reality that God is calling them to be a person of faith - committed Christians who live into, and live out, their life-long identity in Christ, allowing them to better navigate the complexities of our messy world.

### **Confirmation Program**

Confirmation is a two-year program for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Confirmation students are required to attend Wednesday evening worship at WOW whenever confirmation class is scheduled to meet. Students will not be allowed to skip worship at WOW and then come to confirmation class. Confirmation students are encouraged, but not required, to participate in the meal at WOW. Confirmation students will help serve communion during worship at WOW.

### **WOW starts Sept. 13, 2023**

Meal 5:30 pm - 6:10 pm

Worship Service 6:15 pm - 6:45 pm

Confirmation Classes 6:50 pm – 7:30 pm

## **2023-2024 Confirmation Class Schedule**

Confirmation Lesson Topics are listed by date, followed by teaching video titles, which are shown in parenthesis. The “&” means that two videos will be shown that night.

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| Sept. 13 | Meaning of Confirmation (Maps, and use big paper maps)               |
| Sept. 20 | How to Identify and Avoid Evil (The New Test. & Jesus)               |
| Sept. 27 | I Am Who I Am – 10 commandments (Matthew & Mark)                     |
| Oct. 4   | Guest Speaker – Faith & Life Story (Luke & John)                     |
| Oct. 11  | The Lord’s Name – 10 commandments (Acts & Paul and the early church) |
| Oct. 18  | Sabbath Day – 10 commandments (Paul’s Theology)                      |
| Oct. 25  | Father & Mother – 10 commandments (Romans)                           |

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- Nov. 1 Guest Speaker - Faith & Life Story (1 and 2 Corinthians)  
Nov. 8 Safeguard Life - 10 Commandments (Galatians)  
Nov. 15 Remain Faithful - 10 Commandments (Letters)  
Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Holiday – No WOW or Confirmation class.  
Nov. 29 Protect Property - 10 Commandments. (Revelation)  
  
Dec. 6 Defend Truth - 10 Commandments. (Martin Luther & The Reformation)  
Dec. 13 Do Not Covet - 10 Commandments (The Reformers)  
Dec. 20 WOW Christmas Program - confirmands attendance required.  
Dec. 27 Christmas Holiday - No WOW or Confirmation class.  
  
Jan. 3 Christmas Holiday - No WOW or Confirmation class.  
Jan. 10 Do Not Covet - 10 Commandments (The Reformers)  
Jan. 17 Commandments Conclusion (The Ten Commandments & Lutheran Confessions)  
Jan. 24 Guest Speaker - Faith & Life Story (Luther's Sm. Catechism)  
Jan. 31 Creed Overview (Adiaphora)  
  
Feb. 7 Article One - Apostles Creed (Apostles' Creed, Article 1)  
Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday - WOW worship service attendance is required, followed by confirmation class (The Lord's Prayer & Holy Baptism).  
Feb. 21 Article Two - Apostles Creed (Apostles' Creed, Article 2)  
Feb. 28 Article three - Apostles Creed. (Apostles' Creed, Article 3)  
  
Mar. 6 Common Translations of the Bible. (The Lord's Prayer)  
Mar. 13 Spring Break – Lenten worship at church; no confirmation  
Mar. 20 How to Be Saved. (Holy Baptism & Holy Communion)  
Mar. 27 After Communion (Confession and Forgiveness & Daily Prayers)  
Mar. 31 Easter Sunday  
  
Apr. 3 Guest Speaker – or open day for weather makeup day  
Apr. 10 Open Day for weather cancellation make up  
April 14 **Sunday Confirmation Celebration**  
Apr. 17 Last Wow of the Year - What is Faith & Benefits of Being a Christian - Worship Service & Party

**SAVE THE DATE - Sunday April 14 - Confirmation Celebration**

Faith, Hope, Love...  
Pastor Dave



How can kids have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them?  
(Romans 10:14)



## **WOW & CONFIRMATION Starts Sept. 13th**

On Wed. Sept. 13th we'll kick-off the 2023-2024 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!**

## **Synodically Authorized Ministers**

*How our Denomination is Handling the Severe Shortage of Pastors*

Desperate times call for desperate measures. Synodically Authorized Ministry is a pilot program designed to help our congregations to respond pastorally and effectively to opportunities in Christ's mission where it is not possible to provide an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament. By equipping lay members of congregations as Synodically Authorized Ministers, those people will be able to preach the Word of God and administer the sacraments, both Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. This is a one-year pilot program, where participants will attend four workshops in September and October covering the topics such as sacramental ministry, preaching, pastoral care, and worship.



**Preparations Are  
Already Underway For The  
St. Matthew Fall Dinner,  
Thursday October 5th**



<b>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b>WEEK OF:</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WOW</b>	<b>TOTAL for WEEK</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>WOW</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Until</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>August 6</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>August 13</b>	<b>53</b>		<b>53</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>St. Matthew Ministry</b>		<b>Building</b>
Income	\$ 9,550.47		\$ 873.00
Expenses	\$ 9,743.63		
January 1 Balance	\$ 34,648.39		
July 31 Balance	\$ 40,645.29		
Year-to-Date			
Income	\$ 85,114.37		\$7,865.00
Expenses	\$ 79,117.53		

### **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, Jim & Joan Berends

**October Communion Assistant:** **NEED SOMEONE**

**October Altar Guild:** Grace Zimmerman



### **Women's Bible Studies**

Second Tuesday of the month at 9:00am.

### **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.



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

**Pinicon Place**

1615 Breca Ridge Dr, Anamosa, IA 52205

- ♦ Lorna Rieniets 105

**Monticello Care Center**

500 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

- ♦ Denny Joslyn 402
- ♦ Dorothy Norton 506
- ♦ Deb Johnson 503

**Pennington Square**

502 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

- ♦ Mary Tschantz 101

**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
- ♦ Irene Behrends, The Views of Marion, 720 Oakbrook Dr., D104, 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
- ♦ Donna Joslin, River Bend Retirement Community, 813 Tyler St., NE, Cascade, IA 52033



**In Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy and prayers  
to the family of Don Rigby who passed away on  
Wednesday August 2nd. May peace be upon  
the Rigby family.



**SEPTEMBER COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

Holy Communion will be celebrated on  
the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in September

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