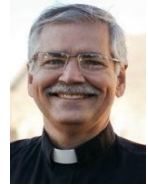




St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Sundays at 9:00am
WOW Wednesdays at
5:45 pm (Oct—April)
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Let
IT
Go

AND LET GOD
CALM YOUR TROUBLED SOUL

A Message From Pastor Dave...

Confirmation

WOW & CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

During the fall of 2026 and the spring of 2027 Bible Lessons during Worship at WOW will cover traditional confirmation topics, including Baptismal Theology, The 10 Commandments, Fruit of the Spirit, Martin Luther and the Reformation, Holy Communion, the Trinity, Discipleship, Angels and Devils, The Apostles' Creed, The Bible, Prayer, Sin and Forgiveness, and The Church.

**Starting with the very first WOW worship service on Wednesday September 30th attendance is required and will be recorded.
Any student missing more than four Worship services will not be confirmed.**

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

In order to be confirmed a person must have been baptized. On Nov. 18th at WOW we'll have a Bible Lesson on Baptism, then baptize confirmation students who have never been baptized.

REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION NOW

Starting with the very first Confirmation class on Wed. September 30th Confirmation students (6th–10th grade) are required to attend Worship at WOW and Confirmation classes that follow every Worship service. Worship at WOW starts at 5:45 pm. Classes will be done by 6:45 pm.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS

Simply email Pastor Dave Raemisch (pastordaveraemisch@gmail.com), including student's full name and grade level in the fall of 2026, parents'/guardians' names, and cell phone number.

**Teach children how they should live,
and they will remember it all their life.**

Proverb 22:6



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Fall Dinner

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Menu 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Home-grown Corn, Salad Bar, Homemade Pies

Carry-out Available, Call 319-465-3262

Adults: \$18.00

Children (6-12): \$8.00

5 & Under: Free



Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

(September 13, 2026)

Opening Prayer: Pastor Dave

Meeting Leader: DaLana Rigby, Council President

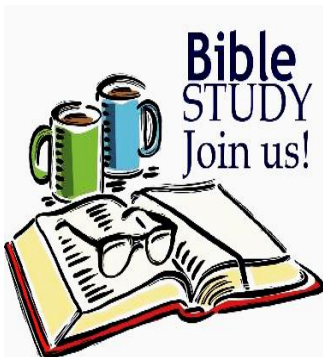
Financial Reports: Congregation is financially strong, with positive balances in our General Fund and Building Fund. Thank you for your generous financial support of ministry at St. Matthew!

Seminarian Support: Tricia Lambert described her involvement in the TEEM program (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) at Wartburg Theological Seminary. A motion was made to support Tricia Lambert in her journey toward pastoral ministry. Motion carried.

Meeting Close: Lord's Prayer.

In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Shirley Hanssen, who passed away on September 13th.



Women's Bible Studies

The 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am.

Women's Sewing Circle

The 2nd Wed. of each month at 1:00 pm.

Men's Bible Studies

The 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at 6:30 am, and every Thursday at 10:00 am.

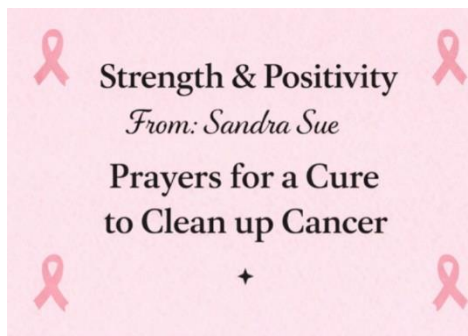


WOW STARTS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

Worship 5:45 pm / Classes 6:15—6:45 pm

Every Wednesday evening from September 30th to April 14th we'll have fun, faith-filled, family-friendly Worship starting at 5:45 pm followed by classes for kids and Confirmation students from 6:15—6:45 pm.

I am looking for those that enjoy crocheting and knitting to make some dishcloths. I am taking them to PCI in Cedar Rapids to donate to those that would like them who have been diagnosed with cancer or going in for treatments. With the weather cooling off I thought it would be a good time to reach out. I have made over 200 so far with some others who have helped make some. The gal that I give them to said the people really enjoy them. This is what the tag says:



If you would like to make some just let me know, and when ready I will pick them up in the church library. Please put your name on it, I add your name to the back of the tag with a heart.
Thank you, Sandy Hinrichs

St. Matthew Charitable Giving

The following donations were made on behalf of St. Matthew Lutheran Church:

University of Iowa Children's Hospital	\$1,250.00
Sleep In Heavenly Peace	\$1,250.00
Shop With A Cop	\$1,250.00
Monticello Food Pantry	\$1,250.00

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) and Our Mission Endowment Fund Also Donate Over \$10,000.00 to Charitable Causes Every Year.

October Communion Schedule

Holy Communion Will Be Served
on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in October

October and November Ushers & Communion Assistants

October Ushers: Stuart Gerdes, Jim & Joan Berends

October Communion Assistant: Kenny Ginther

October Altar Guild: Grace Zimmerman

November Ushers: Jeff & Sandy Hinrichs

November Communion Assistant: Greg Wink

November Altar Guild: Pam Kray

Martin Luther Said This About Life:

**"The less I pray, the harder it gets; the more
I pray, the better it goes."**

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WEEK OF:	SUNDAY	WOW	TOTAL for WEEK
July 19	57	No WOW	57
July 26	58	Until	58
August 2	51	Sept. 30	51
August 9	57		57
August 16	51		51

July	St. Matthew Ministry	Building
Income	\$ 9,980.12	\$ 795.00
Expenses	\$16,748.75	
January 1 Balance	\$44,253.65	
July 31 Balance	\$39,163.35	
Year-to-Date		
Income	\$91,222.68	\$10,339.00
Expenses	\$96,312.98	

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

Monticello Care Center

500 Pinehaven, Monticello, IA 52310

- David Griffith 209 Mary Ebensberger 210

Pennington Square

502 Pinehaven Dr. Monticello, IA 52310

- Janet Monk 106

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
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