

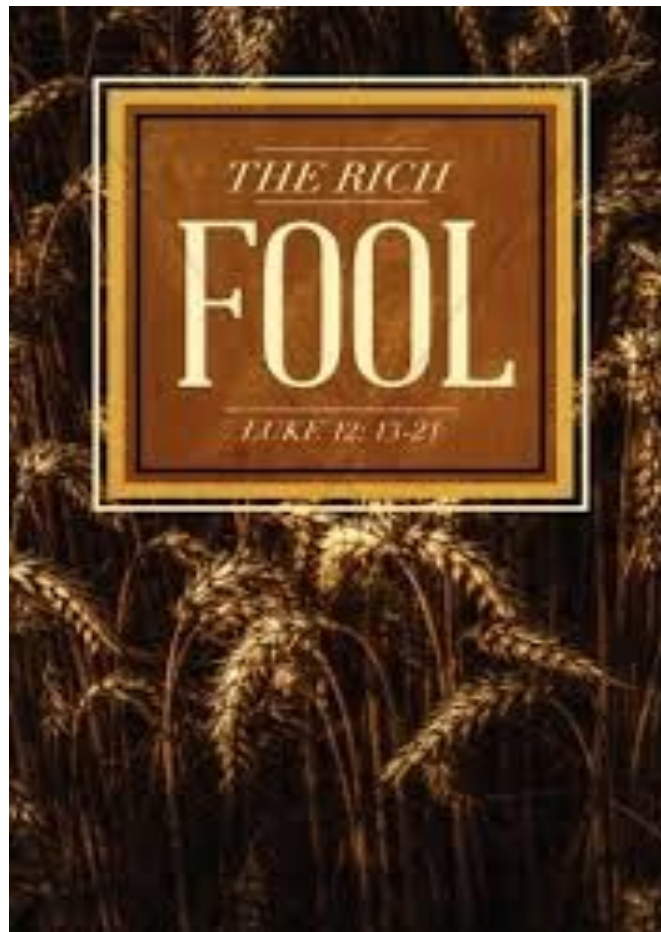
# The Bridge Builder

*St. Matthew's Weekly News*

JULY 30-31, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## **Ruth E. Pederson Funeral Announcement**

Ruth Pedersen, mother of St. Matthew member Linda Sourek, passed away on Friday, July 22, 2022. Ruth worshiped periodically at St. Matthew over the years. Pastor Gudgel will be leading her funeral service on **Friday, July 29 at 10:30 am** at Petkus Funeral Home, 12401 South Archer Avenue, Lemont, IL.

### Weekly Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Deacons	Acolytes	Altar Guild
7/30/2022	5PM	Bob Klukas	Ethan Kelby	Pam Samanich Amy Selle
7/31/2022	9AM	Jason Schiffman	Tyler Mueller JJ Mueller	
8/6/2022	5PM	Bob Klukas	Brandon Potaczek	Lenore Duffy Karen White
8/7/2022	9AM	Mike Shackel	Scott Cutlip Shane Cutlip	

### Ice Cream Social Saturday!!!

Join us this **Saturday, July 30 after 5:00 pm worship** for fun fellowship and delicious ice cream sundaes on the parsonage porch. If you can't make service, just stop by for ice cream at 6:00 pm. It's all that – with whipped cream and a cherry on top!

### Altar Flowers to the Glory of God . . .

. . . and Happy Birthday, Leanne Sloman and Dave Latimer, with love ~  
by your daughter Alyssa and Mom Gen &  
in loving memory of our dear friends  
Pearl Duffy, Audrey Altringer, Marie Beck, and Norma Beavers ~  
by Marge and Marianne

### Summer Sunday School Continues

We still need willing volunteers to cover lessons for the rest of the summer while our regular staff takes a little break. You can sign up for a Sunday and pick up lesson materials on the table outside of Pastor's office.

### Issues, Etc. This Week

REAL REFORMATION RADIO... Issues, Etc. and LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken present this week's topics, which include: The Christian Heroes Who Stood Against Islam, Clinging to Christ in College, Apparent Contradictions on Paul's Conversion Story in Acts, Old Testament Patriarch Joseph, and more. You can listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org), via the LPR mobile app, and your favorite podcast provider.



## Contribution Report July 23-24, 2022

### July 23-24, 2022 PLATE Offerings for Ministry Operations

Cemetery Gift .....	\$100.00
General Fund .....	\$1,092.00
General Fund: Flowers Altar .....	\$20.00
<b>Total Offerings for Ministry Operations July 23-24 Plate Offerings.....</b>	<b>\$1,212.00</b>

Other Dedicated Funds Received July 23-24, 2022 Not Included In Ministry Operations Totals –  
None

## LCMS Young Singles Retreat

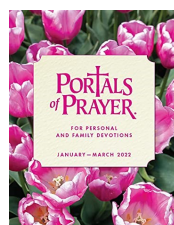
Saint John Lutheran Church in Sycamore invites LCMS singles age 18 to 30 to join us on **Saturday, August 6 (1:00 pm–7:00 pm)** for a Young Singles Retreat. Our theme is *Fideles Christo*, a Latin phrase meaning “faithful to Christ.” The afternoon will feature indoor and outdoor activities, presentations by Pastor Jonathan and Meridith Fisk, food, and fun. We’ll conclude with Evening Prayer. Participants are welcome to hang around after 7:00 pm and play board games. Come and get to know other LCMS singles who faithfully confess Jesus Christ and the one true faith. Basic information and a registration link are available at [www.stjohnsycamore.org](http://www.stjohnsycamore.org). Saint John Lutheran Church is located at 26555 Brickville Road in Sycamore, Illinois.

### Life Thought From Lutherans for Life

“‘Therefore choose life,’ God said, ‘that you and your offspring may live.’ The way to choose life is to trust. Don’t panic. Did you think human life was going to be humanly possible? It’s not. It was never meant to be. Guiding a human being through the journey of life is possible only for God. That’s why the only way to choose life is to trust, to trust God. God gives no one a possible life. The call of God is to an impossible life. Otherwise, why trust? And life was created for trust.” *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



### Portals of Prayer



*Portals of Prayer* copies for **July through September, 2022** are available for pick-up in the narthex (including the large print editions). Simply include your check payment in an envelope and drop in the collection plate or leave at the church office. Be sure to write “POP” in the memo section of your check.

### Upcoming Opportunities with Hope and Friendship Foundation

Lemont’s Hope and Friendship Foundation has a number of exciting opportunities for community service. Read more in detail on their website below.

[www.hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com](http://www.hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com)



Meet Rev. John Donkoh  
President of the Lutheran Church of Ghana  
Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM  
Trinity Lutheran Church

1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd, Lombard IL 60148



The LWML NID selected DORCAS PROJECT – LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR WOMEN IN GHANA \$17,000 and has paid this grant in full – This project helped educate women in Ghana so that they can share the Gospel with people in their communities and mentor other young women of the church in how to handle their finances.

Rev. Donkoh cannot join us for our convention in September but would love to thank us personally for helping the women of his church body. Please join us to hear all the great things our mite money has accomplished in Ghana and to share what you are doing with the women of your congregation.

A light breakfast will be served, so an RSVP would be helpful...

*Kris Blackwell 630-234-1491 kbwrk123@gmail.com*



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Month

### Those who are sick, recovering, in the hospital, or have other needs...(\* new entry to list)

#### Members (S=Shut-in, M=Military)

Betty Boldt (S)  
John Boldt, Jr.  
Gertrud Deubler (S)  
Grace Laskowski (S)

Lois Mankowski (S)  
Ina Nathan  
Janel Schiffman  
Elsie Schultz (S)

#### Relatives and Friends

Mary Bayer  
The Ferry Family  
Missionaries

Amanda Harrison  
Fran Jackson  
Family & Friends of  
Ruth E. Pedersen \*  
Jonathan Shoup  
Lisa Vedok

### Those Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Greg and Kristin Kupiec	July 28, 2007	Carlos and Reina Garcia	Aug 14, 2020
Todd and Katie Quesnel	July 29, 2006	Ben and Sarah Zawaski	Aug 14, 2015
Mark and Becky Herman	Aug 1, 1981	Ted and Lisa Potaczek	Aug 18, 2001
Mark and Janet Scheel	Aug 7, 1999	Ron and Maureen Kolzow	Aug 22, 1981
Lucas and Carrie Borth	Aug 9, 2003	Ken and Cindy Stocker	Aug 25, 1979

### Those Celebrating Birthdays

Mike Earnest	July 28	Paisley Mueller	Aug 15	Mark Brandner	Aug 24
Hannah Kupiec	July 29	Kathy Chlebos	Aug 16	Sean Neumann	Aug 24
Zac Filippelli	July 30	Martin Deubler	Aug 16	Liam Borth	Aug 26
Isabel Eslinger	July 31	Brian Arvans	Aug 17	Matthew Hutton	Aug 26
Dylan Stepps	July 31	Rachel Gamez	Aug 17	Richard O'Connor	Aug 26
Stefanie Cutlip	Aug 1	Billy Hayes	Aug 17	Aiden Samanich	Aug 26
Alivia Franchi	Aug 3	Kevin Michael	Aug 17	Stephanie Cardoza	Aug 27
Anthony Samanich	Aug 3	Ian Novak	Aug 17	Tyler Mueller	Aug 27
Adam Shackel	Aug 4	Maria Herman	Aug 18	Mason Siwek	Aug 27
Nick Jakusz	Aug 6	Amber Cronin	Aug 19	Mark Dickman	Aug 28
Aubry Neumann	Aug 6	Hayden Reeves	Aug 19	Emily Szajda	Aug 28
Evan Schiffman	Aug 7	Ryan Eslinger	Aug 21	David Graczyk, Sr	Aug 29
Dave Teska	Aug 7	JoAnn Leatherman	Aug 22	Eric Jensen	Aug 29
Romayne Baker	Aug 11	Scottie Cronin	Aug 23	Henry Szajda	Aug 31
Chris Rex	Aug 14	Amy Staubus	Aug 23		



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*Saturday Worship 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.*

*Sunday School, High School, and Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m.*

### **Online Giving Available On Our Website**



St. Matthew's website, **www.smlclemont.com**, is set up to receive secure, online donations. Just click on the "Donate Now!" button in the upper right corner on the home page, or scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up your account and make a contribution. You can choose a one-time donation, or set up a recurring weekly or monthly credit card, debit card, checking account, or savings account donation.

Choose "Create Profile" if you have never set up a login and password before. If you would prefer for us to set up recurring automatic giving for you, please contact Financial Secretary Danny Crull.

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*Reaching the lost and encouraging the found with the saving grace of Jesus Christ*