

The Bridge Builder

St. Matthew's Weekly News

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Luke 16:13

*The
Parable
of the
Dishonest
Manager*

Issues, Etc. This Week

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS . . . LCMS President Matt Harrison writes about what Lutherans can learn from the Book of Esther and from our Lutheran forefathers on how to face the challenges of a culture hostile to Christianity in the latest Issues, Etc. Journal. You can receive this online publication for free. Visit www.issuesetc.org, click the red “Subscribe” button, and enter your email address. You can also listen to audio content at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org, on the LPR mobile app, or your favorite podcast provider.

Weekly Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Deacons	Acolytes	Altar Guild
9/17/2022	5PM	Bob Klukas	Scott Cronin	Sharon Crull Leanne Sloman
9/18/2022	9AM	Jim Leffler	Ian Novak *	
9/24/2022	5PM	Bob Klukas	Olivia Graczyk	Jill Beavers Marianne Leffler
9/25/2022	9AM	Jim Selle	Hannah Kupiec* Charlie Brandt	

Altar Flowers to the Glory of God . . .

. . . and in celebration of our granddaughter
Abigail's 4th birthday
~ by Terry and Lenore Duffy
&
in celebration of Chloe Grace's 1st birthday on
September 20 ~ by the Randall Family
&
in loving memory of Isaac Scott
~ by the Randall Family



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Calling the Advent Army!!!

We are gearing up for Congregational Advent Day, when we offer a project to assemble and a devotion book to our families. As always, putting an event like this together will require many hands and many hours, so we need to get started! Here are the kinds of talents we can use:

- A master cutter to cut lengths of felt
- Master cutters who can work to cut out small felt pieces
- People willing to label bags of parts
- People willing to help assemble the kit

If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Becky Herman at 630-908-0511.

Contribution Report September 10-11, 2022

September 10-11, 2022 PLATE Offerings for Ministry Operations

General Fund	\$2,659.62
General Fund: Bible Study Classes	\$100.00
General Fund: Building Repairs.....	\$50.00
General Fund: Confirmation Class Reimbursement.....	\$50.00
General Fund: Flowers Altar	\$20.00
General Fund: Sunday School Gift	\$4.00
Total Plate Offerings September 10-11, 2022 for Ministry Operations	\$2,883.62

Other Dedicated Funds Received September 10-11, 2022 Not Included In Ministry Operations

Total – None

Gifts and Memorials

In memory of Norman Kimble to the General Fund ~ by Marianne Leffler

In memory of Norman Kimble, brother of Glenna Cholakian,
to the General Fund: Building Repairs ~ by Marge Michaelsen



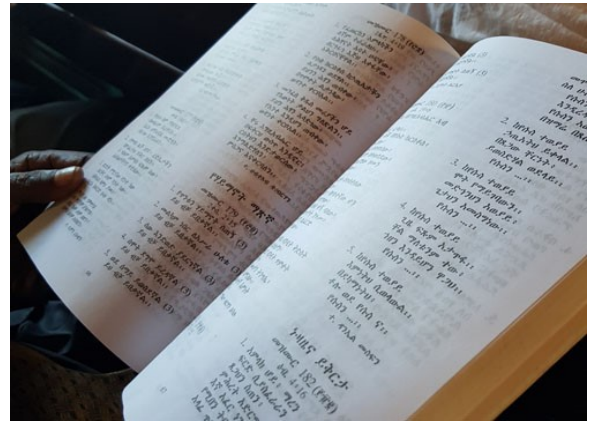
MINISTRY VEHICLE FUND ETHIOPIA & SIERRA

\$70,000.00

LWML New Mite Goal to be adopted at Convention

Received as of August 31, 2022 ~ \$8,232.84

This Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) uses literacy programs within the local language communities to give people the skills to read the newly translated Bible which results in a personal relationship with God. When they can read God's Word in their local or heart language, they know that God speaks their language and hears their prayers. Local personnel in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, identified as partners with LBT, help teach their people. The long distances between the language communities have treacherous and hazardous terrain. The money from this grant will help purchase robust, reliable vehicles. Trainers will be able to travel to God's people who are waiting for the opportunity to learn to read the saving words of the Gospel in their heart language. This will impact multiple language groups in both countries. Give a mite donation for 2022-2024.



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.
Jean Delgado
Gertrud Deubler (S)
Dale Kramer
Grace Laskowski (S)

Lois Mankowski (S)
Ina Nathan
Janel Schiffman
Elsie Schultz (S)
Bob Welko
Lee Welko

Relatives and Friends

Mary Bayer
The Ferry Family
Missionaries
Amanda Harrison
Fran Jackson
Jonathan Shoup
Lisa Vedok

Those Celebrating Birthdays

Ed Cryer III	Sept 2	Ralph Lisk	Sept 14	Skyler Cronin	Sept 23
Spencer Cutlip	Sept 2	Andrea Starchman	Sept 14	Ruth Agerton	Sept 24
Paul Scheufler	Sept 2	Tara Kranz	Sept 15	Candie Kelby	Sept 25
Peyton Kelby	Sept 3	Madeline Kaitchuck	Sept 16	Nicole Michael	Sept 25
Jenny Obbish	Sept 3	Brian Michael	Sept 16	Amy Selle	Sept 25
Shane Cutlip	Sept 6	Joshua Davis	Sept 17	Cathy Shackel	Sept 25
Heiley Purcell	Sept 6	Ron Kolzow	Sept 19	Karen Abrams	Sept 26
Ryan Pomatto	Sept 7	Derek DeLaCruz, Jr.	Sept 20	Jim Getz	Sept 27
Sharon Rohder	Sept 7	Joyce Demitriu	Sept 20	Mark Scheel	Sept 27
Ashley McCastland	Sept 8	Keith Grube	Sept 20	Glenn Henrikson	Sept 29
Debbie Nona	Sept 8	Chloe Randall	Sept 20	Bob Neumann	Sept 29
Carl Shingler	Sept 9	Jon Wanderer	Sept 20	Jennifer Rivera	Sept 29
Baylee Foreman	Sept 11	Abigail Franchi	Sept 21	Steve Rosendahl	Sept 29
Gail Rickert	Sept 12	Barb Heyden	Sept 21	Michelle Sternquist	Sept 29
Ryan Myers	Sept 13	Kevin Ares	Sept 22		

Those Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Mike and Karen Gudgel	Sept 2, 2000	Gary and Kelly Nickleski	Sept 23, 1994
Jamie and Ryan Myers	Sept 5, 2004	Jim and Amy Selle	Sept 23, 1994
Alan and Elicia Meyer	Sept 9, 1990	Dave and Kelly Teska	Sept 24, 2016
Martin and Maria Deubler	Sept 12, 1992	Christian and Tori Baires	Sept 25, 2010
Kevin and Lori Jensen	Sept 12, 1981	Joe and Carrie Novak	Sept 25, 2010
Tom and Jennifer Rivera	Sept 20, 2009	Matthew and Amanda	
Dave and Karen White	Sept 20, 1991	Gincauskas	Sept 26, 2009
		Philip and Tara Kranz	Sept 29, 2007

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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.

Electronic Givers: Please remember to notify Danny Crull if your credit card information changes so that your contributions may continue to process electronically. We are charged a fee every time a credit card is declined.

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