

The Bridge Builder

St. Matthew's Weekly News

SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2022

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Rich Man and Lazarus



Luke 16:19-31

Weekly Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Deacons	Acolytes	Altar Guild
9/24/2022	5PM	Bob Klukas	Olivia Graczyk	Jill Beavers Marianne Leffler
9/25/2022	9AM	Jim Selle	Hannah Kupiec - 1st Time Charlie Brandt	
10/1/2022	5PM	Bob Klukas	Logan Borth - 1st Time TBD	JoAnn Leatherman Amber Cronin
10/2/2022	9AM	Noal Staubus	Zoey Galos - 1st Time TBD	

Altar Flowers

In loving memory of Thomas Hennebry on his birthday – by the Leffler and Michaelsen Families

2022 Church Picnic Recap

The Board of Human Care and Outreach would like to thank everyone who attended the church picnic (even with the rain); brought pop, water, ice, or coolers; played music; and helped clean up. You all made this year's picnic a great success! Here are the final totals:

- 77 - In attendance
- 70 - Food items to Bethany Food Pantry
- 53 - Witness Bracelets were made for MOST (Missions Opportunities Short-Term) Ministries
- 23 - Cards of Hope for Phil's Friends

Mums Ready for Pick-Up This Weekend

If you ordered mums for the fall Youth fundraiser, they will be available for pick-up right before or after worship services this **Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25**. Questions? Feel free to contact Melissa DeTamble via her e:mail at melissaldavis@hotmail.com or 630-596-7601. Thank you for supporting the Youth!

Contribution Report September 17-18, 2022

September 17-18, 2022 PLATE Offerings for Ministry Operations

General Fund	\$977.00
General Fund: Building Repairs (Roof).....	\$200.00
General Fund: Flowers Altar	\$40.00
General Fund: RMD from IRA	\$500.00
General Fund: Sunday School Gift.....	\$4.00
Total Plate Offerings September 17-18, 2022 for Ministry Operations.....	\$1,721.00

Other Dedicated Funds Received Not Included In Ministry Operations Total

Missions: LWML.....	\$300.00
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Gifts and Memorials

In memory of Albert and Gertrude Kelm to the General Fund (Roof) ~
by Thelma Rhind

Helping Homeless Veterans

The Lemont Public Library is supporting the mission of the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans by taking in donations for their Freedom Commissary. The MSHV was started by two veterans. The organization provides supplies, clothing, household goods, and basic needs for veterans and their families at the Commissary in downtown Wheaton. The organization also provides affordable housing in apartments or group homes for homeless vets, along with providing counseling and financial services for the betterment of these men and women.

We would like you to think about making a donation to this worthy cause during the month of October. A "wish list" sheet of items is available to take in the narthex. All items must be NEW. We will have tables set up in the gym for your donations. Please drop off your donations right before or after services at the church on Saturdays and Sundays in October. Thank you for your generosity in making the lives of these veterans better.

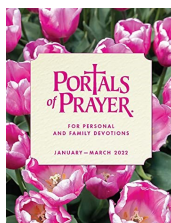


WHAT I WISH MY NON-LUTHERAN FAMILY KNEW ABOUT... Are you looking for a way to explain Biblical Lutheran teachings like Baptism, Closed Communion, The Lord's Supper, The End Times, Funerals, and Worship to non-Lutherans? Issues, Etc., interviewed Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller about these topics and more. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at website www.issuesetc.org/whatiwish/.

The Natural Family Conference

Saint John Lutheran Church in Sycamore invites you to its second annual **Christian Faith & Life Conference** on **Saturday, November 19 (8:00 am-12:30 pm)**. Dr. Allan Carlson will be presenting on the theme "*The Natural Family: Recovering God's Gift to Humanity*". Family life and sexual behavior in today's America show every sign of deterioration and crisis. What can we learn from Christians in the old Roman Empire? From Luther? Come and be re-grounded in a sound moral theology of sex, marriage, and the natural family that triumphed over pagan corruptions. Discussion and Q&A will follow each session, interspersed with fellowship and refreshments. More information and the conference schedule are available at Saint John's website (stjohnsycamore.org). For planning purposes, please **pre-register here**. All are welcome!

Portals of Prayer



Portals of Prayer for October through the end of this year are available for pick-up in the narthex (including the large print editions). Simply include your check payment in an envelope, and drop it in the collection plate or leave it 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 in the upcoming month. Read more in detail on their website below. www.hopeandfriendshipfoundation.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.
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

Skyler Cronin	Sept 23	Bill Rickert	Oct 2	Joshua Leffler	Oct 18
Ruth Agerton	Sept 24	Rylan Hernandez	Oct 5	Abigail Smith	Oct 18
Candie Kelby	Sept 25	Arvid Sternquist	Oct 6	Shawn Cutlip	Oct 20
Nicole Michael	Sept 25	Marc Graczyk	Oct 8	Kris Belsha	Oct 21
Amy Selle	Sept 25	Dave Freehauf	Oct 9	Bruce Leatherman	Oct 21
Cathy Shackel	Sept 25	Lisa Potaczek	Oct 10	Carly Shackel	Oct 21
Karen Abrams	Sept 26	Philip Laskowski	Oct 11	Kirsten Leffler	Oct 25
Jim Getz	Sept 27	Robert Nona	Oct 11	Cole Cronin	Oct 29
Mark Scheel	Sept 27	Andrew Arvans	Oct 12	Barb Cryer	Oct 29
Glenn Henrikson	Sept 29	Gabrielle Czajkowski	Oct 12	Declan Davis	Oct 29
Bob Neumann	Sept 29	Jane Scheufler	Oct 13	Mark LaChappell	Oct 30
Jennifer Rivera	Sept 29	Alyssa Abrahamson	Oct 14	Marge Michaelson	Oct 30
Steve Rosendahl	Sept 29	Kassie Henrikson	Oct 14	Aidan Potaczek	Oct 30
Michelle Sternquist	Sept 29	Kaylee LaChappell	Oct 15	Alyssa, Kylie, and Mikayla Quesnel	Oct 30
Ethan Kelby	Oct 1	Jill Beavers	Oct 18	Kelly Shackel	Oct 31
Thomas Teska	Oct 1	Brisa Kowalski	Oct 18		

Those Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Jim and Amy Selle	Sept 23, 1994	Dave Latimer and Leanne Sloman	Oct 11, 2014
Dave and Kelly Teska	Sept 24, 2016	David and Candie Kelby	Oct 12, 2001
Christian and Tori Baires	Sept 25, 2010	Paul Butt and Susan Nathan-Butt	Oct 13, 2001
Joe and Carrie Novak	Sept 25, 2010	Ed and Barb Cryer	Oct 14, 1989
Matthew and Amanda Gincauskas	Sept 26, 2009	Harry Petrakos and Kelly Jensen	Oct 17, 2015
Philip and Tara Kranz	Sept 29, 2007	David and Maureen Graczyk	Oct 18, 2013
Jim and Maureen Leffler	Oct 1, 1993	Tim and Meredith Galos	Oct 20, 2007
Bruce and Jo Ann Leatherman	Oct 4, 1975	Kirk and Timi Leffler	Oct 21, 1995
Bartosz and Emily Szajda	Oct 6, 2014	Mark and Janice Brandner	Oct 23, 1982
John and Pat Wawrzyniec	Oct 7, 1972	Richard and Marilyn Panush	Oct 23, 1971
Chris and Dawn Johnson	Oct 8, 1977	David and Shelly Schikora	Oct 24, 1998
Marc and Sandy Graczyk	Oct 10, 1981	Phillip and Gloria Kupiec	Oct 27, 1973

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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