

The Bridge Builder

St. Matthew's Weekly News

DECEMBER 24-25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



Christmas Worship Schedule

Saturday, December 24

3:00 pm and 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Worship

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all of His blessings:



*By Dan and Sharon Crull
By the Gudgel Family
By Dianne Jackson
By Mark and Karen Liset
By George and Pat Scheel*



In loving memory of the Conley and Agerton Families ~ by Ruth Agerton

In loving memory of Wanda Grabys ~ by the Handler Family

In loving memory of Annette Henriksen ~ by the Henriksen Family

In memory of all our loved ones ~ by Ken and Nancy Kelly and Families

In loving memory of Murph Leffler ~ by Marianne and Family

In loving memory of Dieter Michaelsen ~ Love, Marge

*To the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Marie and Gene Beck,
John Poellot, and Patty Eres.*

Merry Christmas! ~ Love, Peggy Poellot and Barbara Marler

Blessings and prayers to the Graczyk Family ~ Love, Bill and Gail Ricket

*Remembering with love Bob Sloman ~ by his wife Gen and Family,
Leanne, Dave, and Bob*

*In loving memory of our parents, Norman and Blanche Leffler, and Patrick White ~
by Dave and Karen White*



Weekly Worship Assistants

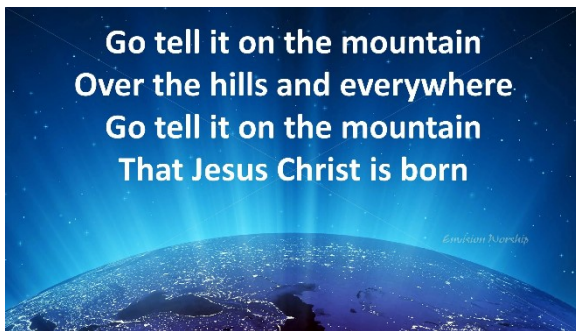
Date	Time	Deacons	Acolytes	Altar Guild
12/24/2022	3PM	Bob Klukas	Scott Cronin	Lenore Duffy Karen White
12/24/2022	9PM	Jim Selle	TBD	
			TBD	
12/25/2022	10AM	Mike Shackel	Ian Novak	
			TBD	Sharon Crull Leanne Sloman
12/31/2022	5PM	Bob Klukas	Anthony Samanich	
1/1/2023	9AM	Jim Leffler	Lauralyn Samanich	

Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias can be picked up after Christmas Day Service or by calling the church office the week after Christmas. Thank you for helping to make our altar even more beautiful as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Fourth Sunday Giving



The last Fourth Sunday Giving of 2022 will be at **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services on the weekend of December 24 – 25**. The Board of Human Care and Outreach hopes that you will give an offering to assist in sharing the Good News of Jesus everywhere. The Ferry Family will be the recipient of Fourth Sunday Giving funds received during the last quarter of this year. Check out the Missions bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary to learn about their work as LCMS career missionaries in Asia, or visit <https://www.lcms.org/Ferry>.

Issues, Etc. This Week

SACRED MUSIC & TALK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON... You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the twelve 12 days of Christmas on Issues' website. Just log on to www.issuesetc.org or website www.lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod, or the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer issues for **January through March, 2023** are now available for pick-up in the narthex. Large print copies are also available. Simply leave your payment in the collection plate or at the church office. Be sure to write "POP" in the memo section of your check.

Food Pantry Donations

Please consider donating the following items to Bethany's Food Pantry during this Christmas season. There is special need for: *small and large cans of beef stew, cleaning products, and laundry detergent*. **All donations are gratefully accepted.** Thank you for your generosity.



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Contribution Report December 17-18, 2022

December 17-18, 2022 PLATE Offerings for Ministry Operations

General Fund	\$1,220.00
General Fund: Env Christmas Eve/Day	\$50.00
General Fund: Env Initial.....	\$100.00
General Fund: Eve Thanksgiving	\$25.00
General Fund: Flowers Poinsettias	\$20.00
General Fund: Midweek Advent	\$300.00
General Fund: RMD from IRA	\$500.00
General Fund: Youth Group Soup Supper Fundraiser	\$84.00
Total Plate Offerings December 17-18, 2022 for Ministry Operations	\$2,299.00

Other Dedicated Funds Received Not Included In Ministry Operations Total – None

2023 Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2023 are now available for your pick-up in the Bible Study room in the church basement. Please look for the box with your name on it. If you cannot locate a labeled box with your name, just take an unmarked box.

St. Matthew Cookbooks Still Available!



We have many extra cookbooks left over from our pre-Covid 2019 Fall Church Cookbook Fundraiser. They are filled with an assortment of delicious recipes from the kitchens of generations of our members. Consider gifting these to your friends and family this Christmas! All proceeds will be directed to the church to help offset our roof and boiler repairs from this year. We accept cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. Matthew Lutheran Church for \$15.00, with a note in the memo line “Cookbooks,” and place in the offering basket. You may also pay online via the church website by clicking on the orange “Donate Now” button and choosing the Miscellaneous button where you can type in “Cookbooks” in the Note section. You may also stop by the church office to pay for and pick up cookbooks. Just call ahead to make sure that someone is in the office to let you in.

Thank you for your support!



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)

Dennis and Kris Belsha* Dale Kramer
 Betty Boldt (S) Grace Laskowski (S)
 John Boldt, Jr. Lois Mankowski (S)
 Dan Crane Ina Nathan
 Jean Delgado Janel Schiffman
 Gertrud Deubler (S) Elsie Schultz (S)
 David Graczyk Amy Selle

Relatives and Friends

Mary Bayer Amanda Harrison
 The Ferry Family Fran Jackson
 Missionaries Jonathan Shoup
 Missionary Deanne Lisa Vedok
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Those Celebrating Birthdays

Tori Baires	Dec 4	Eric Deubler	Dec 13	Dean DeLaCruz	Dec 22
Elsie Schultz	Dec 4	Mike Shackel	Dec 15	Kelly Teska	Dec 22
Wayne Shoup	Dec 4	Aidan Thomas	Dec 15	Carl Filippelli	Dec 25
Bella Birk	Dec 5	Mark Liset	Dec 18	Kelly Jensen	Dec 26
Leah Mollo	Dec 5	Alex Braun	Dec 19	John H. Boldt, Jr.	Dec 27
Colin Crane	Dec 7	Diane Jackson	Dec 20	Jack Bort	Dec 28
Krystal Mueller	Dec 9	Kevin Jensen	Dec 20	Jean Delgado	Dec 28
Betty Boldt	Dec 11	Noah Lisk	Dec 20	Anya Haucke	Dec 30
Susan Nathan-Butt	Dec 11	Denise Burger	Dec 21		

Those Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Wayne and Shirley Shoup	Dec 15, 1956
Andy and Krysta Alongi	Dec 19, 2008
Mark and Deanna LaChappell	Dec 19, 2016
Alberto, Jr. and Rachel Gamez	Dec 30, 2011



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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