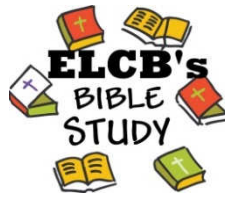


DECEMBER 17, 2017

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY — Pastor Rick is teaching a weekly Lectionary Bible Study on Tuesdays from 10 am-11 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is for everyone no matter what your Bible background. You may bring your own Bible or one can be provided. We plan to look at the gospel lesson assigned for the upcoming Sunday. You can find the gospel lessons in the devotional book, "Christ in our Home" or the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal. We are in year "B".



STRETCH CD — You are invited to join Stretch on Wednesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Supplies needed: 2 - 2 lb. weights or 2 soup cans, 1 stick - 18" wide, a broom handle, or 1/2" PVC pipe. Any questions, contact Vicki Seidlitz or Von Wolff.

GREAT CHRISTMAS IDEAS—See the *Good Gifts* table near the front entrance to get some wonderful gift ideas.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES—Our last weekly Advent Service is this Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 7:00 pm. Please join us in worship!

CHRISTMAS EVE—Our Candlelight Christmas Eve worship service will start at 7:00 pm on Dec. 24th and will include Holy Communion.

PRAYERS—Prayer concerns for family and friends of Marion Bateman Gilles. She passed away Monday, December 11th. She is the mother-in-law of Judy Gilles, grandmother of Mark and great-grandmother to Jordan. Marion is the great-granddaughter of Mathew and Mary Bateman, who settled here in 1853 and who our area is named after.

OFFERING ENVELOPES—The 2018 offering envelopes are ready! Please pick them up near the entrance.

NEW LECTERN BIBLE—Today the ELCB church family is dedicating a new lectern Bible placed in memory of Ann Roen. This replaces our prior Bible which has seen much use over many years in our worship.
-Memorial Board

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE—We are having a *Blue Christmas* Worship Service this evening, Dec. 17th at 6:30 pm for those who have a hard time around Christmas.

TURN OFF LIGHTS—Please remember to check all the lights to make sure they are off, including the bathrooms and basement, when locking up the church. Thank you!

ELECTRONIC HEARING DEVICES — are available to the congregation if needed. See John Stockinger for further information.

PASTOR VACATION—Pastor Rick will be on vacation from December 25th through January 1st. The office will still be open on Tues. and Thurs. from 9am – 2pm.



EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE—Please note the office email address has been changed to admin@elcbateman.org.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ANNUAL REPORT—Need to be submitted to Laurel by December 31st, with the exception of Financial Reports waiting for numbers.

NEW OFFICE HOURS—have changed due to Laurel working at St. James Trinity in Fall Creek now also.

- Mondays/Wednesdays—9am-2pm—SJT
- Tuesdays/Thursdays—9am-2pm—ELCB
- Fridays—Flex-day (Permitting her to be needed)

Please call 715-828-5596 if anything needs immediate attention. Emails and Messages checked daily.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We are in need of volunteers to help with greeting and ushering at the Blue Christmas Service this evening at 6:30 pm. We also need greeters, ushers, communion assistants (evening only) and readers for our Christmas Eve services--8:30am and 7pm. Please check your schedules and sign up on the special serving calendar on the bulletin board or contact Joyce Wolff. Thank you for your service.

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY—The sign-up sheet for hospitality is located on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Please sign up to bring 3 dozen cookies (or breads, etc.) and serve on a given Sunday morning. Two people /families are needed per Sunday. **Volunteers are needed for many mornings coming up!**

"CHOCOLATE" STOCKING STUFFERS—If you are looking for a 'yummy' stocking stuffer check out the Fair Trade display. There are 6 kinds of chocolate bars including Milk Chocolate Caramel, Dark Chocolate Lemon Ginger, Dark Chocolate Very Dark, Dark Chocolate Almond, Dark Chocolate Mint and Dark Chocolate Panama. These are priced at just \$2.30 each. Are you looking for a unique gift? A selection of Fair Trade items for someone who enjoys coffee, tea or chocolate might be the answer. Merry Christmas!
-WELCA Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS—This article talks about being aware and informed. Some say casually that their weekly offerings just go to that 'thing called the budget'; and the budget is composed of salaries, or bricks and mortar, or a copy machine. Unfortunately that's a very narrow way to look at our offerings. We see our financial gifts doing mission work every day of the year – for a meaningful worship experience, education for adults and youth, Christian instruction, fellowship, outreach and with our benevolence gifts we reach out to others through pastoral leadership, welfare and social issues and growing our Synod and the larger ELCA. -ELCB Finance/Stewardship Team

SUPPORTING WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

DECEMBER 17 (HOLY COMMUNION, X-MAS PROGRAM, CHOIR)

Reader: Vivian Dahl
 Comm Asst: Susan Hunt
 Acolytes: The Ushers, Please
 Greeters: Susan Hunt
 Ushers: Bob & Julie Mitchell
 Counters: Volunteers Needed

DECEMBER 17 (BLUE CHRISTMAS-6:30 PM)

Need Volunteers: please let Joyce Wolff know if you can help-also let Laurel know.

DECEMBER 24 (REGULAR 8:30 AM—WORSHIP,CHOIR)

Need Volunteers: please let Joyce Wolff know if you can help-also let Laurel know.

DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP-7:30 PM)

Need Volunteers: please let Joyce Wolff know if you can help-also let Laurel know.

DECEMBER 31 (LESSONS & CAROLS)

Information not available yet.

ATTENDANCE

December 10, 2017 70

GENEROSITY TO GOD

December 10, 2017 Regular
 Hurricane Relief
 Advent

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Dec. 17	8:30 am	Worship, Holy Comm, Youth X-Mas Program, Choir
	4:00 pm	Cub Scout's Party (Bsmt)
	6:30 pm	Blue Christmas Worship
Dec. 18	11:00 am	EMT Meeting
Dec. 19	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
Dec. 20	9:00 am	Stretch CD (Fellowship Hall)
	--	No WNL
	7:00 pm	Advent Worship Service
Dec. 21	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 24	8:30 am	Worship, Choir
	7:30 pm	Candlelight X-Mas Eve Service with Holy Communion
Dec. 25	--	Happy Birthday Jesus!
Dec. 26	--	No Lectionary Bible Study
Dec. 27	9:00 am	Stretch CD (Fellowship Hall)
	--	No WNL
Dec. 31	--	Worship, Lessons & Carols
Jan. 1	--	New Year's Day
Jan. 2	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
Jan. 3	9:00 am	Stretch CD (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 pm	WNL Soul Supper
	6:00 pm	WNL Y. Classes: Queen Esther
	6:00 pm	Confirmation: Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	Change Reaction: Adult Forum
Jan. 4	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Jan. 7	8:30 am	Worship, Holy Communion, Youth Sunday

SAVE THE DATE

- December 31st, All **Committee Reports** need to be submitted BY the 31st to Laurel for the **Annual Report**. (Exception: Financial Reports that are waiting for numbers)
- Sunday, January 28th, **Annual Meeting** after worship service.

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