

## DECEMBER 24, 2017

**WELCOME VISITORS**—We extend a special welcome to anyone visiting us today. Please fill out a Pew Card and place in the offering plate. If you are interested in joining the church or have any questions, Please see Pastor Rick.

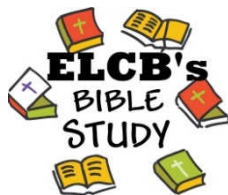


### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: TOM, LAVANE, & TIM

**HESSLER**—Please stay and greet our new members and welcome them to English Lutheran Church of Bateman at the reception in fellowship hall after the service.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**—Our Candlelight Christmas Eve worship service will start **7:00 pm tonight** and will include Holy Communion.

**LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY** — Pastor Rick is teaching a weekly Lectionary Bible Study on Tuesdays from 10 am-11am 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 will 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". **There is no class this week.**



**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 ½" PVC pipe. Any questions, contact Vicki Seidlitz or Von Wolff.

**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. Contact Pastor Tom Bryan if there is an emergency at



**EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE**—Please note the office email address has been changed to [admin@elcbateman.org](mailto: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.

**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!**



**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.

**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.



## SUPPORTING WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

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

Reader: Carol Peterson  
 Acolytes: The Ushers, Please  
 Greeters: Vonn & Joyce Wolff  
 Ushers: Ray & Carol Peterson  
 Counters: Volunteers Needed

DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP—7:30 PM, HC)

Asst Minister: Steve Thon  
 Comm Asst: Donna Harings, Joyce Wolff,  
 Linda Stockinger  
 Acolytes: The Ushers, Please  
 Greeters: Barry & Donna Harings  
 Ushers: Donna Martin & Susan Gullig  
 Counters: Volunteers Needed

DECEMBER 31 (LESSONS & CAROLS)

*Need Volunteers—Please let Joyce Wolff know if you are available and also Laurel in the office.*

### ATTENDANCE

December 17, 2017 107

### GENEROSITY TO GOD

December 17, 2017 Regular  
 Designated  
 Advent  
 Scrip  
 Energy Rebate

### 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.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Dec. 24	8:30 am	Worship, Choir
	7:00 pm	Candlelight X-Mas Eve Service with Holy Communion
Dec. 25	--	Happy Birthday Jesus!
Dec. 26	--	<b>No Lectionary Bible Study</b>
Dec. 27	9:00 am	Stretch CD (Fellowship Hall)
	--	<b>No WNL</b>
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
Jan. 8	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Jan. 9	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
Jan. 10	9:00 am	Stretch CD (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 pm	WNL Soul Supper
	6:00 pm	WNL Y. Classes: Daniel & Lions
	6:00 pm	Confirmation: Conf/Forgiveness
	6:00 pm	Change Reaction: Adult Forum
Jan. 11	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Jan. 13	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Jan. 14	8:30 am	Worship
Jan. 15	--	Deadline for Messenger Articles
	11:00 am	EMT Meeting
Jan. 16	10:00 am	Lectionary Bible Study
Jan. 17	9:00 am	Stretch CD (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 pm	WNL Soul Supper
	6:00 pm	WNL Y. Classes: Ruler from Bethl.
	6:00 pm	Confirmation: Daily Prayers
	6:00 pm	Change Reaction: Adult Forum
Jan. 18	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Jan. 19	10:45 am	Pantry Pals—Unload Truck
Jan. 20	9:00 am	Pantry Pals—Setup
	10:00 am	Pantry Pals—Distribution
Jan. 21	8:30 am	Worship, Holy Communion

## ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BATEMAN

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### ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BATEMAN STAFF:

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*(Afternoons By Appointment Only)*

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 Pat Mikesell  
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