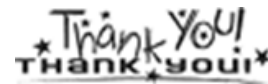


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Thanks to the Men's Group for once again cutting down two beautiful pine trees to grace our altar. The thanks also goes out to Sheri Wahlin for taking the lead with our youth and adults in beautifully decorating those trees. And we shouldn't forget to thank the person(s) who kept the trees supplied with water to prevent a fire hazard. It was surely a group effort to get all this accomplished. I think I can speak for everyone that it was greatly appreciated.

From Your Worship & Music Committee.



Council Corner – Highlights from Council Meeting January 9, 2017

The transition team reported the following:

We remain in a “pulpit supply” situation in that Pastor Jennifer, Pastor Vern Weeks, and lay leaders of our congregation will be conducting services for the next few months.

Two teams are working with St. James Trinity in Fall Creek toward shared ministry. The Pastor Interview Team is corroborating with SJT in preparing call documents. The Partnership Agreement Team is working on how ministry can be carried out between a shared pastor and the two churches.

Council decisions and announcements

The treasurer reported that we are caught up with financial obligations as of the end of 2016. A motion was passed that we set aside a monthly allotment for payment of pastoral services into an escrow account. This will be a part of the budget presented to the congregation at the annual meeting January 29.

Zoe Vogler’s resume was presented for the position of Youth Outreach Coordinator. Zoe is currently a student at Stout University with roots in Chippewa Falls and Central Lutheran Church. Darin proposed Zoe be given a weekly stipend of \$100 per week to include mileage as outreach coordinator through April. Council accepted the proposal.

Shari Wahlin led a group of families in decorating and undecorating the trees donated by the Men of English. Council joins the Worship and Music Team along with the congregation in extending thanks to the Men and to Shari and the families who assisted.

Plummer Construction has been contracted to plow our parking lot and the parsonage driveway this winter.

Committee descriptions and changes recommended by Synod Assembly 2016 will be brought to the congregation for approval at the January 29 Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Beginning January 22 members may preview a copy of the revised constitution showing the changes highlighted.

Copies of the written Annual Report will be available beginning January 22. The report will also be posted on our church website, <http://elcbateman.org/>.

PLEASE CONSIDER SIMPLY GIVING® THIS YEAR

We have been talking about Simply Giving® periodically during the past year. Simply Giving® is a confidential, no charge, automatic offering program. It allows you to give without the hassle of envelopes and check writing and helps the church by establishing a consistent flow of funds.

We encourage all members of our congregation to consider Simply Giving®. Getting started is easy. Many of our members have been enrolled for many years and enjoy the convenience of the program.

You may ask why should I consider this? Here are some reasons:

- It provides convenience to you.
- It provides much needed offering consistency for our congregation.
- It is very easy to start or make changes.
- Many church families are enrolled and enjoy its features.



It's a way to express your own personal Biblical 'First Fruit Offering'.

We know folks have been thinking about this – *why not give it a try?*

Contact Karen Rokser, Ray Peterson or Roy Thompson to get started or for more information.

Together in Christ,

Ray Peterson for ELCB Finance/Stewardship Committee



Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

- NO meal
- NO Wednesday Nite Live classes
- 7:00 p.m. Worship –Pastor Barry Boyer will preside.
- Ashes, once again, will remind us that we are dust and to dust we will return.
- The season of repentance begins.

Wednesdays March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5

- 5:30 pm Soup Suppers by various teams in the church
- 6:00-6:10 pm – Lenten devotion as a whole group
- Wednesday Nite Live classes as usual



NEW BOOKS FOR 2017

New books were just added to the library collection in January. Check the collection out and enjoy a new book during these winter months.

Nonfiction

The Seventymile Kid by Tom Walker

The 13th Gift by Joanne Huist Smith

Atlas Girl by Emily T. Wierenga

Fiction

A Texan's Promise Book 1 by Shelley Gray

A Texan's Honor Book 2 by Shelley Gray

A Texan's Choice Book 3 by Shelley Gray

When Love Returns by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Heaven Sent Rain by Lauraine Snelling

The Brickmaker's Bride by Judith Miller

Rosemary Cottage by Colleen Coble

Safe in His Arms by Colleen Coble

Heart of Mercy by Sharlene MacLaren

Whenever You Come Around by Robin Lee Hatcher

Love Everlasting by Tracie Peterson

The Heirloom Brides Collection by Kim Vogel Sawyer and three others

The Sentimental Journey Romance Collection by Cathy Marie Hake and 8 others

The Accidental Stranger by Cj Fosdick

Christmas Lights by Christine Pisera Naman

WELCA YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE IN 2017



1. Volunteers to lead in 2017 in areas of our WELCA mission:
 - a. New Baby book bags – **Jane Hvizdak and Michelle Fellom will coordinate.**
 - b. New Baby/family meals – **Michelle Fellom will coordinate.**
 - c. Thanksgiving meal for a local family **Julie Mitchell**
 - d. Agnes table **unfilled leader.**

Julie Mitchell has found a community group for second serving with WELCA funds.

- e. Open Door Clinic **Julie Mitchell coordinator. Date April 25th 2017**
- f. Easter Breakfast – **Carol Dittmar will coordinate**
- g. Bold Women's Service in February – **Carol Dittmar coordinator**
- h. Jars of Blessing – **Carol Boettcher coordinator**
- i. School Kits, Health Kits – **Carol Peterson coordinator**
- j. Yearly Enrichment program – **Karen & Julie co-coordinators**
- k. Progressive Meal – **Julie & Carol D. tentative for next summer.**
- l. 2017 Home Tour coordinator - **Coordinators Needed.**
- m. Soup supper during Lent- **Coordinator needed.**

 Quarterly Funeral leaders for 2017

January-March: Cathy Thompson, Julie Mitchell

April – June: Carol D. and Vicki S.

October-December: Karen R. and Julie M.

**Thank you,
Julie Mitchell**



WELCA SERVES OPEN DOOR CLINIC

Julie Mitchell Coordinator

DATE: April 25th 2017

Main Entrée: Salad Bar

Food to Donate:

Lettuce: 3 Large bags _____

Diced chicken _____

Diced ham _____

Large bag of cheese _____

Assortment of veggies for toppings _____ tomatoes

_____ mushrooms

_____ peppers

_____ croutons

_____ cucumbers

_____ shredded carrots

_____ bacon bits

_____ cauliflower

_____ pea pods

Hearty loaf of bread _____

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9x13 pan dessert _____


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Container of powder lemonade _____

Food should be dropped off at church on Sunday, April 23rd and placed in the refrigerator marked for Food Pantry.



February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 pm Wed Nite Live	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast
5 9 am Worship	6 6 pm EMT Meeting 7 pm Church Council	7	8 5:30 pm Wed Nite Live	9	10	11
12 9 am Worship 10:15 am Worship & Music Meeting	13	14 	15 5:30 pm Wed Nite Live	16	17 10:45 am Pantry Pals	18 9 am Pantry Pals- Set Up /10 am Food Pantry Distribution 7 am Men's Breakfast
19 9 am Worship	20	21	22 5:30 pm Wed Nite Live	23	24	25
26 9 am Worship	27	28				

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

We the family of English Lutheran Church of Bateman
are here to serve the Lord through worship, fellowship,
stewardship and discipleship.

Scrip Card Program

In 2016 we were able to pay the remaining \$500 balance of our start up loan from council and then write another check for \$1000 to the General Fund. We couldn't have done it without your continued support. Thank You! As always: *Remember to bring your checkbooks.* You should always try to at least have a Gordy's card on hand for those short stops. Every little bit helps! Cards for immediate purchase: Gordy's \$25, \$50 and \$100, Micon Cinemas \$20 (With both of these vendors we get 5% back); Chippewa Family Restaurant \$25, Culver's \$10, Wissota Meats \$10 and Holiday Gas \$50 (With these 4 vendors we get 10% back). Find Betty, Cathy, Donna or Julie S. at our table after service to make your purchase.

SERVERS FEBRUARY and MARCH 2017

Date	Reader or Assistant Minister	Communion Asst.	Acolytes	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, Feb. 5	Reader: Donna Harings		<i>Shannon and Trent Lindner</i>	Ruth Ramseier	Volunteers needed
Sunday, Feb. 12	Asst Min: Sue Hunt	Julie Mitchell	Meadow and Makenna Barone	Bob and Julie Mitchell	Charley and Yvonne Creaser
Sunday, Feb. 19	Asst Min: Karen Rokser	Carol Peterson	Eli Wahlin	Grace Kreutzfeldt	Ray and Carol Peterson
Sunday, Feb. 26	Reader: Joyce Wolff		Volunteers needed	Judy Gilles	Bob and Betty Leidholdt
Sunday, March 5	Reader: Linda Stockinger			Chris and Julie Stein	Phyllis Johnson and Ruth Ramseier
Sunday, March 12	Asst. Min: Sheri Wahlin	Donna Harings		Donna and Barry Harings	Roy and Cathy Thompson
Sunday, March 19	Asst. Min: Cedric Boettcher	Julie Mitchell		Mike and Ann Arneson	Bob and Julie Mitchell
Sunday, March 26	Reader: Sandy Winrich			Bob and Betty Leidholdt	Derek and Sheryl Lindner

*****Please email the church office at secretary@bateman.org or call the office at 715-723-4231 if you can volunteer**

As always, please switch or find a replacement if you cannot serve as scheduled. Please call the Church office at 723-4231 or email the secretary at secretary@elcbateman.org with your replacement. Thank you.