

# The Messenger

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English Lutheran Church of Bateman (ELCA)



## PANTRY UPDATE

**A** 31 Families  
**L** 104 family members  
**S** 14,818 pounds since walk in guests....

Be a part of the team! The documents for volunteers are on the Pantry Pals Community Board.

will have veteran volunteers to train you in all areas of serving your neighbors.

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- Lafayette Pantry Pals is every third Saturday.
- 8:30-10:00 am set up, all ages can volunteer.
- 10 am-12 pm volunteers only.
- Invite your neighbors to volunteer.



## ELCB members of our Pantry Pals Food Pantry Community Mission

### *Addressing Hunger in our Community*

#### Opportunities to Volunteer

We invite 4 of you to volunteer alongside our pantry team and a couple members of our community from 8 am-1 pm.

There is a document on the Pantry Pals bulletin board located across from the mailboxes for you to place your name.

#### Schedule

8:30 am-10:00 am set up our pantry.

10 am-12 noon pantry in session.

12 noon-1 pm clean up.



#### COUNCIL CORNER

The transition team reported the following to the Church Council at the December 11 meeting:

We are still 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.

Pr. Barry Boyer has agreed to teach confirmation classes through the remainder of this school year.

Jenny Sorge Nyffeler, brought on for the months of November and December as Education Coordinator, will not be continuing. Seeking someone to coordinate education activities.

#### Council decisions and announcements

Proposed Constitution Revisions were approved for Pastor Staff Relations and a new Personnel Committee

Two teams are being formed in order to work with St. James Trinity in Fall Creek on shared ministry: 1) the Pastor Interview Team and 2) the Partnership Agreement Team

Altar rail decision – The congregation was asked to vote on the issue of whether the altar rail should be left off of the chancel area. The result of the vote is that 16 persons voted to keep the rail, 24 voted to leave the rail off and 18 said they would go either way. The Council affirmed to decision to leave the rail off, but have access to it should its use be needed in the future.

There is one opening the roster of Council members. Two other position will be opening up to be elected at the Annual Meeting. A nominating committee has been formed.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is set for Sunday, January 29, 2017 after worship. Team leaders are asked to present their reports to the church office secretary.

***Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son  
And shall call his name Immanuel***

***A Message from Bishop Hoyme***

Dear Friends of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

My wife Diane went into the woods yesterday and dug up a little pine tree of unknown origin and planted it in a simple clay pot. As she stood beside it she said with great pride, "Here's our Christmas tree!" The Christmas Queen she ain't. She is a Christmas minimalist at best. But she is one of the finest Christians I know. She just gets it.

She gets love. She gets grace. She gets creation. She gets generosity. She gets patience. She gets hope. She gets kindness.

And every year when we gather around the table for Christmas Eve dinner, I wonder, how was I ever so blessed to "get" her? I don't deserve her. I sure as heck didn't earn her and lord knows, I didn't win her. She is just pure gift.

We seem to be living in a time, and in a country, where being kind is a vanishing gift. I wish more people could spend time with my family at Christmas. If being kind was given a dollar value, I would be the richest guy in the world.

Maybe that's the gift we could all focus on this year. Just be kind. Love your neighbor. Love yourself. Or as my mom used to say, "If you can't say anything nice about somebody, don't say anything at all." She actually lived that way...until she turned 90. Then she gave herself permission to get a little snarky once in a while. But until then...

I have never quite gotten this Advent "wait" thing the church talks about...but there are lots of things I don't get. So this year, I'm just going to try to be a little bit more like the woman who loves me when I'm not kind. And I'm going to work on being a little kinder...to her, to my enemies, to my friends and to Jesus. Because, I don't deserve Him either.

*Rev. Robert A. Hoyme*

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

## **Scrip Card Program**

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 our newest vendor **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.

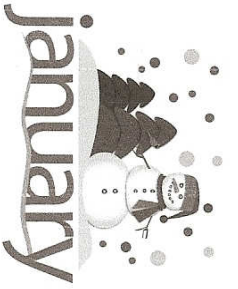
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**SERVERS JANUARY 2017**  
Sundays

Date	Reader or Asst Minister	Communion Asst	Acoloytes	Greeters	Ushers
Sun., Jan. 1	Reader: Donna Harings		<b>**Volunteers needed</b>	Grace Kreutzfeldt	Roy & Cathy Thompson
Sun., Jan. 8	Asst Min: Sue Hunt	Carol Peterson	Shannon & Trent Lindner	Ray & Carol Peterson	Bob & Betty Leidholdt
Sun., Jan. 15	Asst Min: Cedric Boettcher	Linda Stockinger	Meadow & Makenna Barone	Chris & Julie Stein	Jake & Dawn Barone
Sun., Jan. 22	Reader: Joyce Wolff		<b>**Volunteers needed</b>	Von & Joyce Wolff	Scott & Angela Bruhn
Sun., Jan. 29	Reader: Vivian Dahl		<b>**Volunteers needed</b>	Mike & Ann Arneson	Cedric & Carol Boettcher

**\*\* volunteers needed to fill these Sundays**

Please call the Church office at 723-4231 or email the secretary at [secretary@elcbateman.org](mailto:secretary@elcbateman.org) if you are able to volunteer.



# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Worship 	2	3	4 5:30 pm WNL 7:15 pm Worship Planning Team	5 6 pm Yoga	6	7
8 9 am Worship	9 6 pm EMT Meeting 7 pm Church Council	10	11 5:30 pm Wed Nite Live	12 6 pm Yoga	13	14
15 9 am Worship	16 	17	18 5:30 pm Wed Nite Live	19 6 pm Yoga	20 10:45 am Pantry Pals	21 218 am Pantry Pals Set Up 10:00 Food Pantry Distribution
22 9 am Worship	23	24	25 5:30 pm Wed Nite Live	26 6 pm Yoga	27	28
29 9 am Worship	30	31				