

# ERM NEWS

DECEMBER 2015

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ERM Office Hours: Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday afternoons 12:30-4:30pm

Bethany Office Hours: Fridays 8am-2pm

Staff Meeting Monday afternoon @ 1:30pm

Pastor Nancy's DAY OFF is Friday

Sunday Morning Worship Times:

Bethany 9am Grace 9am First 10:45am

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH

(Please contact Merigene with events planned so they can be put on the ERM Calendar)

**While Pastor Nancy is on Vacation please contact the church office first with any emergency. You will then have options of who to contact. Merigene may be reached if needed at home @ 309-667-2677**

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Office OPEN 12:30-4:30pm
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	PALS Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm hosted by Swedona Lutheran Church
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	THANKSGIVING
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	OFFICE CLOSED for holiday
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	BW WELCA Christmas Luncheon, meet @ 11:15 with meal @ 11:30
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	FS Chili & Hot Dog Supper 5pm (all are welcome)
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	ERM Board @ GO 7pm
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	FS Council Meeting 7pm
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	GO Council Meeting after Worship
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	BW Annual Reports due in office/Poinsettia orders due to Connie Bolduc
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	BW Council Meeting 8pm
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	BW Sunday School Program 9am BW Caroling 3pm
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Eve Services: GO: 4pm FS: 6pm BW: 10pm
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	MERRY CHRISTMAS! OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup> – Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pastor Nancy on VACATION
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	HAPPY NEW YEAR! OFFICE CLOSED
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	GO Annual Meeting
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	BW Annual Meeting
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	FS Annual Meeting

### **PASTORAL VISITATIONS**

We would like to keep in touch with those members who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or home bound. If you would like the pastor to visit, please contact her or the church office.

We appreciate knowing when members are **in the hospital**, and would appreciate knowing when members are **released from hospitals**.

### **PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Your help and cooperation is needed in helping Pr Nancy to respond to phone calls and messages.

It is best to contact

**Pastor Nancy Jaster** at (309) 334-2322  
prnancy@divcominc.net

### **ERM/Bethany Office Hours**

**Merigene will be in the office @ Bethany:**  
**Mon-Tues-Wed afternoons 12:30p-4:30p**  
**Merigene will be in the office:**  
**Fridays 8:00a-2:00p**

**ERM/Bethany Phone: 309-334-2144**  
**ERM email: [edrivmin@gmail.com](mailto:edrivmin@gmail.com)**

**Staff Meeting Monday @ 1:30p at Bethany**

Pastor Nancy takes Fridays as her Day Off

### **ERM WEBSITE**

The website is available at:  
**[www.edwardsriverministry.org](http://www.edwardsriverministry.org)**

### **ERM Sister/Companion Church**

Emmaus Church  
Rev. D. Jayakaran  
40 Main Road, Nellikuppam  
607 105 Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadus, India  
Email: rev\_jayakaran@yahoo.com

### **Foot Clinic**

United Church, Woodhull  
Thursday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
1:00-4:00p

Appointments may be made with parish nurses  
Bev @ 334-2412 or Lynn @ 334-2672  
The nurses do foot soaks and toenail clipping.  
The cost is \$27.00 and you need to bring  
2 bath towels and one washcloth.

### **AlWood Food Pantry**

**Open the 1st Tuesday of each month**  
**10-11am and 6-7pm**

The Food Pantry is located in the Oxford  
Township Hall in Alpha next to the  
Oxford Township Fire Dept.  
Contact Harriet Peterson @ 334-2276  
Al Nordquist @ 334-2264

### **Sherrard Food Pantry**

517 3rd St., Sherrard, IL

**Hours of Operation:**  
**Every Tuesday 2:00p - 4:00p**  
**Every Thursday 5:30p - 7p**

### **New Windsor Food Pantry**

**Open the 2nd Friday of each month**  
**12:30p - 2:00p**  
Please contact:  
Cyndi Adams @ 667-2493

### **ERM Churches Sunday Schedules**

#### **Bethany:**

Worship: 9am  
Coffee Fellowship: 10:00a  
3D: Dedicated, Driven, Determined teen group  
Children's Choir: 10:15a  
Sunday School/Confirmation: 10:30a  
Adult Bell Choir: Thurs. 5:45p  
Adult Senior Choir: Thurs. 7p

#### **Grace:**

Worship: 9:00a  
Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00a

#### **First:**

Adult Bible Study: 10:00am  
Worship: 10:45a

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### BETHANY

**Lectors:**

12/6 Mary Stiers  
12/13 Connie Bolduc  
12/20 Brecken Adamson  
12/24 Randy Larson  
12/27 Jeana Fors  
1/3 Harriet Peterson

**Ushers:**

12/6 Gene & Barb Colburn  
12/13 Gary J. / Harriet P.  
12/20 Jim & Kelly Luallen  
12/24 Donita C. & Dave P.  
12/27 Rich & Janice Maher  
1/3 Dave & Marty Johnson

**Greeters:**

12/6 Mike & Pam Maher Family  
12/13 Jean Rehn  
12/20 Gene & Shirley Brown  
12/24 Al & Peggy Nordquist  
12/27 Jodie & Shannon McNally Family  
1/3 Ryan Colburn

**Prayer Asst:**

12/6 Marvin Watters  
12/13 Connie Bolduc  
12/20 None  
12/24 Mary Stiers  
12/27 Barbara Fors  
1/3 Kristi VerHeecke

**Communion Asst:**

12/6 Jim Luallen  
12/20 Candy Tschappat  
12/24 Jim L., Candy T., Jeana F.  
1/3 Jeana Fors

**Acolyte:**

12/6 Hannah Maher  
12/13 Lily McNally  
12/20 Morgan Wirt  
12/24 Hannah Maher  
12/27 Lily McNally  
1/3 Morgan Wirt

**Funeral Committee Oct. Nov. Dec.**

Connie Bolduc 334-2530  
Harriet Peterson 334-2276  
Shirley Brown 937-1633

**Rotation of Callers**

Dec. Verna Bergstrom

### GRACE

**Organist:** Elizabeth Robinson

**Altar:**

12/6 Gwen Blais  
12/20 Gwen Blais  
12/24 Gwen Blais

**Ushers:** Richard Peterson & Ross Olson

**Assisting Minister:**

12/6 Anna Willett  
12/20 Maxine McKinley  
12/24 Richard Peterson

**Greeters:**

12/6 Anna Willett  
12/13 Georgia Smith  
12/20 Maxine McKinley  
12/24 Richard Peterson  
12/27 Maxine McKinley

**Lectors:**

12/6 Anna Willett  
12/13 Georgia Smith  
12/20 Maxine McKinley  
12/24 Richard Peterson  
12/27 Maxine McKinley

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**For all those who serve our nation** in this time of peril, for our President and our national leaders, and those who serve in the Armed Forces, especially

**Jason Brown, Lindsey Carlson, Michael Matheson, Jake Holman, Alex Frew, Tony Williams, Brad Williams, Matthew Broline** that God may watch over us all and lead us through this time into a time of peace.

### **Those with continuing health problems:**

Jerre Bubon, Derek Willett, John & June Molburg, Ruth Curry, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Millie Nelson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Pr. Jane McChesney, Kameron Brown, Debbie Anderson, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Damaris Miller, Rob Burton, Terry Corken, Tim Heyvaett, Charlie McClaine, Emma Gerard, Bob Snyder, Truman Nehls, Linda Lingard, Dickson Putney, Shirley Norberg

**Deaths:** Vivian "Skip" Allison, Elwyn Borkgren, Jane Streeter, Dorothy Hammerlund

### **Southwest Conference Mission Partner:**

The ELCA World Hunger Foods Resource Bank:  
Chota Project in Peru

### **Our Companion Synod:**

North Central Diocese of Tanzania, Interim Bishop

**ERM Sister Congregation:** Emmaus Church, India

**Our Faith Fellowship:** The churches and members of the Edwards River Ministry

### **December Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rick & Martha Borkgren	01
Calvin & Jesse Taylor	01
Matt & Mandy Miller	02
Gale & Renee Bramlett	27
Gaylen & Barb Elliott	29
Terry & Jill Nelson	29
Jason & Megan Hancock	29
Patrick & Emily Morland	30

### **December Baptismal Anniversaries:**

Donald Willett	07
Greg Miller	15
Merideth Willett	20
Rhonda Miller	21
Wes Carlson	24

### **December Birthdays:**

Stephanie Spears	02
Ken Kremer	03
Brant Peterson	03
Wes Carlson	03
Samuel Miller	03
Emma Gerard	04
Amber Wirt	04
Garry Peterson	05
Paul Corken	05
Liz Robinson	06
Chris Peteson	08
Jennifer Nelson	08
Clayton Corken	08
Tony Dertz	09
Larry Rhodenbaugh	09
Jamie Bolduc	10
Marion Calmer	10
David Johnson	10
Jaci Maher	10
Nick Tschappat	10
Brenda Peterson	13
Justin Mooney	14
Karl Peterson	16
Garrett Adamson	18
Craig Willett	18
Lindsay Colburn	21
Timothy Bainbridge	23
Karleen Larson	23
Darla Peterson	23
Chad Johnson	23
JESUS	25
Reese Tschappat	27
Mike Brown	28
Brad Johnson	28
Nancy Rhodenbaugh	28
Emily Fairbrother	29
Joe Lindquist	30
Darlene Peterson	30
Ella Strader	30
Georgia Smith	30
Greg Frew	31

**GRACE:**

**GO Council Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> after worship**

**Christmas Eve Worship 4pm**

**December Newsletter Sponsor:  
Steve & Shelia Nelson**

**FIRST:**

**FS Council Meeting: Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

**Christmas Eve Worship: 6pm**

The first Sunday of the month is designated  
**Food Pantry Sunday.**

All loose offering goes to the Sherrard Food Pantry.  
Food, cleaning supplies & paper products can  
be brought all month long.  
Thanks to all who participate.

Beginning in December we will have communion  
on the first & third Sundays of the month.

Collecting items for our 3 college care kits.  
The last day to bring items is December 6<sup>th</sup>.

On **December 6<sup>th</sup>** we will have a chili and hot dog supper  
at 5pm with a Christmas craft afterwards.  
This Advent event is open to the community.

Anyone interested in a community garden to be started in  
the spring should contact Gary Dierolf @ 309-526-8930.

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**Bethany**

**Thank You...**

Thank you to all of Bethany congregation and Pastor Nancy for  
visits, cards, prayers, a prayer shawl while I was in the hospital  
and restorative care. God Bless You . **Leland Peterson**

**Thank You....**

We would like to thank our friends and family from Bethany who  
helped us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in so many ways. Your  
thoughts, wishes, cards and gifts were greatly appreciated.  
Special thanks to those who were able to come to the Open  
House. It made our celebration a very enjoyable occasion. **Dave  
& Marty Johnson**

**Thanks** to all of you for your continued cards, prayers and visits. I  
am slowly improving. I have moved to a new apartment at  
Courtyard - #108. **Dorothy Hammerlund**

**BW ANNUAL REPORTS DUE IN OFFICE BY DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**BETHANY:**

**WELCA Christmas Luncheon: Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Meet @ 11:15, with meal @ 11:30**

**BW Council Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm**

**Christmas Eve Worship: 10pm**

**Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm**

**NOTICE: THE DRIVE UP LANE IN THE PARKING LOT MUST BE  
KEPT OPEN AT ALL TIMES.**

THIS LANE IS USED TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP THOSE  
ATTENDING CHURCH & OTHER EVENTS.

Reminder that we are still collecting "undies" and  
socks for the AIWood Schools. Preschool size is most  
needed at this time. Thanks for your continued  
support of this project.

**Reminder:** Money for **ALTAR FLOWERS** should be given to  
Betty Swanson. Checks should be made to WELCA.  
The cost for 2 vases is \$40.

Money for **bulletins** should be given to Jeana Fors.  
Checks should be made to BETHANY.  
The cost for bulletins is \$10.

If you mail your offering, please send it to the church  
and not Jeana's home address.

The confirmation class is collecting **aluminum pop tabs** for the  
Ronald McDonald House. Please place them in the box in the  
narthex. THANKS!

The **first Sunday** of each month is designated **Food Pantry  
Sunday** at Bethany.

**Thank You...**

A big THANK YOU to the Bethany Sunday School children for  
collecting 545 items (canned goods, paper products) and \$125  
for the AIWood Food Pantry on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely, **AIWood Food Pantry**

If you wish to place a poinsettia in church for Christmas Eve  
please call Connie Bolduc @ 309-334-2530 **by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**. The  
cost will be \$12 payable to Connie and they will be purchased  
from Enchanted Florist in Orion.

If you picked an ANGEL from the tree please bring the  
UNWRAPPED gifts to the church no later than Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>,

If you picked a DOVE from the tree please remember your  
shut in with a call, visit, gift or offer to help in any way.

**Choral Dynamics Christmas Show, "Glad Tidings We Bring"**  
presented Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm and Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2p at the  
Orpheum Theatre in Galesburg. Call 309-342-2299 for tickets.  
Knox County Teen Court is the beneficiary of this show.

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