

# ERM NEWS

JANUARY 2016

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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**

*Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts and well wishes we received during the holiday season. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.  
Wishing all a joyous, prosperous and blessed New Year!  
Pastor Nancy Merigene*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup> – Jan. 3 <sup>d</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	
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday	host churches to be determined
Feb. 17-Mar. 16	PALS Lenten Series	host churches to be determined
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday	host churches to be determined
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	Bethany hosting
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Easter	church times to be determined
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	ERM ANNUAL MEETING & JOINT WORSHIP hosted by FS	

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER WATCH WQAD CHANNEL 8  
LOOK ON FACEBOOK FOR ANY CANCELLATIONS**

### **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](mailto:rev_jayakaran@yahoo.com)

### **Foot Clinic**

United Church, Woodhull

Thursday, **January 21st**

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:**

1/3 Harriet Peterson  
1/10  
1/17  
1/24  
1/31  
2/7

**Ushers:**

1/3 Dave & Marty Johnson  
1/10  
1/17  
1/24  
1/31  
2/7

**Greeters:**

1/3 Ryan Colburn  
1/10  
1/17  
1/24  
1/31  
2/7

**Prayer Asst:**

1/3 Kristi VerHeecke  
1/10  
1/17  
1/24  
1/31  
2/7

**Communion Asst:**

1/3 Jeana Fors  
1/17  
2/7

**Acolyte:**

1/3 Morgan Wirt  
1/10  
1/17  
1/24  
1/31

**Funeral Committee Jan-Feb-Mar**

Connie Bolduc 334-2530  
Betty Swanson 334-2692  
Patty Olson 334-2527

**Rotation of Callers**

**GRACE**

**Organist:**

Elizabeth Robinson

**Ushers:** Greg, Rhonda & Matt Miller

**Altar:**

1/3 Rhonda Miller  
1/17 Rhonda Miller

**Assisting Minister:**

1/3 Anna Willett  
1/17 Rhea Johnson

**Greeters:**

1/3 Anna Willett  
1/10 Georgia Smith  
1/17 Rhea Johnson  
1/24 Gwen Blais  
1/31 Maxine McKinley

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## **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, Kyle Gerber** that God may watch over us all and lead us through this time into a time of peace.

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

Emma Gerard, Bob Snyder, Truman Nehls, Shirley Norberg, Ruby Swanson, Leland Peterson, Debbie Anderson, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Pr. Jane McChesney, Damaris Miller, Rob Burton, Terry Strader, Betty Hickman, Carol St. John, Dick Child, Stephanie Corken, Jerre Bubon, Derek Willett, John & June Molburg, Ruth Curry, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Millie Nelson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Kameron Brown, Kenneth Shepherd, Gary Johnson, Lucy Newman, Allene Hall, Harriet Peterson, Dorothy Johnson, Annette McKey, Dorothy Nelson

**Deaths:** Dick Putney, Esther Crider, De. G.W. Douglas, Ruby Swanson

### **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

### **January Wedding Anniversaries:**

Jim & Carol Brown	01
Ron & Peggy Pettit	02
George & Patrice Wirt	24
Gary & Karen Adamson	30

### **January Baptismal Anniversaries:**

Peggy Pettit	23
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### **January Birthdays:**

Britta Watters	01
Donald Dahlstrom	04
Jodie McNally	04
Kim Engstrom	04
Kelli Johnson	05
Ann Larson	05
Greg Bloomberg	06
Matt Miller	06
Carol Eiker	07
Dorothy Johnson	07
Audrey Lindsey	07
Rubie Watson	07
Laurie Allen	08
Trevor Carlson	08
Caroline Castaline	10
Lucy Newman	11
Carsen Curry	11
Don Henrikson	12
Todd Beck	13
Carson Taylor	15
Colin Watters	16
Scott Swanson	17
Joshua Bainbridge	18
Forrest McKey	18
Doug Swanson	18
Larry McKinley	18
Hunter Price	18
Ron Pettit	19
Kenneth Shepherd	19
Stephanie Johnson	20
Beau Peterson	20
Karen Adamson	21
Natalie Gasper	21
Lily Fairbrother	21
Jacob Johnson	22
Kim Bowers	26
Dain Luallen	27
Lori Nimrick	27
Shelia Nelson	28
Emily Smith	28
Scott McNeil	29
Alex Borkgren	30
Ann Olson	31

**GRACE:**

**GO Council Meeting:** Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> after worship  
REPORTS DUE DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Meeting Books will be printed Jan. 13th**

**Annual Meeting January 17<sup>th</sup> after worship**

**January Newsletter Sponsor:  
Maxine McKinley**

**FIRST:**

**FS Council Meeting:** Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Meeting January 31<sup>st</sup> after worship**

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.

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

**Thanks to all who donated to our college care kits  
and to our Christmas family.**

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**BETHANY CONTINUED....**

**Thank you...**

Thanks to our great choir for including me in their night of  
caroling. I also wish to thank WELCA for the plate of  
Christmas cookies and beautiful poinsettia brought to my  
home. **Audrey Lindsey**

**BETHANY:**

**Hope Unit:** Thursday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 9am Barb Fors Hostess

**BW Council Meeting:** Thursday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 8pm

**Annual Meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> after worship**

**Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm  
(Weather Permitting)**

**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 AlWood 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  
Peggy Nordquist. 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.

The family of Dorothy Hammerlund wants to thank you for  
your kind expressions of sympathy – food, flowers, memorials,  
stories of her life. We know that were are so very blessed to  
have had our Mother/Grandmother /Great Grandmother in  
our lives for so many years. Mother loved Bethany and her  
members. She learned her moral and religious values at  
Bethany and practiced them throughout her life. Thanks to all  
of you for being a part of her life. Thanks to Pastor for your  
many visits throughout the years; thanks to Pam & Denise for  
your special music; thanks to the WELCA for your friendship  
and serving lunch; thanks to the quilters of Bethany who made  
u all cry when we saw the wreath which reflected the essence  
of Dorothy. **Bob & Verna Bergstrom family**

The Bethany Quilters have made and donated 91 full size  
quilts (this includes 38 sent to LWR) and 110 lap robes to  
nursing homes, assisted living facilities, veterans homes, Safe  
Harbor, numerous individuals at Bethany and friends of  
Bethany. We thank you all for your donations of fabric and  
cash to purchase batting and backing. We enjoy our Tuesday  
mornings together and welcome new members.  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS!!

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