

ERM NEWS

MARCH 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 15th OF THE MONTH

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

OFFICE WILL BE OPEN THURSDAY, MARCH 24th 12:30-4:30pm

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, MARCH 25th

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MARCH 28th

PALS LENTEN SCHEDULE

Midweek Meal served from 5:30-6:30pm Service 7pm

	Mar. 2 nd	First Lutheran
	Mar. 9 th	Swedona Lutheran
	Mar. 16 th	Sherrard Presbyterian
Maundy Thursday	Mar. 24 th	Sherrard Presbyterian 12pm Calvary Lutheran 7pm
Good Friday	Mar. 25 th	Bethany Lutheran 7pm
Easter	Mar. 27 th	GO-7am BW-9am FS-10:45am

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
WELCA BREAKFAST & BAKESALE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th

7am – 10am

Breakfast Casseroles

Baked Goods

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

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

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, **March 17th**

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

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:

3/6 Lily McNally
3/13 Barbara Fors
3/20 Marvin Watters
3/27 Mary Stiers
4/3 Connie Bolduc

Ushers:

3/6 Gene & Barb Colburn
3/13 Ryan & Patty Colburn
3/20 Donita Creek/Dave Peterson
3/27 Rich & Janice Maher
4/3 Jim & Kelly Luallen

Greeters:

3/6 Bob Eiker
3/13 Dave & Marty Johnson
3/20 Gary Johnson
3/27 Gene & Shirley Brown
4/3 Gwen Strand

Prayer Asst:

3/6 Jeana Fors
3/13 Megan Hancock
3/20 Kristi VerHeecke
3/27 Randy Larson
4/3 Kelly Luallen

Communion Asst:

3/6 Carol Eiker
3/20 Kristi VerHeecke
3/27 Doug Swanson/Carol Eiker
4/3 Candy Tschappat

Acolyte:

3/6 Lily McNally
3/13 Morgan Wirt
3/20 Hannah Maher
3/27 Lily McNally
4/3 Morgan Wirt

Funeral Committee Jan-Feb-Mar

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

Rotation of Callers

Mar. & Apr. Mary Stiers
May & June Verna Bergstrom
July & Aug. Harriet Peterson
Sep. & Oct. Lucy Newman
Nov. Kelly Luallen
Dec. Mary Stiers

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Ushers: Greg, Rhonda & Matt Miller

Altar:

3/6 Rhea Johnson
3/20 Rhea Johnson

Assisting Minister:

3/6 Rhea Johnson
3/20 Anna Willett
3/27 Richard Peterson

Greeters:

3/6 Rhea Johnson
3/13 Ross Olson
3/20 Anna Willett
3/27 Richard Peterson

Lectors:

3/6 Rhea Johnson
3/13 Ross Olson
3/20 Anna Willett
3/27 Richard Peterson

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:

Debbie Anderson, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Pr. Jane McChesney, Damaris Miller, Betty Hickman, Carol St. John, Dick Child, Stephanie Corken, Charlie McClaine, Tim Heyvaert, Jerre Bubon, Derek Willett, John & June Molburg, Ruth Curry, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Millie Nelson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Maxine McKinley, Dorothy Anderson, Truman Nehls, John Patterson,

Deaths:

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

March Baptismal Anniversaries:

June Molburg	02
Kim Engstrom	13
Rhea Johnson	18
Ross Olson	29

March Wedding Anniversaries:

Barry & Anna Willett	01
Casey & Jennifer Adamson	15
Philip & Amber Wirt	27
Dale & Connie Sundberg	29

March Birthdays:

Kelly Price	01
Roxanne Dierolf	01
Lyle Williams	02
Joyce Falline	03
Kenneth Barman	04
Peyton Taylor	06
Greg Wright	06
Jodi Papini	08
Neal Nelson	09
Todd Swanson	09
Diane Grim	10
Barb Nelson	10
Hayley McDowell	11
Ryan Bramlett	11
Yvonne Grothusen	12
Kelly Williams	12
Pam Eiker	14
Caden Elliott	15
Lilly Elliott	15
Dean McNally	16
India Price	17
Jill Nelson	17
Jeana Fors	18
Ron Peterson	18
Rodney Swanson	18
Emersyn Wirt	20
Belinda Webb	21
Todd Anderson	21
Bob Bergstrom	21
Jason Borkgren	22
Max Larson	23
Brooke Crawford	24
Sid Anderson	24
Lucille Bergstrom	26
Jim Bergstrom	28
Gary D. Johnson	28
Bryan Johnson	31
Byron Swanson	31

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, March 13th after worship

EASTER WORSHIP MARCH 27th @ 7am
Brunch to follow worship

March Newsletter Sponsors: Ron & Peggy Pettit

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, March 10th 7pm

Altar Guild: Patty Swanson

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.

BETHANY CONTINUED....

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
WELCA BREAKFAST & BAKESALE
SATURDAY, APRIL 9th
7am – 10am
Breakfast Casseroles
Baked Goods

All women of Bethany Lutheran Church are
members of WELCA and are encouraged to help by
donating food, working or making a monetary donation.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact:

Barb McNeil @ 309-334-2383

Harriet Peterson @309-334-2276

BETHANY:

Hope Unit: Thursday, March 17th Hostess: Peggy N.

BW Council Meeting: Thursday, March 17th 8pm

Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm

BETHANY WORK DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 12th
8:00am -??

**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.

Building & Bathroom checks should be made out separately.

These are not General Fund Accounts.

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.

Great News!!!!

The restroom renovation project at Bethany is
underway. The work began Feb. 3rd. This is exciting.
If anyone would like to help with the funding for it
donations are always appreciated. It is a big project as
we seek to make it accessible for everyone. Donations
can be given to the church with the note
"restroom renovation".

The restroom project & Building Fund are separate
accounts and are not included in the General Fund.

Thank You....

Thank you for the cookies and the poinsettia at the
holidays. They were greatly appreciated and I really
enjoyed them.

Richard Swanson

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