

ERM NEWS

APRIL 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)

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

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

Pastor Nancy on VACATION April 19th through April 25th

**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**

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, **April 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

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:

4/3 Connie Bolduc
4/10 Jeana Fors
4/17 Lily McNally
4/24 Nancy Swanson
5/1 Verna Bergstrom

Ushers:

4/3 Gary J. & Marvin W.
4/10 Gary J. & Harriet P.
4/17 Jason H. & Bob E.
4/24 Dave & Marty Johnson
5/1 Bob & Verna Bergstrom

Greeters:

4/3 Gwen Strand
4/10 Marvin & Ann Watters
4/17 Barb McNeil
4/24 Donita Creek
5/1 Al & Peg Nordquist

Prayer Asst:

4/3 Marvin Watters
4/10 Barbara Fors
4/17 NONE
4/24 Denise Eiker
5/1 Verna Bergstrom

Communion Asst:

4/3 Candy Tschappat
4/17 Candy Tschappat
5/1 NEEDED

Acolyte:

4/3 Morgan Wirt
4/10 Hannah Maher
4/17 Lily McNally
4/24 Morgan Wirt
5/1 Hannah Maher

Funeral Committee April-May -June

Deed Nehls 334-2911
Peg Nordquist 334-2264
Barb McNeil 334-2383

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: Richard Peterson/Ross Olson

Altar:

4/3 Maxine McKinley
4/17 Maxine McKinley

Assisting Minister:

4/3 Anna Willett
4/17 Maxine McKinley

Greeters:

4/3 Anna Willett
4/10 Georgia Smith
4/17 Gwen Blais
4/24 Maxine McKinley

Lectors:

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4/24 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, 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:

Truman Nehls, Leland Peterson, Dorothy Johnson, John Guild, Jerre Bubon, Derek Willett, Ruth Curry, John & June Molburg, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Pr. Jane McChesney, Maxine McKinley, Deb Hannam, Janis Bell, Lorna Rainey, Carole Batterton

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

April Wedding Anniversaries:

Zack & Ellie Larson	05
Steve & Connie Lemon	08
Jeana Fors & Jim Hecht Jr.	14
Lloyd & Joanne Carlson	14
Gene & Shirley Brown	16
Gene & Barb Colburn	17
Larry & Nancy Rhodenbaugh	19
Tim & Mandy Jochim	19
Brent & Angie Litton	30

April Birthdays:

Megan Hancock	01
Kelly Luallen	01
Jeff Maher	01
Barbara Peterson	01
Barbara Fors	02
Miriam Landes	03
Shirley Miller	04
Matthew Maher	05
Jeff Newman	06
Sarah Blaine	08
Barbara Colburn	08
Ellie Larson	09
Joyce Bloomberg	09
Tyler Litton	09
Gwen Strand	10
Gavin VerHeecke	12
LaVerne Hansen	13
Martha Borkgren	14
Fern Swanson	14
Jenny Dierolf	
Dale Sundberg	15
Diane Bloomberg	16
Sandy Snyder	16
Trent Jochim	16
Lyndi LeMay	17
Craig Yard	17
Owen Curry	17
Dennis Colburn	18
Betty Henrikson	19
Denise Eiker	20
Bruce Williams	21
Al Bowers	25
June Bolin	26
Pam Ryan	27
Don Vail	27
Kaylee Collinson	29
Connie Wasson	30

April Baptismal Anniversaries:

Chad Johnson	04
Millie Nelson	10
Elizabeth Robinson	17
Kelly Price	19
Mary Olson	21
Emily Smith	22
Michael Smith	22

BETHANY:

Hope Unit: Thursday, April 21st

Hostess: Lucy Newman

BW Council Meeting: Thursday, April 21st 8pm

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 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.

Wedding Announcement...

Congratulations to Katie Luallen & Levi Mason who were married at Stillman Inn Chapel in Galena on March 5th.

A reception will be held in their honor on April 9th at Visions Venue, 2093 Knox Road 150 E Galesburg.

Blessings to them as they begin their life together.

Community Bridal Shower/Salad Luncheon:

A Community Bridal Shower/Salad Luncheon will be held on Sunday, **April 24**, beginning at 12:30pm. The Bridal Shower will be in honor of recent bride, **Katie Luallen Mason**, wife of **Levi Mason**, son of Richard & Ginger Mason. Katie is the daughter of Jim & Kelly Luallen of Alpha. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the Bridal Shower/Salad Luncheon at Bethany Lutheran Church. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Bergners/Youngers and Wal Mart.

Graduation Sunday will be **May 15th**. If you know of any 8th grade, high school or college graduates please inform the church office of the graduate's name, or contact a member of the Witness & Service Committee: Mary Stiers, Patty Colburn, Verna Bergstrom, Harriet Peterson, Kristi VerHeecke or Candy Tschappat.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, April 10th after worship

April Newsletter Sponsors:

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, April 14th 7pm

Altar Guild: Patty Swanson & Fern 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.

Thanks to all who donated to our Easter family!

SWEDISH DINNER

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altona will host their annual Swedish Dinner on Saturday, **April 9th**. There will be seatings at 5pm and 6:30pm. Reservations are required. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 10 & under. Carry outs are available. Call 484-5551 or 484-5251 for tickets.

YARD SALE

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois will be having a Yard Sale on **April 15th** from 8am – 2pm. We would appreciate any donations for the yard sale! Donations can be dropped off from Monday, April 11th to Thursday, April 14th at 4pm @ 167 N. Kellogg St., Galesburg. We are also hunting for volunteers to help set up the yard sale on Friday, April 15th @ 6:30am. Please call Rene at 309-343-7681 with any questions. The proceeds of the sale will be used for foster parent recruitment.

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Woodhull, IL 61490-0459**

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