

ERM NEWS

MAY 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)

CONFIRMATION

Lily McNally, Hannah Maher & Morgan Wirt have completed their requirements and will be confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 29th:

Samuel Miller has completed his requirements and will be confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 5th.

Congratulations! May you grow in faith every day!
Thank you to Pam Eiker for providing the confirmation instruction.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 30th for MEMORIAL DAY

2016 Graduates

India Price	Orion High School	daughter of Jim & Kelly Price, Lynn Center
Aliza Johnson	AlWood High School	daughter of Marion Calmer & Chris Johnson

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, **May 19th**

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:

5/1 Verna Bergstrom
5/8 Randy Larson
5/15 Lily McNally
5/22 Mary Stiers
5/29 Nancy Swanson
6/5 Kristi VerHeecke

Ushers:

5/1 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
5/8 Donita Creek/Harriet Peterson
5/15 Gene & Shirley Brown
5/22 Gary Johnson /Marvin Watters
5/29 Dave & Marty Johnson
6/5 George Wirt & Morgan Wirt

Greeters:

5/1 Al & Peg Nordquist
5/8 Barbara Fors
5/15 Jim & Kelly Luallen
5/22 Rich & Janice Maher
5/29 Dennis & Patty Colburn
6/5 Jason Hancock Family

Prayer Asst:

5/1 Verna Bergstrom
5/8 Jeana Fors
5/15 None
5/22 Connie Bolduc
5/29 Marvin Watters
6/5 Kelly Luallen

Communion Asst:

5/1
5/15 Carol Eiker
5/29
6/5 Jeana Fors

Acolyte:

5/1 Hannah Maher
5/8 Lily McNally
5/15 Morgan Wirt
5/22 Hannah Maher
5/29 Lily McNally
6/5 Morgan Wirt

Funeral Committee April-May -June

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

Rotation of Callers

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

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Altar:

5/1 Anna Willett
5/15 Anna Willett

Ushers: Mahlon & Rhea Johnson

Assisting Minister:

5/1 Richard Peterson
5/15 Anna Willett

Greeters:

5/1 Richard Peterson
5/8 Rhea Johnson
5/15 Anna Willett
5/22 Maxine McKinley
5/29 Gwen Strand

Lectors:

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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:

Jerre Bubon, Ruth Curry, Derek Willett, Alice Reed, John & June Molburg, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Millie Nelson, Norma Stromquist, Pr. Jane McChesney, Kameron Brown, Georgia & Marybeth Smith, Kim Engstrom, Maxine McKinley, Jeanne Watters, Dorothy Johnson, Janis Bell, Carole Batterton, Truman Nehls, John Guild, Debbie Anderson, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Stephanie Corken, Tim Heyvaert, Damaris Miller, Betty Hickman, Dick Child, Carol St. John, Scott Falline, Dorothy Elliott

Deaths: Raymond Carlson, Rodney Dorman

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

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, **May 8th** after worship

THRIFTY ON 150

Saturday, **May 7th**

8:30-11:00am

Bake Sale/Trash & Treasure @ Grace

Samuel Miller will celebrate his Affirmation of Baptism On Sunday, June 5th during worship.

Thank You...

Thank you for all the prayers and thoughts at the time of my brother, Raymond Carlson's death. **Maxine McKinley**

May Birthdays

Kayden Smith	01
Kevin Colburn	03
Brittney Litton	03
Christopher Wright	03
Jesse Taylor	04
Monty Bolduc	05
Blake Nimrick	06
Melissa Holton	08
Presley Borkgren	09
James Kepner	10
John Dierolf	12
Jerre Bubon	14
Susan Johnson	14
Macy Papini	14
Dean Peterson	14
Debbie Dertz	15
Vicki Grothusen	19
Wayne Hannam	20
Connie Bolduc	20
Shirley Child	20
Amanda Faith	22
Gene Brown	23
Loren Cain	24
Glenn Swanson	24
Jack Tschappat	24
Richard Maher	26
Terry Brown	26
Truman Nehls	27
Angelo Encapera	27
Karl Swanson	27
Lloyd Carlson	28
Jon Booker	28
Jeff Bell	30

May Baptismal Anniversaries:

Laura Hines	01
Matt Miller	04
Samuel Miller	09
Georgia Smith	24

May Wedding Anniversaries:

Michael & Marybeth Smith	05
Mike & Debbie Dertz	05
Greg & Diane Frew	06
Monty & Connie Bolduc	08
Jim & Kelly Luallen	14
Randy & Pam Ryan	15
Charlie & Georgia Smith	19
Lyle & Marilyn Williams	19
Kevin & Kimberly Elliott	24
Scott & Becky McNeil	25
Ken & Connie Kremer	28
Truman & Deed Nehls	29
Ryan & Ashley Bramlett	31

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, May 12th 7pm

WORK DAY SATURDAY, MAY 14th 9am
LOTS TO DO!

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/United Church of Woodhull

VBS Planning Meetings

Tuesday, May 17th
Tuesday, June 21st
6:30pm

If you are interested in helping with VBS or just helping in the
planning & preparing, feel free to attend.
The meetings will be in the fellowship hall @ United.

Terry Stroud Benefit

Saturday, May 14th
6-11:55pm

Genesio's Bar & Grill in Woodhull
Silent Auction, Raffles, Good Food, Entertainment,
50/50, Bake Sale & Video Booth

Scott Falline is a patient at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida
awaiting a heart transplant.

If you would like to send a card, his address is:
Attn: Scott Falline

Mayo Building & Hospital Patient Care
Unit 2 – Cardiovascular
4500 San Pablo Road
Jacksonville, FL 32224

GOOD NEWS!!!!

The bathroom project at Bethany is complete! We would like to
thank several people for all their help: Dereck for HAVA,
electrical, and drainage work; Lucy, Pam & Nancy for picking out
materials and painting; George, Phil, Jeremy Hand, Dennis, Ryan,
Bob & Hoop for helping handling materials; Verna for organizing
cleanup, and the many ladies who helped clean the kitchen.
Sorry if we forgot anyone. Also thanks to members for their
patience and for their generous donations. We raised most, but
not all of the costs of the project, so donations are still being
accepted.

Doug Swanson, Property Committee

BETHANY:

WELCA: Thursday, May 5th 1pm
Hostesses: Lucy Newman & Gwen Strand

Hope Unit: Thursday, May 19th 9am
Hostess: Gwen Strand

BW Council Meeting: Thursday, May 19th 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.

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.

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,
Candy Tschappat or Lucy Newman.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make our breakfast/
bake sale a big success! We appreciate all those who worked,
contributed food or money and washed all the dishes,
silverware and kitchen items and drawers before the
breakfast. Thank you to the quilting ladies for the quilts to
raffle. God Bless You All! **Harriet Peterson**

Thank You...

Thank you to the group of ladies who took the time to clean
the shelves and every toy in the basement at Bethany. A
special thanks from the MOMS of the children who play with
the toys. We appreciate you thinking of the children.

OPEN HOUSE

An Open House will be held in honor of Sherrie Taylor in
appreciation for years of public service on
Sunday, May 1st from 3-5pm @ AlWood High School.

This is hosted by:
Alpha Village Board,
AlWood Board of Education
Woodhull Village Board.

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