

ERM NEWS

JUNE 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)

**Pastor Nancy will be on RETREAT @ Luther Academy of the Rockies
June 20th through July 4th**

In case of emergency please call the church office.

If it is after hours please listen to the message for further instructions.

Secretary Merigene Cooper may be reached at her home @309-667-2677 if necessary.

Baptism

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Confirmation

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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, **June 16th**

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

Grace:

Worship: 9:00a

Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00a

First:

Adult Bible Study: 10:00am

Worship: 10:45a

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:

6/5 Kristi VerHeecke
6/12 Pam Eiker
6/19 Barbara Fors
6/26 Verna Bergstrom
7/3 Harriet Peterson

Ushers

6/5 George Wirt & Morgan Wirt
6/12 Gene & Barb Colburn
6/19 Jim & Kelly Luallen
6/26 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
7/3 Al & Peggy Nordquist

Greeters:

6/5 Jason Hancock Family
6/12 Barb McNeil
6/19 Randy & Jan Larson
6/26 Denise Eiker
7/3 Gary Johnson

Prayer Asst:

6/5 Kelly Luallen
6/12 Nancy Swanson
6/19 Mary Stiers
6/26 Verna Bergstrom
7/3 Jeana Fors

Communion Asst:

6/5 Jeana Fors
6/19 Kristi VerHeecke

Acolyte:

6/5 Morgan Wirt
6/12 Hannah Maher
6/19 Lily McNally
6/26 Morgan Wirt
7/3 Hannah Maher

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:

6/5 Gwen Blais
6/19 Gwen Blais

Ushers: Georgia Smith & Marybeth Smith

Assisting Minister:

6/5 Maxine McKinley
6/19 Gwen Blais

Greeters:

6/5 Maxine McKinley
6/12 Georgia Smith
6/19 Anna Willett
6/26 Richard Peterson

Lectors:

6/5 Maxine McKinley
6/12 Georgia Smith
6/19 Ross Olson
6/26 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:

Jerre Bubon, Ruth Curry, Derek Willett, Alice Reed, John & June Molburg, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Millie Nelson, Norma Stromquist, Pr. Jane McChesney, Kameron Brown, Marybeth Smith, Kim Engstrom, Maxine McKinley, Jeanne Watters, Scott Falline, Dorothy Johnson, Janis Bell, Truman Nehls, John Guild, Don Vyneman, Terry Stroud, Marilyn Pearson, Leland & Harriet Peterson, Sylvia Petrovich, Shirley Miller, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Stephanie Corken, Tim Heyvaert, Damaris Miller, Betty Hickman, Dick Child, Carol St. John, Barbara McNally, Darla Peterson, Dr. Brent Ohl, Judy & Jim Hancock, Michael Peterson

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

June Baptismal Anniversaries:

Carson Taylor 01
Gabriel Price 03
Hunter Price 03
India Price 03
Zoe Price 03
Jerre Bubon 11
Polly Engstrom 18
Alisa Wells 21

June Birthdays

June Molburg 01
Kenneth Rehn 02
Phyllis Johnson 03
Dallas Peterson 03
Steve Sundberg 04
Kim Colburn 04
Ashley Colburn 05
Bob Eiker 05
Kyllie Foster 05
Maxine McKinley 08
Dick Child 10
Connor Jochim 11
David Peterson 12
Danelle Larson 13
Richard Mason 14
Chuck Lawson 14
Dirk Larson 15
Mark Pearson 16
Brendan Bolduc 16
John Bowman 16
Betty Swanson 18
Ross Olson 18
Alex Willett 19
Gale Bramlett 20
John Rehn 20
Aaron Miller 20
James Swanson 23
Carol Huettman 26
Bristol Wirt 26
Timothy Blaine 28
Adam Peterson 29
Kim Sundberg 29
Archie Samuelson 29
Jason Peterson 30
Leland Peterson 30

June Wedding Anniversaries:

Bob & Verna Bergstrom 01
Rodney & Lolly Swanson 04
Rich & Janice Maher 05
Ken & Karla Barman 06
Curt & Debbie Anderson 06
Paul & Missy Corken 11
Lee & Cheree Encapera 12
Kyle & Misty Borkgren 13
Shane & Amy Anthony 13
Mike & Lyndi LeMay 14
Neal & Jeni Nelson 17
Leland & Harriet Peterson 17
John & Barb Schmidt 17
Gary & Roxanne Dierolf 19
Shannon & Jodi McNally 22
Matt & Hilary Fairbrother 24
Karl & Patty Swanson 24
Kevin & Alisa Wells 26

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, June 9th 7pm

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.

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First Lutheran Church. He is the son of Darrell & Sara Souhrada,
the grandson of Rick & Priscilla Child and the
great-grandson of Dick & Shirley Child.

We are looking for someone to represent First on the
Sherrard Food Pantry Board. If you are interested please
contact Fern Swanson @ 309-593-2613.

Sympathy...

We extend sympathy to the family of Londyn Fonseca who
passed away on May 15th. Londyn was prematurely born on
May 7th to Lindsay Crawford & Stephen Fonseca.
May they find comfort during this time of sorrow.

Sherrard Library Events...

June 12 th	Summer Reading Kick-Off	12-3:30pm
June 21 st	Mercer County Health	11am
June 27 th	QCCA Therapy Dogs	11am
June 28 th	WQPT Ambassadors	10:30am

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, June 12th after worship
June Bulletin Sponsor: Ross Olson

Confirmation

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

BETHANY:

Hope Unit: Thursday, June 16th 9am
Hostess: Jean Rehn

BW Council Meeting: Thursday, June 16th 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.

Thank You...

Thank you to all the people who sent cards, food and
condolences on the death of my brother, Dale. We appreciate
your thoughtfulness and the memorials in his honor.

Leland & Harriet Peterson

Thank You...

Levi & I want to thank everyone who helped make our
community bridal shower such a wonderful day!
Thanks everyone for the wonderful gifts and helping us
celebrate this special time.

Katie & Levi Mason

Thank You....

Thank you so much for the cards, food and prayers from our
Bethany family during our recent surgeries. The beautiful
prayer shawls and quilt were such a comfort! We are both on
the road to recovery and will always remember your many
acts of kindness. **Wayne & Debby Hannam**

Birth....

Congratulations to Marci & Brian Bertelsen on the birth of
their daughter, **Addilynn Leigh**. Addilynn’s grandparents are
John & Debby Patterson and great-grandparents are
Deed & Truman Nehls.

Potluck Brunch....

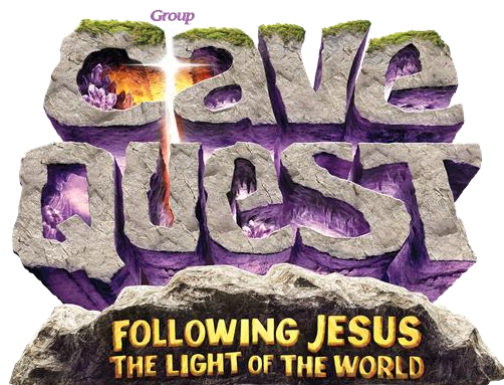
Bethany will have a potluck brunch on June 26th to welcome
Erik & Tauna Roth to worship. There are sign-up sheets for
food items. A free will offering will be collected to help them
with their missionary expenses.

**EDWARDS RIVER MINISTRY
380 W. 3rd Ave. PO Box 459
Woodhull, IL 61490-0459**

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 27th – July 1st

Preschool: 9am-11:30am @ Bethany Lutheran Church

K-Completion of Grade 8: 9am-noon @ The United Church of Woodhull

Registration begins @ 8:30am on June 27th @ The United Church of Woodhull

Sign-up sheets to help are located at both churches

Bethany/United Church of Woodhull

VBS Planning Meeting

Tuesday, June 14th @ 6pm United Church of Woodhull

Light dinner followed by briefing on event occurring June 27th – July 1st

Community Bridal Shower/Open House

A community Bridal Shower & Open House will be held on Saturday, **June 11th** at 9:30am.

The Bridal Shower will be in honor of **Alissa Dwyer**, daughter of Sheila & Greg Lohman and Joe & Lisa Dwyer,
And the fiancée of **Ryan Colburn**, son of Patty & Dennis Colburn.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the Bridal Shower/Open House at Bethany Lutheran Church in Woodhull. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

Blanket Sunday

We will be celebrating **Blanket Sunday** on Father's Day, **June 19th**. If you would like to make a donation to purchase a blanket in "honor of" or in "memory of" your father, son, grandfather, etc.. please contact a member of the Witness & Service Committee.

The cost per blanket is \$5.00.

Committee Members:

Mary Stiers, Verna Bergstrom, Harriet Peterson, Patty Colburn, Kristi VerHeecke, Candy Tschappat, Lucy Newman.

Deadline for orders is June 12th.

Missionaries from Japan to visit Bethany Lutheran Church

We are excited for our visit this summer to your congregation.

Erik will preach on Luke 24:13-35, The Walk to Emmaus.

This text ties into the ELCA model of accompaniment that we use for mission

That week we will also join you at Vacation Bible School. Nozomi is excited about joining you.

Cost: We've been working our hardest to keep the costs low for you.

Unfortunately this summer will cost a little more simply because we are now calculating the cost of airfare and meals for three missionaries. Costs are calculated by adding our total travel costs divided by the number of church visits. **Our cost per church is \$400.00**

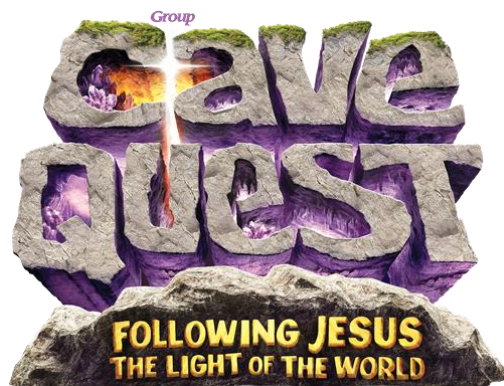
We are excited to worship together, share stories and enjoy meals together this summer.

Grace & Peace,

Erik, Tauna & Nozomi Roth

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2016 GRADUATES

MAY GOD WATCH OVER YOU AS YOU BEGIN LIFE'S JOURNEY

Jaci Maher	Carl Sandburg College daughter of Jeff & Jami Maher granddaughter of Rich & Janice Maher
Jordan Maher	ROWVA High School daughter of Jeff & Jami Maher granddaughter of Rich & Janice Maher
Garrett Adamson	AlWood High School son of Casey & Jennifer Adamson grandson of Terry & Jill Nelson great grandson of Joyce Falline
Taylor Vanvleet	AlWood High School daughter of Kyle & Misty Borkgren granddaughter of Rick & Martha Borkgren
Aliza Johnson	AlWood High School daughter of Marion Calmer daughter of Chris Johnson
India Price	Orion High School Daughter of Jim & Kelly Price

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

School Kits:

4 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruler paper approximately 8"x10" (no loose leaf paper)
1 30 centimeter ruler; or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
1 pencil sharpener
1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
5 ballpoint pens (NO gel ink) secure with rubber band
1 box of 16 or 24 count crayons
1 eraser approximately 2-21/2 inches long
1 sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag approximately 14"x17" with shoulder straps

Place items in the above mentioned cloth bag, fold top over and secure with two large rubber bands.
Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Shipping Note: LWR's approximate cost to handle and ship one School Kit overseas is \$1.40.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Please give new items only except where otherwise noted.
Quality items also withstand the harsh conditions that many people who receive these supplies are facing.

Please do not donate items with religious symbols, messages or with your congregation's name. LWR provides quilts and kits based on need, regardless of religious creed. Religious references may be misinterpreted by governments of the receiving countries, jeopardizing delivery to the people who need the items most.

Please do not donate items decorated with the US flag, patriotic or military symbols including camouflage. LWR has access to areas of the world others do not because they are an impartial humanitarian organization. If intentions are misinterpreted as being politically motivated, their work and the people they assist could be endangered.

