

ERM NEWS

JULY 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 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.

FOSTER PARENTS

LSSI is now licensing foster homes in your neighborhood and community.

To find out more, contact Bob Stone @ 309-786-6400 ext. 237

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH HOG ROAST
SEPTEMBER 18th
Serving 4-6pm**

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, **July 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.

AIWood 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:

7/3 Harriet Peterson
7/10 Nancy Swanson
7/17 Deb Hannam
7/24 Marvin Watters
7/31 Denise Eiker
8/7 Randy Larson

Ushers

7/3 Al & Peggy Nordquist
7/10 Harriet P. & Donita C.
7/17 Dennis & Patty Colburn
7/24 Jason & Megan Hancock
7/31 Rich & Janice Maher
8/7 Bob Eiker & Dennis Colburn

Greeters:

7/3 Gary Johnson
7/10 Jim & Kelly Luallen
7/17 Gene & Barb Colburn
7/24 Jeana Fors
7/31 All & Peggy Nordquist
8/7 Gene & Shirley Brown

Prayer Asst:

7/3 Jeana Fors
7/10 Mary Stiers
7/17 None
7/24 Megan Hancock
7/31 Denise Eiker
8/7 Barbara Fors

Communion Asst:

7/3 Jeana Fors
7/17 Mary Stiers

Acolyte:

7/3 Hannah Maher
7/10 Lily McNally
7/17 Morgan Wirt
7/24 Hannah Maher
7/31 Lily McNally
8/7 Morgan Wirt

Funeral Committee July-Aug-Sept

Lucy Newman 334-2286
Jean Rehn 972-2771
Barb McNeil 334-2383

Rotation of Callers

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

GRACE

Organist:

Elizabeth Robinson

Ushers:

Gwen Blais

Altar:

7/3 Georgia Smith
7/17 Georgia Smith

Assistant:

7/3 Rhea Johnson
7/17 Maxine McKinley

Lectors:

7/3 Rhea Johnson
7/10 Gwen Blais
7/17 Maxine McKinley
7/24 Ross Olson
7/31 Richard Peterson

Greeters:

7/3 Rhea Johnson
7/10 Gwen Blais
7/17 Maxine McKinley
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7/31 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:

Gene Brown, Truman Nehls, Rich Stodd, Kameron Brown, Jeanne Watters, Dorothy Johnson, Leland Peterson, Dr. Brent Ohl, Jerre Bubon, Ruth Curry, Derek & Tammy Willett, John & June Molburg, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Millie Nelson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Pastor Jane McChesney, Marybeth Smith, Kathy Breitenstein, Maxine McKinley, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Damaris Miller, Betty Hickman, Carol St. John, Charlie McClaine, Dick Child, Tom Haden, Jackie Nelson, Dorothy Nelson, Mandy Goff

Deaths: Janis Bell, Roger Andress, John Patterson, Scott Falline

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

Swedona Lutheran Church
Homemade Ice Cream Social
Thursday, July 21st
5:30-7p
BBQ's Chips Baked Beans Drinks
Pie Cake
Homemade Ice Cream

First Lutheran Church
Hog Roast
Sunday, September 18th
4-6pm

July Birthdays

Casey Adamson	01
Lindsey Carlson	02
Kristen Litton	02
Keegan Taylor	02
Chase Adamson	03
Nicki Lindquist	04
Harriet Peterson	04
Bill Carlson	05
Jarod Litton	05
Teri Bumphrey	06
Janette Hanson	06
Debbie Anderson	06
Gayle Johnson	07
Shane Anthony	07
Nathan Becraft	09
Bonnie Bainbridge	10
Jackie Bloomberg	10
Chris Dertz	11
Ben Peterson	11
Candy Tschappat	13
Patricia Olson	13
Tom Hansen	14
Aaron McMeekan	14
Tad Nelson	14
Derek Willett	14
Josh Curry	16
Kourtney Oliver	20
Nancy Swanson	22
Anna Willett	22
Jordan Maher	24
Connie Kremer	25
Corey Johnson	25
Marilyn Pearson	27
Lolly Swanson	28
Michael Smith	28
Hannah Nimrick	29
Erik Olson	29
Verna Bergstrom	30
Kent Johnson	30
Zackary Hancock	30

July Wedding Anniversaries:

Adam & Trisha Peterson	09
Glenn & Betty Swanson	17
Don & Elizabeth Robinson	17

July Baptismal Anniversaries:

Maxine McKinley	16
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FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, July 14th 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.

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.

We will be collecting picnic items (food, games, etc) for our family
we adopted at Christmas for the 4th of July. The last day to bring
items will be June 26th. If any questions please call Fern @
309-593-2613.

We are collecting personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief
this summer. A personal care kit consists of:
1 large bath towel (dark color)
Toothbrush
2 bars of bath soap
Nail clippers
Comb (large)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

FIRST HOG ROAST will be Sept. 18th.

This year we especially need help with cutting the meat.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, July 17th after worship
July Bulletin Sponsors: Mahlon & Rhea Johnson

BETHANY:

Hope Unit: Thursday, July 21st 9am
Hostess: Betty Henrikson

BW Council Meeting: Thursday, June 21st 7pm

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...

Bethany Lutheran Church Members,
On behalf of my brother, Scott Falline, just want to say Thank
You for all the prayers that have been said. He is still critical,
but hanging on. He can't walk, speak or use his hands. That is
why I'm writing this. The family is learning to read lips, which
is sometimes difficult. A special Thank You for the Prayer
Shawl that was sent. It has NEVER left his bedside. This shawl
has been blessed and thank God that he has given the church
women the talent to make these. He was very touched by this
thoughtful expression. God Bless You All. **Jill & Terry Nelson**
Sad to say that Scott recently passed away.
May his family find comfort during this time of sorrow.

Thank You....

To My Bethany Family,
I would like to thank everyone for their support of my
confirmation. The cards and gifts were so thoughtful and very
special! I am excited to continue growing faith and look
forward to the future with my Bethany Family!
Hannah Maher

Thank You....

Thank you to everyone from church who sent me cards for my
graduation. **Garrett Adamson**

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