

ERM NEWS

AUGUST 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)

NO ERM BOARD MEETING IN AUGUST

SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, SEPT. 6th @ 7pm hosted by Bethany

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

RALLY DAYS

Sunday, September 11th

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

BW Grandparent's Day Mosquito Nets

HOG ROAST

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH , SHERRARD

SEPTEMBER 18th

Serving 4-6pm

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Applesauce, Baked Beans & Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookies

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, **Aug. 18th**

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:

8/7 Randy Larson
8/14 Verna Bergstrom
8/21 Lily McNally
8/28 Barb McNeil
9/4 Jeana Fors

Ushers

8/7 Bob Eiker & Dennis Colburn
8/14 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
8/21 Dave & Marty Johnson
8/28 Rich & Janice Maher
9/4 Jim & Kelly Luallen

Greeters:

8/7 Al & Peggy Nordquist
8/14 Wayne & Deb Hannam
8/21 Harriet Peterson
8/28 Sandy Snyder
9/4 Marvin & Ann Watters

Prayer Asst:

8/7 Barbara Fors
8/14 Verna Bergstrom
8/21 Megan Hancock
8/28 Nancy Swanson
9/4 Kelly Luallen

Communion Asst:

8/7 Jeana Fors
8/21 Mary Stiers
9/4 Randy Larson

Acolyte:

8/7 Morgan Wirt
8/14 Hannah Maher
8/21 Lily McNally
8/28 Morgan Wirt
9/4 Hannah Maher

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: Anna Willett

Altar:

8/7 Maxine McKinley
8/21 Maxine McKinley

Assistant:

8/7 Anna Willett
8/21 Gwen Blais

Lectors:

8/7 Anna Willett
8/14 Georgia Smith
8/21 Gwen Blais
8/28 Maxine McKinley

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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:

Gwen Strand, Leland Peterson, Truman Nehls, Dot Creek, Marilyn Pearson, Jerre Bubon, Ruth Curry, Derek & Tammy Willett, Millie Nelson, John & June Molburg, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Pr. Jane McChesney, Kameron Brown, Marybeth Smith, Maxine McKinley, Kathy Breitenstein, Judy & Jim Hancock, Mike Clark, Jocelyn Schmidt, Becki Norton, Damaris Miller, Betty Hickman, Carol St. John, Charlie McClaine, Dick Child, Tom Haden, Ivan Anderson, Mildred Schurr

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

August Wedding Anniversaries:

Mike & Sue Anthony	02
John & Jeralyn Rehn	03
Kevin & Kim Elliott	05
Dennis & Patty Colburn	11
Andrew & Stephanie Gelaude	12
Doug & Nancy Swanson	14
Kurt & Denise Barman	14
Jim & Lucille Bergstrom	17
LaVern & Jeanette Hansen	20
Doug & Darla Peteson	20
Chuck & Connie Lawson	23
Marvin & Ann Watters	25
Jamie & Andrea Bolduc	26
Randy & Jan Larson	27
Greg & Lori Nimrick	28

August Birthdays

Barbara Cain	01
Rhonda Miller	02
Joanne Carlson	03
Jim Luallen	04
Rob Frew	04
Jordan Booker	05
Cheree Encapera	05
Woody Watson	06
Kimberly Elliott	07
Charlie Smith	07
Willis Kirkland	08
Calvin Taylor	08
Missy Corken	09
Martin Calmer	10
Brad Litton	12
Shannon Booker	13
Leeann Crouse	14
Katie Mason	15
Patrice Wirt	15
Holly Fairbrother	16
Donald Willett	16
Barbara Elliott	17
Joshtin Maher	17
Sheldon McMeekan	17
Jean Rehn	17
Kenneth Becraft	18
James Brown	19
Gary Nelson	19
Logan Booker	19
Jonah Linqvist	20
Marvin Watters	20
George Bloomberg	21
Rick Borkgren	21
Shirley Brown	21
Matt Fairbrother	21
Sylvia Petrovich	21
Kyle Barman	22
Jonathan Lawson	22
Becky McNeil	22
Chloe Stanfield	22
Rodney Engstrom	23
Scott McDowell	25
Chris Gainey	26
Pat Bowman	26
Jim Price	26
Tyler Peterson	27
Clayton Peterson	27
Joann Bengston	28
Cole Colburn	28
Richard Peterson	28
Evie Strader	29
Dorothy Peterson	30
Alisa Wells	30
Nate Shepherd	31

BETHANY:

Hope Unit: Thursday, **August 18th**
Hostess: Barb Fors

BW Council Meeting: Thursday, **August 18th** 7pm

Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm

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 our Bethany family for all your acts of kindness during the loss of John. Words, cards, food, memorials and every other act of sympathy will never be forgotten, nor will our John Patterson. God Bless all of you.

**Deed & Truman
Patterson families**

Thanks so much...

Pastor Nancy, thank you for spending time & bringing our thoughts out about Scott. We enjoyed having you around the kitchen table, you brought many smiles to many faces that day. The funeral service was perfect! We would like to thank each & every one of the ladies that put on a delicious lunch after the funeral. Thanks for all your hard work!!

Joyce, Jill, Gaye, Marsha & Grandma Evelyn all received prayer shawls, what a nice gift. We want to thank those ladies for sharing their many talents. What a blessing it is to live in a small town. Thank you for all your support & prayers these past few months. God Bless

**Joyce Falline, Terry & Jill Nelson, Steve & Gaye Norberg,
Marsha Falline & Matt & Brooke Skahill**

Thank You....

Thank you for the beautiful and well spoken, very personal funeral for my dad, Scott Falline. Considering the circumstances it couldn't have been nicer. Also, thank you to the church ladies for the awesome luncheon!
Matt & Brooke Skahill

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)

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, **Aug. 11th** 7pm
Altar : 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.

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.

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WORK DAY

Saturday, September 10th @ church

PACK THE TRUNK DAY

Saturday, September 10th

Items for the Sherrard Food Pantry will be collected
9am-12pm in the church parking lot.
Cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products are needed.

FIRST HOG ROAST

Sunday, Sept. 18th
4-6pm

Pulled pork sandwiches

Applesauce, Baked Beans & Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookies
This year we especially need help with cutting the meat.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, **August 14th** after worship
August Bulletin Sponsors: Charlie & Georgia Smith

August Baptismal Anniversaries:

Mahlon Johnson 02
Anna Willett 12
Jesse Taylor 31

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380 W. 3rd Ave. PO Box 459
Woodhull, IL 61490-0459

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BACK PACK BLESSING & VETERAN QUILT BLESSING

Sunday, August 21st

Bethany Lutheran Church

Bring your back pack and receive a blessing

WORK DAY @ BW

Saturday, August 20th

MOSQUITO NETS & GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS @ BW

Sunday, September 11th

RALLY DAY @ BETHANY LUTHERAN

Sunday, September 18th

