

ERM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 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)

ERM Board Meeting 7pm
Tuesday, Sept. 6th @ BW

FS Work Day
Saturday, September 10th
9a - ??

PACK the TRUNK @ FS 9a-12p
Saturday, September 10th
Bring items for Sherrard Food Pantry

Lighted Parade in Alpha @ dusk
Saturday, September 10th
BW 3 D Youth Group to participate

RALLY DAYS @ FS & GO
Sunday, September 11th

Sunday, September 11th @ BW
Grandparent's Day Mosquito Nets

Sunday, September 11th @ GO
Informational meeting after worship
To discuss "The Future of Grace"

Sunday, September 18th @ BW
RALLY DAY
Sunday School Teacher Blessing
Bibles given out

HOG ROAST @ FS
Sunday, September 18th
Serving 4-6pm
Pulled pork sandwiches
applesauce, baked beans
Homemade chocolate chip cookies

Professional Leaders Conference
September 19th-21st

Pastor Nancy on VACATION
September 22nd - October 4th
Call the office in case of emergency

Bishop elect Jeff Clements Installation
Saturday, September 24th 10a-12p
First Lutheran Church, Rockford

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, Sept. 15th

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

Children's Choir 10:15a*

Sunday School: 10:30a*

*beginning Sept. 18th

BW Choir: Thursday 7pm**

**beginning Sept. 1st

Grace:

Worship: 9:00a

Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00a

First:

Adult Bible Study: 10:00am

Worship: 10:45a

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:

9/4 Jeana Fors
9/11 Nancy Swanson
9/18 Mary Stiers
9/25 Barb McNeil
10/2 Marvin Watters

Ushers

9/4 Jim & Kelly Luallen
9/11 Gene & Shirley Brown
9/18 Gary Johnson & George Wirt
9/25 Dave & Marty Johnson
10/2 Al & Peggy Nordquist

Greeters:

9/4 Marvin & Ann Watters
9/11 Rich & Janice Maher
9/18 Barbara Fors
9/25 TBA
10/2 TBA

Prayer Asst:

9/4 Kelly Luallen
9/11 Connie Bolduc
9/18 None
9/25 Megan Hancock
10/2 Denise Eiker

Communion Asst:

9/4 Randy Larson
9/18 Jason Hancock
10/2 Deb Hannam

Acolyte:

9/4 Hannah Maher
9/11 TBA
9/18 TBA
9/25 TBA
10/2 TBA

Funeral Committee July-Aug-Sept

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

Rotation of Callers

Sep. & Oct. Lucy Newman
Nov. Kelly Luallen
Dec. Mary Stiers

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Usher : Maxine McKinley

Altar:

9/4 Georgia Smith
9/18 Anna Willett

Assistant:

9/4 Anna Willett
9/18 Gwen Blais

Lectors:

9/4 Ross Olson
9/11 Georgia Smith
9/18 Richard Peterson
9/25 Anna Willett

Greeters:

9/4 Ross Olson
9/11 Georgia Smith
9/18 Maxine McKinley
9/25 Anna Willett

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, Richard Swanson, Judy & Jim Hancock, Leland Peterson, Donita Creek, Mary Nice, Dick Breitenstein, Kathy Breitenstein, Derek Willett, John & June Molburg, Ruth Curry, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Millie Nelson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Pr. Jane McChesney, Kameron Brown, Maxine McKinley, Bob Eiker, Jerre Bubon, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Damaris Miller, Betty Hickman, Carol St. John, Dick Child, Chelsea Atnip.

Deaths: Truman Nehls, Wayne (Gube) Johnson, Sandy McDowell, John Michael Perry, Diane Riggle Taylor

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

September Baptismal Anniversaries:

Shelia Nelson	05
Archie Samuelson	12
Charlie Smith	14
Ruth Curry	15
Aaron Miller	16
Corey Johnson	21
Jim Price	24
Keegan Taylor	26
Kaylie Smith	27

September Birthdays

Allison Blaine	01
Stephanie Lawson	01
Jason Dertz	03
David Lindsey	04
Elizabeth Ostrander	04
Ruth Curry	04
Priscilla Child	04
Pastor Nancy Jaster	05
Aaron Willett	05
Rick Child	06
Jeremy Bramlett	07
Debbie Birely	07
Kathy Peterson	09
Brandon Vail	09
Forrest Schauer	09
Brad Fetters	10
Morgan Wirt	11
Marilyn Williams	11
Charles Brown	12
Brent Litton	12
Merideth Willett	12
John Olson	14
George Wirt	14
Jocelyn Larson	15
Patty Swanson	15
Andy Johnson	16
Brandi Nelson	16
Tyler Jochim	17
Pam Edwards	19
Gaylen Elliott	20
Shirley Swanson	21
Duncan Adamson	22
Kurt Barman	23
Rene Bramlett	23
Shirley Holt	23
Janice Maher	23
Natalie Stanfield	23
Jacqui Garrett	25
Philip Wirt	26
Deed Nehls	28
Leonard Olson	28
Cameron Goben	29
Mark Peterson	30

September Wedding Anniversaries:

Steve & Shelia Nelson	08
Jack & Shirley Miller	18
Kyle & Nicole Verbeke	20
Dain & Megan Luallen	21

*apologies to Kevin & Kim Colburn on the omission of their anniversary August 5th and to Kevin & Kimberly Elliott for inserting their names in that spot.

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 8th 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.

COLLECTING THROUGH OCTOBER 16th

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.....

WORK DAY

Saturday, September 10th @ church
LOTS TO BE DONE!!

PACK THE TRUNK DAY

Saturday, September 10th

Cleaning supplies & personal hygiene items for the
Sherrard Food Pantry will be collected
9am-12pm in the church parking lot.

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.

Thanks to all who brought in school supplies for Food Pantry.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 11th after special meeting
September Bulletin Sponsors: Larry & Maxine McKinley

INFORMAITONAL MEETING @ GO

After worship on Sept. 11th

To discuss the "Future of Grace"

BETHANY:

BW Choir begins Sept. 1st
NO BELLS AT THIS TIME

Hope Unit: Thursday, Sept. 15th
Hostess: Deed Nehls

BW Council Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 15th 8pm

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 **first Sunday** of each month is designated **Food Pantry
Sunday** at Bethany.

We are collecting personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

A personal care kit consists of:

- 1 large bath towel (dark color)
- Toothbrush 2 bars of bath soap
- Nail clippers Comb (large)

We are collecting school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

A school kit consists of:

- 4 – 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled, no loose leaf)
- 1 – 30 centimeter ruler or ruler w/centimeters & inches
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (secure w/rubber band)
- 5 ballpoint pens (NO ink gel) secure w/rubber band
- 1 box 16 or 24 count crayons
- 1 eraser approximately 2-21/2 inches long
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack (supplied by BW Quilters)

Thank You....

Dear Bethany Lutheran,

Thank you so much for inviting us to worship with you, and to
share God's story in Tokyo, Japan. Your prayers, support and
companionship are greatly appreciated. Nozomi sleeps with
the beautiful quilt every night and she often sings the songs
she learned at VBS. Thank you again and we look forward to
seeing you again.

Kami sama wa an nata oh ai shit ay imas (God loves you all)
Blessings, Pastor Erik, Tauna & Nozomi

Bethany's 3D Youth Group will participate in Alpha's
Lighted Parade on Saturday, **Sept. 10th**.

Thank You...

To the lady knitters of the church: I want to thank you for the
beautiful shawl I received – what a great & thoughtful thing
you are doing. I don't knit and will treasure it. I will miss Scott,
my first grandchild. I have spent winters with Joyce and he
would come over when he had a good day. Thank you again.
Scott's Grandma, Evelyn Kicksey

“Following Jesus The Light of The World”

Cave Quest VBS was held June 27 – July 1, 2016. There were approximately 70 kids who attended each day. Our staff included 28 HS/adult participants who made our quest come to life. They did an amazing job serving in many capacities! The kids set out on a courageous, captivating quest each day to discover how Jesus is the light of the world! Each day they would learn one new Bible Point which helped them discover important truths about following Jesus. We tried a new program this year called LIT (Leaders in Training). This was to prepare 8th graders going into HS to be effective crew leaders next year. There were 4 kids that took advantage of this program. Our offering collected each day went to support “Operation Change-a-Home”. The money collected stays in North America to provide materials for home repairs. This will help to provide struggling families with a safe place to live and grow. We ended our week with a family potluck. This is always an exciting event which allows families to come together to be a part of their child’s week. A big thank you goes out to all of you who provided financial donations, snack items, prayers, and those who served as staff members each day! Our program continues to be a success because of all of you!

Next year’s theme is *Maker Fun Factory*. It will be held June 26 – 30, 2017.

Patty Colburn/Sally Goff

Co-Directors

BETHANY RALLY DAY NEWS

We would like to invite all the children age 3 to High School to Rally Day on Sunday, September 18th at 9am for worship and presentation of Bibles to the 2nd-5th grade class.

Following worship we will have some games and fun planned for families (hopefully outdoors) followed by a “Kids Brunch” of hot dogs, fruit, veggies and some sweet treats for all! Please plan to attend so we can discuss plans for the year with everyone!

BETHANY CHOIR NEWS

The choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday, September 1st at 7pm.

If you have been thinking about joining us, now is a perfect time to give it a whirl!

We would love to have some new members, as well as grateful to have all of our previous members returning.

Any middle school and/or high school students are invited to sing with us also.

Bethany is going to **discontinue** having bell music during worship, except for possibly some special occasions such as Easter and Christmas, due to ringer numbers. We need at least 2, and better yet 3 or 4, more ringers to continue playing bells on a regular basis.

If you would like to join us, or know of someone that we might contact, please let us know.

We have lots of bell music ready to play, but we have to have people willing to attend rehearsals on a regular basis if we are to continue. We hope we might have some volunteers willing to give it a try... any age is welcome. If a rehearsal time other than Thursday evenings might work better, we are willing to explore those options also! Music adds so much to worship, and expressing your faith through music can be a very rewarding experience. Please consider joining choir or bells as we gather to give glory to God through our music!



We are HONORING all the Veterans in our Bethany family by presenting each one of them with a quilt made by the Bethany Quilters. We THANK each one and their families for their service to the United States of America.

Jim Bergstrom
Monty Bolduc
Lindsey Carlson
Lloyd Carlson
Erik Colburn
Bob Eiker
Jamie Frakes
Jason Hancock
Wayne Hannam
LaVern Hanson
Dave Johnson
Gayle & Donna Johnson
Ken Kremer
Randy Larson
Willis Luallen
Forrest McKey
Rich Maher
George Olson
Leonard Olson
Doug Peterson
Leland Peterson
Kenneth Rehn
Dale Sundberg

Glenn Swanson
Richard Swanson
George Wirt

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