

ERM NEWS

NOVEMBER 2016

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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 VACATION through Nov. 2nd

Please call the church office in case of emergency

Oct. 30th Bridal Shower @ BW 12:30pm
Todd Swanson & Mallory Hodge

Nov. 17th BW Hope Unit 9am
Hostess: Barb McNeil

Oct. 31st HAPPY HALLOWEEN
OFFICE CLOSED
BE SAFE Trick or Treating

Nov. 23rd PALS Thanksgiving Eve
service @ NW Presb.
7pm

Nov. 6th All Saint's Sunday
BW Commitment Sunday

Nov. 24th HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Nov. 7th ERM Board @ FS 7pm

Nov. 25th OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 27th GO decorate Christmas

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, **Nov. 17th**
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 2pm- 4pm
Every Thursday 5:30p - 7pm

New Windsor Food Pantry

Open the 2nd Friday of each month
12:30pm - 2:00pm
Please contact:
Cyndi Adams @ 667-2493

ERM Churches Sunday Schedules

Bethany:

Worship: 9am
Coffee Fellowship: 10am
Children's Choir 10:15am
Sunday School: 10:30am

BW Choir: Thursday 7pm

Grace:

Worship: 9am
Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00a

First:

Adult Bible Study: 10am
Children's Sunday School: 10am
Worship: 10:45am

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:

11/6 Denise Eiker
11/13 Gene Colburn
11/20 Verna Bergstrom
11/27 Lily McNally
12/4 Marvin Watters

Ushers

11/6 Rich & Janice Maher
11/13 Dave & Marty Johnson
11/20 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
11/27 Gene & Shirley Brown
12/4 Gary Johnson & George Wirt

Greeters:

11/6 Ryan & Alissa Colburn
11/13 Gary Johnson
11/20 Al & Peggy Nordquist
11/27 Jim & Kelly Luallen
12/4 Marvin & Ann Watters

Prayer Asst:

11/6 Kristi VerHeecke
11/13 Mary Stiers
11/20 None
11/27 Harriet Peterson
12/4 Connie Bolduc

Communion Asst:

11/6 Deb Hannam
11/20 Mary Stiers
12/4 Doug Swanson

Funeral Committee Oct-Nov-Dec

Connie Bolduc 334-2530
Harriet Peterson 334-2276
Shirley Brown 937-1633

Rotation of Callers

Nov. Kelly Luallen
Dec. Mary Stiers

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Altar:

11/6 Rhea Johnson
11/20 Rhea Johnson

Usher : Maxine McKinley

Assistant:

11/6 Anna Willett
11/20 Richard Peterson

Lectors:

11/6 Anna Willett
11/13 Rhea Johnson
11/20 Richard Peterson
11/27 Gwen Blais

Greeters:

11/6 Anna Willett
11/13 Rhea Johnson
11/20 Richard Peterson
11/27 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:

Leland Peterson, Connie Vail, Jeanne Watters, Jan Larson, Jerre Bubon, Ruth Curry, Derek Willett, Millie Nelson, John & June Molburg, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Pr. Jane McChesney, Kameron Brown, Kathy Breitenstein, Maxine McKinley, Eldon Fraser, Mandy Goff, Jeff Bell, Sally Luker, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Damaris Miller, Betty Hickman, Carol St. John, Dick Child, Chelsea Atnip, Shannon Harmening, Brian Underwood,

Deaths: Eldon Fraser

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

November Baptismal Anniversaries:

Caroline Castaline	02
Derek Willett	12
McKenna Arnold	30

November Birthdays:

Kent Vail (BW)	01
Tyler Carlson (BW)	02
Shireen Kane (BW)	04
Steve Lemon (BW)	05
Kiersten Hancock (BW)	07
Krsiti Jochim (FS)	08
Joleen Bowman (FS)	09
Martin Luther	10
Jim Webb (GO)	11
Lynn Hines (BW)	11
Scott Fitzpatrick (BW)	13
Bryce Anderson (BW)	14
Karol Vail (BW)	14
Peggy Pettit (GO)	14
Mike Anthony (FS)	15
Matt Swanson (BW)	15
Kyle Borkgren (BW)	15
Randall Larson (BW)	17
Alexander Johnson (BW)	17
Toni Litton (BW)	17
Karla Barman (BW)	21
Allison McDowell (BW)	21
Tim Jochim (FS)	21
Charlesa Arnold (GO)	22
Christopher Brown (BW)	22
Janet Larson (BW)	23
Katie Nimrick (BW)	23
Brecken Adamson (BW)	24
Terry Nelson (BW)	24
Connie Lemon (BW)	26
Emily McDowell (BW)	28
Donita Creek (BW)	29

November Wedding Anniversaries:

Wes & Sandy Carlson (GO)	04
Mike & Pam Maher (BW)	04
Jim & Belinda Webb (GO)	07
John & Jenny Dierolf (FS)	07
Tim & Michelle Blaine(BW)	11
Dick & Joan Sanders (FS)	14
Jim & Kelly Price (GO)	16
Maury & Mary Peterson (BW)	18
Greg & Rhonda Miller (GO)	27
Peter & Kristen Schauer (BW)	29
Larry & Maxine McKinley	30
Olaf & Kaylee Collinson (BW)	30

PALS THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23rd

7pm

New Windsor Presbyterian Church

Everyone is invited to attend

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 10th 7pm

**Adult Bible Study @ 10am
Children's Sunday School @ 10am**

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.

Thanks to all who helped with our hog roast and those who
attended, especially to our Presbyterian friends.
Proceeds have been divided between the New Windsor Food
Pantry, Sherrard Food Pantry, Family in Crisis Fund and to the
LWR Haitian flood victims.

Also a **big thank you** to all who donated to our LWR
personal care kits. They will be delivered the 26th of October.
We have a loving, caring community!

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 13th after worship

November Bulletin Sponsor: Steve & Shelia Nelson

**Grace will be decorating the church for Christmas on
Sunday, November 27th
Come help us prepare for the holidays!!**

New Addresses:

Ruth Curry	Connie Lawson
Knox County Nursing Home	Hillcrest Home
800 N. Market St.	Room N6
Knoxville, IL 61448	14688 IL. Hwy
	Geneseo, IL 61254

Twin Rivers Harvest of Hope Foods Resource Bank

This year the Twin Rivers Harvest of Hope Foods Resource Bank
will continue to grow crops and invite people to join us in
working to fight hunger in our world! During the last 10 years we
have made a great contribution!

This fall a harvest celebration will not be held.

We are committed to continue to make a difference in our world
as we work with FRB to teach hungry people ways to feed their
family and give them life, hope and a secure future.
We will be supporting the FRB Kenya-West Pokot Program.
Visit www.foodsresourcebank.org for more information.

Logan Stiers is resigning as ERM Treasurer effective
December. If you or someone you know would be interested in
this position, please contact Pastor Nancy, Carol Eiker of Logan
as soon as possible. If we are unable to find a volunteer, we will
hire Compton's Accounting for a cost of \$800 per year of which
Bethany would be responsible for 67%.

BETHANY:

Hope Unit: Thursday, Nov. 17th 9am Hostess: Barb McNeil
BW Council Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 20th 10:30am
Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm

Reminder that we are still collecting "undies" and socks for
the AIWood 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.

Bridal Shower/Open House

Sunday, **October 30th** @ 12:30pm
Bethany Lutheran Church

A Community Bridal Shower & Salad Luncheon will be held on
Sunday, October 30th beginning at 12:30pm.
The Bridal Shower will be in honor of
Mallory Hodge, daughter of Bill & Tina Hodge,
The fiancée of **Todd Swanson**, son of Doug & Nancy Swanson.
Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the
Bridal Shower at Bethany Lutheran Church, Woodhull.
The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond
and Amazon.com

**Stewardship Commitment Sunday
November 6th**

The Stewardship Committee will host a breakfast brunch
after worship. Members are asked to bring fruit and
other side dishes to share.

Thank You...

Bethany, Thank you for thinking of me on my First Communion
Thank you to Pastor Nancy and thanks to Pam for showing us
how to make the communion bread. **Brynlee Wirt**

Thank You...

Thank you to our Bethany family for your support the last
year. For your concern and prayers for our sister and brother
in law, we are so grateful. Was a struggle for both of them, but
they are at peace now. God's Blessings,
Gene & Shirley Brown family

Thank You...

To everyobe who helped with Scott's funeral I want to Thank
You for the extra effort made to make it so nice. He had
suffered so much I couldn't wish him back. I now know he is in
a much better place now. We all miss him so much.
Love, **Joyce Falline (mother)**

Thank You...

Thank you to all the kids that gathered food and sorted it for
the AIWood Food Pantry on October 23rd. Over 300 items
were brought in! Also thank you to all the donors who
donated and the adults that assisted.
AIWood Food Pantry Board Members

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Woodhull, IL 61490-0459

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