

ERM NEWS

DECEMBER 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 December 26th through January 1st

Please call the church office in case of emergency

Merigene will be OUT of the OFFICE Monday, December 19th

Merigene will be taking Monday, December 26th for the Holiday

**First Lutheran Church
Community Soup Supper
Sunday, December 11th from 4-6pm**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

GO 4pm
FS 6pm
BW 10pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

GO 9am
FS 10:45am
BW 9am

ANNUAL MEETINGS

January 15th BW

(BW reports due in church office no later than Dec. 15th)

January 22nd FS

January 29th GO

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, Dec. 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.

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 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:

12/4 Marvin Watters
12/11 Mary Stiers
12/18 None
12/24 None
12/25 Verna Bergstrom
1/1 Jeana Fors

Ushers

12/4 Gary Johnson & George Wirt
12/11 Dave & Marty Johnson
12/18 Dennis & Patty Colburn
12/24 TBA
12/25 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
1/1 Bob Eiker & Jason Hancock

Greeters:

12/4 Marvin & Ann Watters
12/11 Jim & Kelly Luallen
12/18 Rich & Janice Maher
12/24 Barbara Fors
12/25 Carol Eiker
1/1 Gary Johnson

Prayer Asst:

12/4 Connie Bolduc
12/11 Barb McNeil
12/18 None
12/24 Nancy Swanson
12/25 Verna Bergstrom
1/1 Jeana Fors

Communion Asst:

12/4 Doug Swanson
12/18 Mary Stiers
12/24 2 Needed

Funeral Committee Oct-Nov-Dec

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

Rotation of Callers

Dec. Mary Stiers

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Altar:

12/4 Gwen Blais
12/18 Gwen Blais
12/24 Gwen Blais

Usher s: Ross Olson & Richard Peterson

Assistant:

12/4 Anna Willett
12/18 Maxine McKinley
12/24 Richard Peterson

Lectors:

12/4 Anna Willett
12/11 Georgia Smith
12/18 Maxine McKinley
12/24 Richard Peterson
12/25 Maxine McKinley

Greeters:

12/4 Anna Willett
12/11 Georgia Smith
12/18 Maxine McKinley
12/24 Richard Peterson
12/25 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:

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, Leland Peterson, Brian Underwood, Jeanne Watters, Deanna Swanson, Les Goff, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Pr. Jane McChesney, Damaris Miller, Betty Hickman, Carol St. John, Dick Child, Chelsea Atnip, Shannon Harmening

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

December Baptismal Anniversaries (GO)

Donald Willett	07
Greg Miller	16
Merideth Willett	20
Rhonda Miller	21

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

GO	4pm
FS	6pm
BW	10pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

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BW	9am

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December Birthdays:

Stephanie Spears (BW)	02
Ken Kremer (BW)	03
Brant Peterson (BW)	03
Wes Carlson (GO)	03
Bruce Curry (GO)	03
Samuel Miller (GO)	03
Emma Gerard (BW)	04
Amber Wirt (BW)	04
Garry Peterson (BW)	05
Paul Corken (FS)	05
Justin Booker (FS)	05
Elizabeth Robinson (GO)	06
Clayton Corken (FS)	08
Chris Peterson (BW)	08
Jennifer Nelson (BW)	08
Tony Dertz (BW)	09
Larry Rhodenbaugh (FS)	09
Jamie Bolduc (BW)	10
Marion Calmer (BW)	10
David Johnson (BW)	10
Jaci Maher (BW)	10
Nick Tschappat (BW)	10
Brenda Peterson (BW)	13
Justin Mooney (BW)	14
Karl Peterson (BW)	16
Garrett Adamson (BW)	18
Craig Willett (BW)	18
Lindsay Colburn (BW)	21
Timothy Bainbridge (BW)	23
Darla Peterson (BW)	23
Chad Johnson (GO)	23
JESUS	25
Reese Tschappat (BW)	27
Mike Brown (BW)	28
Brad Johnson (BW)	28
Nancy Rhodenbaugh (FS)	28
Greg Frew (FS)	29
Emily Fairbrother (BW)	29
Joe Lindquist (BW)	29
Darlene Peterson (BW)	29
Ella Strader (FS)	30
Georgia Smith (GO)	30

December Wedding Anniversaries:

Calvin & Jesse Taylor (GO)	01
Rick & Martha Borkgren (BW)	01
Matt & Mandy Miller (GO)	02
Jon & Shannon Booker (FS)	19
Gale & Rene Bramlett (BW)	27
Gaylen & Barb Elliott (BW)	29
Jason & Megan Hancock (BW)	29
Emily & Patrick Morland (BW)	30

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, Dec, 8th 7pm

Christmas Eve Worship 6pm
Christmas Day Worship 10:45am
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 22nd

A potluck dinner will be served after worship with the meeting beginning at 1pm

Community Soup Supper
Sunday, December 11th

4-6pm

Trimming of our tree and an Advent craft will be offered

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.

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Emily Frew & Rob Blank on their marriage on October 14th.

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Rick & Priscilla Child on their 40th Anniversary on October 23rd.

Thank You...

Thank you to Diane & Greg Frew for the Paschal Candle given in memory of Myron Swanson.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 11th after worship

Christmas Eve Worship 4pm
Christmas Day Worship 9am
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29th After Worship

December Bulletin Sponsor: Steve & Shelia Nelson

Grace will be decorating the church for Christmas on
Sunday, November 27th

Come help us prepare for the holidays!!

Bethany Cont....

Council & the Property Committee are in the process of proposing costs for needed updates at the parsonage. Our first project is remodeling the bathroom. Final costs have not yet been determined, but are estimated between \$8000-10,000. If anyone would like to donate to this project it would be appreciated. More details to be presented when the final costs are determined.

BETHANY:

NO HOPE UNIT IN DECEMBER

WELCA Luncheon: Thursday, Dec. 1st 11:00am
BW Council Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 18th 10:30am
Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm
***NO QUILTING DEC. 20th or DEC. 27th ***
Christmas Eve Worship 10pm
Christmas Day Worship 9am
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 15th After Worship

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.

Thank You...

Thank you to our church family for all the wonderful cards and gifts we received on the birth of our daughter.

Levi, Katie & Adalyn Mason

Thank You...

Thank you to our Bethany friends for all of your cards, memorials and kind words at the passing of Nancy's father.

They mean so much and are greatly appreciated by our family.

Doug & Nancy Swanson family

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Todd & Mallory Swanson their marriage November 12th. Todd is the son of Doug & Nancy Swanson.

LWR Kits.....

95 school kits, 41 quilts and 7 personal care kits for LWR were delivered to the collection point in Galesburg. More than last year!!!! THANK YOU to all who contributed in any way...

contributing items, fabric, cash, working to make quilts, packing the backpacks and packing and delivering the 29 boxes. We could not have done it without all the help!

Thank You...

Thank you to the Bethany Quilt Ladies for the beautiful quilt you gave me in honor of my service to our country. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Dave Johnson

Events in December....

Dec. 1st WELCA Christmas Luncheon*
Dec. 2nd-3rd Choral Dynamics Christmas Show 7:30pm
Dec. 4th Choral Dynamics Christmas Show 2pm
Dec. 10th Bethany serves Woodhull Co-Op Dinner
Woodhull Winter Wonderland 4-7pm
Dec. 17th Sunday School Program Practice 9-10am
Dec. 18th Sunday School Program during worship
Bethany Caroling 3-6pm
Dec. 20th NO QUILTING
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve @ BW 10pm Cantata
Dec. 25th Worship as usual 9am

*The annual WELCA Christmas Luncheon is Thursday, Dec. 1st
We will gather at 11am and eat at 11:30am. Ham & dessert will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. The AlWood music students will perform @ 12:30pm. This is for ALL Bethany women and their friends. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and music. Bring 3-4 dozen cookies for the students who "enjoy the Lutheran cookies" and the Doves.

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