

# ERM NEWS

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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 15<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH

(Please contact Merigene with events planned so they can be put on the ERM Calendar)

### ANNUAL MEETINGS

January 15<sup>th</sup> BW

(BW reports need to be in the church office ASAP)

January 22<sup>nd</sup> FS

January 29<sup>th</sup> GO

### ERM ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> hosted by Bethany

Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts and well wishes we received during the holiday season. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Wishing all a joyous, prosperous and blessed New Year!

Pastor Nancy Merigene

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER WATCH WQAD CHANNEL 8  
LOOK ON FACEBOOK FOR ANY CANCELLATIONS

### **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](mailto: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](http://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, **January 19<sup>th</sup>**

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:**

1/1 Jeana Fors  
1/8 Connie Bolduc  
1/15 Lily McNally  
1/22 Verna Bergstrom  
1/29 Barbara Fors  
2/5 Megan Hancock

**Ushers**

1/1 Bob Eiker & Jason Hancock  
1/8 George Wirt & Gary Johnson  
1/15 Dave & Marty Johnson  
1/22 Bob & Verna Bergstrom  
1/29 Al & Peggy Nordquist  
2/5 Marvin Watters & Donita Creek

**Greeters:**

1/1 Gary Johnson  
1/8 Donita Creek  
1/15 Kurt & Denise Barman family  
1/22 Lucy Newman  
1/29 Deed Nehls  
2/5 Dean & Chris Peterson

**Prayer Asst:**

1/1 Jeana Fors  
1/8 Connie Bolduc  
1/15 Carol Eiker  
1/22 Verna Bergstrom  
1/29 Denise Eiker  
2/5 Nancy Swanson

**Communion Asst:**

1/1 TBA  
1/15 TBA  
2/5 TBA

**Funeral Committee Jan-Feb-Mar**

Connie Bolduc 334-2530  
Barb McNeil 334-2383  
Peggy Nordquist 334-2264

### GRACE

**Organist:** Elizabeth Robinson**Usher s:** Rhonda, Greg & Matt Miller**Altar:**

1/1 Rhonda Miller  
1/15 Rhonda Miller

**Assistant:**

1/1 Anna Willett  
1/15 Rhea Johnson  
1/22 Gwen Blais

**Lectors:**

1/1 Anna Willett  
1/8 Ross Olson  
1/15 Rhea Johnson  
1/22 Gwen Blais  
1/29 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:**

Jerre Bubon, Ruth Curry, Derek Willett, John Molburg, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Millie Nelson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Pr. Jane McChesney, Kameron Brown, Kathy Breitenstein, Maxine McKinley Willis Luallen, Leland Peterson, Sandy Snyder, Jeanette Watters, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Damaris Miller, Betty Hickman, Carol St. John, Dick Childe, 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

**January Baptismal Anniversaries (GO)**

Bruce Curry 05  
Peggy Pettit 28

**January Birthdays:**

Britta Watters (BW)	01
Kim Engstrom (GO)	04
Donald Dahlstrom (BW)	04
Jodie McNally (BW)	04
Kelli Johnson (BW)	05
Ann Larson (BW)	05
Matt Miller (GO)	06
Laura Swanson (FS)	06
Greg Bloom berg (BW)	06
Rubie Watson (GO)	07
Carol Eiker (BW)	07
Dorothy Johnson (BW)	07
Audrey Lindsey (BW)	07
Laurie Allen (BW)	08
Trevor Carlson (BW)	08
Caroline Castaline (GO)	10
Lucy Newman (BW)	11
Don Henrikson (BW)	12
Gary Dierolf (FS)	12
Todd Beck (BW)	13
Carson Taylor (GO)	15
Colin Watters (BW)	16
Scott Swanson (BW)	17
Larry McKinley (GO)	18
Hunter Price (GO)	18
Joshua Bainbridge (BW)	18
Forrest McKey (BW)	18
Doug Swanson (BW)	18
Stephanie Johnson (BW)	20
Beau Peterson (BW)	20
Karen Adamson (BW)	21
Natalie Gasper (BW)	21
Lily Fairbrother (BW)	21
Jacob Johnson (GO)	22
Sue Anthony (FS)	23
Kim Bowers (BW)	26
Dain Luallen (BW)	26
Lori Nimrick (BW)	27
Shelia Nelson (GO)	28
Emily Smith (GO)	28
Warren Birely (FS)	28
Scott McNeil (BW)	29
Alex Borkgren (BW)	30
Emily Frew (FS)	30
Joan Sanders (FS)	30
Ann Olson (BW)	331

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**January Wedding Anniversaries:**

Jim & Carol Brown (BW)	01
Ron & Peggy Pettit (GO)	02
George & Patrice Wirt (BW)	24
Gary & Karen Adamson (BW)	30

**FIRST:**

**FS Council Meeting:** Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm

**Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**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.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed to our Christmas family.

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**GRACE:**

**GO Council Meeting:** Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> after worship

**Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> After Worship**  
Potluck Lunch after meeting

**January Bulletin Sponsor: Larry & Maxine McKinley**

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**BETHANY:**

**Hope Unit: January 19<sup>th</sup> hostess: Harriet Peterson**

**BW Council Meeting: TBA**

**Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm**

**Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 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 all our church friends and family for celebrating with us on our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by sharing in our open house and through all the beautiful cards and gifts. It was a very special day!

Also, many thanks for the thoughts and prayers and visits I received while I was hospitalized for so long. The prayer shawl was so special and made me feel all the love and wishes for my healing from my Bethany family. Special thanks to everyone for all the cards and food brought over after my return home. It's wonderful to be a part of such a loving family. My total recovery will take some time, but I'm gaining strength every day. **Randy & Jan Larson**

**Thank You....**

Thanks to everyone for your calls, cards, memorial donations and prayers at the time of Bud's passing.

Also, thanks to WELCA fro the beautiful poinsettia and delicious Christmas cookies. **Emma Gerard**

**Thank You...**

Thank you to all who purchased tickets for our quilt raffle. We raised \$113 for the Parsonage bathroom project. Lucy Newman won the baby quilt and Patty Colburn won the full size quilt. **Thank You!**

**ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR BETHANY'S ANNUAL MEETING NEED TO BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE ASAP!**

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