

ERM NEWS

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Office Hours:

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday afternoons 12:30-4:30pm 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)

PALS Ash Wednesday Services	March 1st
Calvary Lutheran, NW	10am
Sherrard Presbyterian	noon
Swedona Lutheran	TBD

ERM ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 19th hosted by Bethany

Worship 10am

Meeting following worship

Potluck dinner after meeting

SAVE THE DATE...

"Reformation 500 Hymn Sing"

Sunday, April 30th @ 2pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Galesburg

More information to come!

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

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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

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:

2/5 Megan Hancock
2/12 Verna Bergstrom
2/19 Lily McNally
2/26 Randy Larson
3/5 Mary Stiers

Ushers

2/5 Marvin Watters & Donita Creek
2/12 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
2/19 Dave & Marty Johnson
2/26 Al & Peggy Nordquist
3/5 Bob Eiker & Dave Peterson

Greeters:

2/5 Dean & Chris Peterson
2/12 Ryan & Alyssa Colburn
2/19 Doug & Nancy Swanson
2/26 Mike & Pam Maher family
3/5 Gene & Shirley Brown

Prayer Asst:

2/5 Nancy Swanson
2/12 Verna Bergstrom
2/19 Kristi VerHeecke
2/26 Kelly Luallen
3/5 Marvin Watters

Communion Asst:

2/5 TBA
2/19 Jason Hancock
3/5 TBA

Rotation of Callers

February Verna Bergstrom
March Harriet Peterson
April Mary Stiers
May Harriet Peterson

Funeral Committee Jan-Feb-Mar

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

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Usher s: Greg & Rhonda Miller and Matt Miller

Altar:

2/5 Rhonda Miller
2/19 Rhonda Miller

Assistant:

2/5 Richard Peterson
2/19 Ross Olson

Lectors:

2/5 Richard Peterson
2/12 Rhea Johnson
2/19 Ross Olson
2/26 Gwen Blais

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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, 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, Jeanne Watters, Leland Peterson, Dorothy Johnson, Jocelyn Schmidt, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Damaris Miller, Betty Hickman, Carol St. John, Dick Child, Chelsea Atnip, Charles McClaine

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

Bethany Thank You....

We wish to thank those of you who gave memorials in Sandy's name, those who attended the visitation and memorial service, the phone calls, cards, notes and other expressions of sympathy. We especially want to thank Pastor Nancy for the meaningful service, Pam Eiker and Denise Eiker for the beautiful music and for all those who served and contributed to the delicious

February Birthdays:

Kristi VerHeecke (BW)	01
Barb McNeil (BW)	02
Kristi Willet (BW)	02
Brent Henrikson (BW)	03
Connie Sundberg (BW)	03
Sarah Souhrada (FS)	03
Andrea Bolduc (BW)	05
Gwen Blais (GO)	05
Kaylie Smith (GO)	09
Kevin Elliott (BW)	09
Barb Lutrell (BW)	09
Grace Barman (BW)	10
Jason Brown (BW)	10
Connie Lawson (GO)	10
Millie Nelson (GO)	10
Douglas Johnson (BW)	12
Greg Nimrick (BW)	12
Curt Anderson (FS)	12
Chris Lutrell (BW)	13
Luanne Krueger (BW)	15
John Schmidt (FS)	15
Luann Colburn (BW)	16
Gene Colburn (BW)	18
Erik Lemon (BW)	18
Ann Watters (BW)	18
Willis Luallen (BW)	19
Cathy Lutrell (BW)	19
Marty Johnson (BW)	20
Kim Goodrich (BW)	21
Maurey Peterson (BW)	21
Steven Shumaker (BW)	22
Mike Maher (BW)	24
Mahlon Johnson (GO)	25

February Wedding Anniversaries:

Mahlon & Rhea Johnson (GO)	07
Bob & Pam Eiker (BW)	12
George & Jackie Bloomberg (BW)	15

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, February 9th 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.

Donations Appreciated...

We will be collecting "goodies" for our 5 college students
to be sent out on February 5th

Thank You....

We gratefully acknowledge the anonymous donation of
\$1000 to our Building Fund in the memory of
Myron Swanson.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, February 12th after worship

Installation of new council members: February 5th

Souper Bowl
Sunday, February 5th

Sympathy

BETHANY:

Hope Unit: February 16th Hostess: Barb McNeil

BW Council Meeting: Sunday, February 19th 10:30am

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.

Thank You...

Thank you so much for the pretty poinsettia to brighten my
day and my kitchen. I really enjoyed the homemade cookies.
Thanks for thinking of me. **Forrest McKey**

Sympathy...

Bethany extends sympathy to the family and friends of
Sandy Snyder who passed away on January 9th.
May they find comfort during this time of sorrow.

Bethany Members....

Jeana is no longer able to take one check for more than one
account. The savings account is for the Building Fund, special
projects and Memorials. The regular checking account is for
everything else. See Jeana if you have questions.

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Worship 10am

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

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