

ERM NEWS

MARCH 2017

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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)

Ash Wednesday Services: March 1st

Calvary Lutheran, NW 10am
Sherrard Presbyterian noon
First, Sherrard 5pm
Swedona Lutheran 7pm
United Church of Woodhull 7pm

ERM Annual Meeting & Worship

March 19th hosted by Bethany
Worship 10am
Meeting 11am
Potluck after meeting

PALS LENTEN SERVICES: Sunday afternoons

Lunch served @ 12:30 with event to follow

March 5th United Church of Woodhull
March 12th Sherrard Presbyterian
March 19th Rio Presbyterian
March 26th Swedona Lutheran
April 2nd New Windsor Presbyterian

Maunday Thursday Services: April 13th

Sherrard Presbyterian noon
Calvary Lutheran 7pm
Bethany Lutheran 7pm

Good Friday Service: April 14th

New Windsor Presbyterian 7pm

Palm Sunday: April 9th Individual Churches

Easter: April 16th Individual Churches

GO 7am Breakfast after worship

BW 9am

FS 10:45am Breakfast @ 9am

SAVE THE DATE...more information inside!

"Reformation 500 Hymn Sing"

Sunday, April 30th @ 2pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Galesburg

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, **March 16th**

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:

3/5 Candy Tschappat
3/12 Lily McNally
3/19 Nancy Swanson
3/26 Verna Bergstrom
4/2 Carol Eiker

Ushers

3/5 Donita Creek
3/12 Gary Johnson & Deed Nehls
3/19 George Wirt & Marvin Watters
3/26 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
4/2 Gene & Shirley Brown

Greeters:

3/5 Gene & Shirley Brown
3/12 Lloyd Carlson
3/19 Al & Peggy Nordquist
3/26 Donita Creek
4/2 Ken & Connie Kremer

Prayer Asst:

3/5 Marvin Watters
3/12 Kelly Luallen
3/19 Megan Hancock
3/26 Verna Bergstrom
4/2 Jeana Fors

Communion Asst:

3/5 Candy Tschappat
3/19 Candy Tschappat
4/2 Jeana Fors

Rotation of Callers

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 : Anna Willett

Altar:

3/5 Rhea Johnson
3/19 ERM Joint @ BW

Assistant:

3/5 Rhea Johnson
3/19 ERM Joint @ BW

Lectors:

3/5 Rhea Johnson
3/12 Ross Olson
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3/26 Richard Peterson

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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:

Jeanne Watters, Leland Peterson, Kathy Carlson, Jeff Bell, 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, 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

“Reformation 500 Hymn Sing”

Sunday, April 30th @ 2pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Galesburg

Featuring:

Chris Nelson, organist, St. Paul Lutheran, Davenport

Judy Engelbretson, Katie Luther Enactor,

Bethany Lutheran Children’s Choir, Woodhull, IL

Chrystal Lake Children’s Choir

Adult Bell Choir, Trinity Lutheran, Galesburg

Offering will support Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
and the Northern Illinois Synod
Tanzanian Medical School Project

Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall

March Birthdays:

Kelly Price (GO)	01
Roxanne Dierolf (FS)	01
Lyle Williams (FS)	02
Joyce Falline (BW)	03
Kenneth Barman (BW)	04
Greg Wright (BW)	06
Peyton Taylor (GO)	06
Jodi Papini (BW)	08
Chase VerHeecke (BW)	08
Neal Nelson (BW)	09
Todd Swanson (BW)	09
Diane Grim (BW)	10
Barb Nelson (BW)	10
Hayley McDowell (BW)	11
Ryan Bramlett (BW)	11
Yvonne Grothusen (FS)	12
Kelly Williams (FS)	12
Pam Eiker (BW)	14
Caden Elliott (BW)	15
Lilly Elliott (BW)	15
Dean McNally (BW)	16
Jill Nelson (BW)	17
India Price (GO)	17
Jeana Fors (BW)	18
Ron Peterson (BW)	18
Rodney Swanson (BW)	18
Brynlee Wirt (BW)	18
Emersyn Wirt (BW)	20
Todd Anderson (BW)	21
Bob Bergstrom (BW)	21
Belinda Webb (GO)	21
Jason Borkgren (BW)	22
Max Larson (BW)	23
Marybeth Smith (GO)	23
Brooke Crawford (FS)	24
Sid Anderson (BW)	24
Lucille Bergstrom (BW)	26
Jim Bergstrom (BW)	28
Gary D. Johnson (BW)	28
Bryan Johnson (BW)	31
Byron Swanson (BW)	31

March Wedding Anniversaries:

Barry & Anna Willetts (GO)	01
Levi & Katie Mason (BW)	05
Casey & Jennifer Adamson (BW)	15
Philip & Amber Wirt (BW)	27
Dale & Connie Sundberg (BW)	29

March Baptismal Anniversaries (GO)

Kim Engstrom	13
Rhea Johnson	18
Ross Olson	29

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, March 9th 7pm

Easter Breakfast will be held @ 9am April 16th

**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 donated to our college care kits.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, March 12th after worship

March Bulletins Sponsored by: Greg & Rhonda Miller

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ERM ANNUAL MEETING

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Worship 10am

Meeting following worship

Potluck dinner after meeting



**Bethany Lutheran Church
WELCA Breakfast & Bake Sale
Saturday, April 8th
7am-10am
Come Join Us!**

BETHANY:

Hope Unit: March 16th Hostess:

BW Council Meeting: Sunday, March 16th @ 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.



Luck of the Lutherans

On Friday, March 17th 3D will be hosting a
"Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner"
from 5:30-6:30pm followed by BINGO at 7pm in the
Bethany Lutheran Church basement.

This event is a fundraiser for our trip to the
ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.

Tickets for Dinner & BINGO will be \$10.00.

Tickets will be sold on the Sundays prior to the event.

Tickets can also be purchased from

Megan Hancock (309-337-3555)

Jodie McNally (309-371-7137)

The last day to purchase tickets is March 12th.

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING

OR A GREAT CAUSE & FELLOWSHIP!

Thank You...

Thanks so much to everyone who made contributions to the luncheon after Mom's funeral. We know you worked hard and the food was delicious. Many of you shared stories of how our Mom really kept things straight in the church kitchen and helped organize things – which sounds exactly like Mom. We really appreciate all your efforts. Thank you so much.

Dorothy Johnson Family

Thank You....

Thank you to WELCA for the poinsettia & cookies I received.

Dorothy Peterson

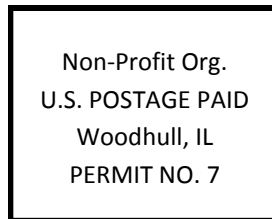
Thank You...

Dear Lutheran Ladies,

I wanted to express my gratitude for the prayer shawl.

It has wrapped me in warmth and comfort in these past days and will continue to in the future. Thanks, **Lori Nimrick**

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



Return Service Requested

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10am Worship 11am meeting 12pm Potluck