

ERM NEWS

APRIL 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 Calend

PALS LENTEN SERVICES: Sunday afternoons
Lunch served @ 12:30 with event to follow

April 2nd New Windsor Presbyterian

Maundy Thursday Services: April 13th

Sherrard Presbyterian noon

First Lutheran Church 5pm

Calvary Lutheran 7pm

Bethany Lutheran 7pm

Palm Sunday: April 9th Individual Churches

Good Friday Service: April 14th

New Windsor Presbyterian 7pm

Easter: April 16th Individual Churches

GO 7am Brunch after worship

BW 9am

FS 10:45am Breakfast @ 9am

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN THURSDAY, APRIL 13th 12:30-4:30pm

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, APRIL 14th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 17th

SAVE THE DATE...more information inside!

"Reformation 500 Hymn Sing"

Sunday, April 30th @ 2pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Galesburg

Rebuilding Together Henry County Informational Meeting

Monday, April 10th @ 6pm at Bethany Lutheran Church

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, **April 20th**

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

BW Bells: Thursday 6pm

Grace:

Worship: 9am

Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00a

First:

Adult Bible Study: 10am

Children's Sunday School: 10am

Worship: 10:45am

THANK YOU...

Thanks to all who attended the annual Joint service, meeting and luncheon.

Thanks to the joint choir that sang.

Thanks for all the delicious foods.

A special thank you to Glenn & Betty Swanson for donating the delicious ham for all to enjoy.

It was a glorious day!!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:

4/2 Carol Eiker
4/9 Mary Stiers
4/16 Marvin Watters
4/23 Denise Eiker
4/30 Randy Larson
5/7 Verna Bergstrom

Ushers

4/2 Gene & Shirley Brown
4/9 Rich & Janice Maher
4/16 Marvin Watters & Gary Johnson
4/23 Dave & Marty Johnson
4/30 Jim & Kelly Luallen
5/7 Bob & Verna Bergstrom

Greeters:

4/2 Ken & Connie Kremer
4/9 Lucy Newman
4/16 Al & Peggy Nordquist
4/23 Jason & Megan Hancock family
4/30 Deed Nehls
5/7 Barb McNeil

Prayer Asst:

4/2 Jeana Fors
4/9 Connie Bolduc
4/16 NONE
4/23 Kelly Luallen
4/30 NONE
5/7 Verna Bergstrom

Communion Asst:

4/2 Jeana Fors
4/16 Mary Stiers & ??
5/7 Kristi VerHeecke

Rotation of Callers

April	Mary Stiers	Aug	Mary Stiers
May	Harriet Peterson	Sep	Lucy Newman
June	Kelly Luallen	Oct	Lucy Newman
July	Patty Colburn	Nov. Dec	Patrice Wirt

Funeral Committee Apr-May-June

Connie Bolduc 334-2530
Lucy Newman 334-2286

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson**Usher s:** Richard Peterson & Ross Olson**Altar:**

4/2 Maxine McKinley
4/16 Maxine McKinley

Assistant:

4/2 Anna Willett
4/9 Georgia Smith
4/16 Richard Peterson
4/23 Gwen Blais
4/30 Maxine McKinley

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4/30 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, 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, Ann Fippinger, Jeanne Watters, Jerre Bubon, Derek & Tammy Willett, John Molburg, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Millie Nelson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Pastor Jane McChesney, Kameron Brown, Kathy Breitenstein, Maxine McKinley, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Carol St. John, Chlesea Atnip, Dick & Shirley Child, Robert Fender, Charlie 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 & Brass, 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

WELCA SPRING ASSEMBLY

Saturday, **April 29th**

Bethel Lutheran Church, Stronghurst, IL

9am coffee

10am meeting

Program is NIS Nursing School Project

Arusha Lutheran Hospital Nursing Program in Tanzania

April Birthdays:

Megan Hancock(BW)	01
Kelly Luallen(BW)	01
Jeff Maher (BW)	01
Barbara Peterson (BW)	01
Barbara Fors (BW)	02
Miriam Landes (BW)	03
Shirley Miller (BW)	04
Matthew Maher (BW)	05
Jeff Newman (BW)	06
Sarah Blaine (BW)	08
Barb Colburn (BW)	08
Ellie Larson (BW)	09
Joyce Bloomberg (BW)	09
Tyler Litton (BW)	09
Gwen Strand (BW)	10
Gavin VerHeecke (BW)	12
LaVern Hanson (BW)	13
Martha Borkgren (BW)	14
Jenny Dierolf (FS)	14
Fern Swanson (FS)	14
Dale Sundberg (BW)	15
Diane Bloomberg (BW)	16
Trent Jochim (FS)	16
Lyndi LeMay (BW)	17
Craig Yard (BW)	17
Dennis Colburn (BW)	18
Betty Henrikson (BW)	19
Denise Eiker (BW)	20
Bruce Williams (FS)	21
Al Bowers (BW)	25
June Bolin (BW)	26
Pam Ryan (BW)	27
Don Vail (BW)	27
Kaylee Collinson (BW)	29
Connie Wasson (BW)	30

April Wedding Anniversaries:

Zack & Ellie Larson (BW)	05
Steve & Connie Lemon (BW)	08
Jeana Fors & Jim Hecht Jr. (BW)	14
Lloyd & Joanne Carlson (BW)	14
Wayne & Deb Hannam (BW)	14
Gene & Shirley Brown (BW)	16
Gene & Barb Colburn (BW)	17
Tim & Mandy Jochim (FS)	19
Larry & Nancy Rhodenbaugh (FS)	19
Brent & Angie Litton (BW)	30

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, April 13th 7pm
Maundy Thursday @ First April 13th @ 5pm
Easter Worship 10:45am
Breakfast @ 9am

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.

Sympathy is extended to Missy & Paul Corken & family on the
loss of Paul's sister, Kim Fish. May they find comfort during this
time of sorrow.

Community Garden Group is forming and making plans for a
Spring Garden. If you would like to be a part of this please
contact Karl or Patty Swanson @ 309-574-0241.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sunday, April 9th after worship

Easter Worship April 16th @ 7am
Brunch to follow worship

April Baptismal Anniversaries (GO)

Chad Johnson	04
Millie Nelson	10
Elizabeth Robinson	17
Kelly Price	19
Mary Olson	21
Emily Smith	22
Michael Smith	22

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ruth Curry who passed
away recently. May they find comfort during this time of sorrow,

New Windsor Presbyterian Church
Spring Fling
Saturday, April 8th
7:30-10:30am

BETHANY:

Hope Unit: April 20th Hostess: Lucy Newman
BW Council Meeting: Thursday, April 20th 8pm
Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm

BETHANY BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE
Saturday, April 8th
7am-10am

Maundy Thursday @ Bethany April 13th @ 7pm
Easter Worship April 16th @ 9am

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.

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for our worship
service on April 16th contact Connie Bolduc @ 334-2530 by
April 7th. The cost per lily is \$12.00. Checks should be made
out to Connie Bolduc.

Sympathy is extended to the family of LaVern Hanson who
passed away recently. May they find comfort during this time
of sorrow.

Thank You...

The family of Forrest McKey would like to thank everyone for
their kindness and support during Dad's illness and passing.
For all the cards, calls, visits, flowers, food and generous
memorial gifts we thank you so much. Thank you also to
Pastor Nancy for her many visits and your caring funeral
service which celebrated Dad's life. Thank you to Pam Eiker
and Merideth Willett for the lovely music. Many thanks to the
WELCA ladies for the delicious funeral luncheon. The prayers
and concern of everyone have helped and will continue to
help us through this difficult time.

Patrice & George Wirt & family
Rhonda & Greg Miller & family
Todd & Annette McKey & family

Thank You...

On behalf of Tom Hanson, the family of Lavern Hanson thanks
everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy at Lavern's
death. Special thanks to Pastor Nancy for the thoughtful
service, Pam Eiker for the music and the ladies of Bethany for
the delicious luncheon.

Graduation Recognition....

Hard to believe that we are already making plans for our
annual **Kid's Day and Graduation Recognition**. We will
celebrate on **May 21st**. If you have a middle school, high school
or college graduate please get the graduates name, school,
parents and/or grandparents to the church office by May 14th.
You may email the information or leave it on my desk.

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**Bethany Lutheran Church
WELCA Breakfast & Bake Sale
Saturday, April 8th
7am-10am
JOIN US FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**