

ERM NEWS

MAY 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

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

"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

THRIFTY ON 150

Saturday, May 13th

Grace Lutheran Church

8:30-11:30am

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, **May 18th**

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:

5/7 Verna Bergstrom
5/14 Jeana Fors
5/21 Connie Bolduc
5/28 Pam Eiker
6/4 Megan Hancock

Ushers

5/7 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
5/14 Al & Peggy Nordquist
5/21 Donita Creek & Gary Johnson
5/28 George Wirt & Marvin Watters
6/4 Dave & Marty Johnson

Greeters:

5/7 Barb McNeil
5/14 Jean Rehn
5/21 Shannon & Jodie McNally family
5/28 Jim & Kelly Luallen
6/4 Gene & Shirley Brown

Prayer Asst:

5/7 Verna Bergstrom
5/14 Carol Eiker
5/21 None
5/28 Marvin Watters
6/4 Denise Eiker

Communion Asst:

5/7 Kristi VerHeecke
5/21 Marvin Watters
6/4 Verna Bergstrom

Rotation of Callers

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

Funeral Committee Apr-May-June

Connie Bolduc 334-2530
Lucy Newman 334-2286

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Usher s: Mahlon & Rhea Johnson

Altar:

5/7 Anna Willett
21 Anna Willett

Assistant:

5/7 Richard Peterson
5/21 Maxine McKinley

Lectors:

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5/14 Anna Willett
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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, Jacob Burkert** that God may watch over us all and lead us through this time into a time of peace.

Those with continuing health problems:

Lloyd Carlson, Joanne Carlson, Kathy Carlson, Ann Norburg, Ann Fippinger, Leland Peterson, Lois Willard, Jerre Bubon, Derek & Tammy Willett, John Molburg, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Millie Nelson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Pr. Jane McChesney, Kameron Brown, Kathy Breitenstein, Maxine McKinley, Kathy Heschke, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Carol St, John, Chelsea Atnip, Dick & Shirley Child, Janice Maher, Jodi Scott, Glenn Swanson

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

May Birthdays:

Kayden Smith (GO)	01
Kevin Colburn (BW)	03
Brittney Litton (BW)	03
Christopher Wright (BW)	03
Jesse Taylor (GO)	04
Monty Bolduc (BW)	05
Blake Nimrick (BW)	06
Melissa Holton (BW)	08
Presley Borkgren (BW)	09
James Kepner (BW)	10
John Dierolf (FS)	12
Jerre Bubon (GO)	14
Susan Johnson (BW)	14
Macy Papini (BW)	14
Dean Peterson (BW)	14
Debbie Dertz (BW)	15
Vicki Grothusen (FS)	19
Shirley Child (FS)	20
Wayne Hannam (BW)	20
Connie Bolduc (BW)	20
Amanda Faith (FS)	22
Gene Brown (BW)	23
Loren Cain (BW)	24
Jack Tschappat (BW)	24
Terry Brown (FS)	26
Richard Maher (BW)	26
Angelo Encapera (FS)	27
Karl Swanson (FS)	27
Jon Booker (FS)	28
Lloyd Carlson (BW)	28
Jeff Bell (BW)	30



Fun Maker Fun Factory

Created by God; Built for a Purpose

Vacation Bible School will be held June 26 – 30, 2017!

This program is for ages 3 through 8th grade completed.

As usual we need a lot of help!

The sign-up sheets are in the church basement. You can also notify Patty Colburn or Sally Goff if you are interested or have further questions.

May Wedding Anniversaries:

Mike & Debbie Dertz (BW)	05
Greg & Diane Frew (FS)	06
Monty & Connie Bolduc (BW)	08
Jim & Kelly Luallen (BW)	14
Randy & Pam Ryan (BW)	15
Charlie & Georgia Smith (GO)	19
Lyle & Marilyn Williams (FS)	19
Kevin & Kimberly Elliott (BW)	24
Scott & Becky McNeil (BW)	25
Ken & Connie Kremer (BW)	28
Ryan & Ashley Bramlett (BW)	31

BETHANY:

Hope Unit : Thursday, May 18th Hostess: Barb Fors
BW Council Meeting: Thursday, May 18th 8pm
Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, May 11th 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.

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.
**We are getting ready to break ground as soon as the
weather improves!**

Thank You...

Thanks to all who donated to our College Care Kits!
The students appreciate your generosity.

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.

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.

Thank You...

Bethany Family,
Thank you all for supporting our 'Luck of the Lutherans' event.
It was a great success thanks to you! We hope you enjoyed
the dinner and BINGO. Thanks to all that donated food and
raffle items. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful
church family. Thanks again!

Bethany 3D: Grace, Morgan, Lily & Hannah

Thank You...

Bethany WELCA Breakfast & Bake Sale was a big success
thanks to all donations of food and money. Also, thank you to
three generations of workers. The Quilt Raffle brought in
enough to buy another big roll of battings so we can keep
sewing. Net income was \$1500.00. Thank you all!!

Mark Your Calendar...

Ann Bergstrom, Bethany daughter will be our supply pastor
on June 4th. We look forward to having her with us.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: May 14th after worship

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 30th
After Worship

THRIFTY ON 150
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8:30-11:30am

Ice Cream Social & Auction

June 10th @ 5pm

Maranatha Chapel, Alpha

Join us for food, fellowship & fun!

All proceeds will go to AlWood Food Pantry

May Baptismal Birthdays (GO)

Matt Miller 04
Samuel Miller 09
Georgia Smith 24

The **parsonage bathroom project** is nearly complete.
The bills so far have come in near budget. Nearly \$8000
has been designated so far, but that doesn't cover the
entire amount. Any additional donations or designating
memorial funds not yet designated would be
appreciated. Otherwise the council will fund the
approved balance from existing accounts.
It looks great. Bethany comes through again!
Bethany Church Council

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