

# ERM NEWS

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

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

**PASTOR NANCY WILL BE ON RETREAT @ ROCKY MOUNTAIN ACADEMY  
JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> through JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE  
YOU WILL BE INSTRUCTED ON WHO TO CONTACT**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> & JULY 4<sup>th</sup> for the HOLIDAY**

**WOODHULL FUN FEST  
Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Hope to see you there!**

### **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, June 15<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

#### **Grace:**

Worship: 9am  
Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00a

#### **First:**

Adult Bible Study: 10am  
Worship: 10:45am

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**BETHANY**

**Lectors:**

6/4 Megan Hancock  
6/11 Nancy Swanson  
6/18 Marvin Watters  
6/25 Randy Larson  
7/2 Carol Eiker

**Ushers**

6/4 Dave & Marty Johnson  
6/11 Dennis & Patty Colburn  
6/18 Marvin Watters & George Wirt  
6/25 Gene & Barb Colburn  
7/2 Jim & Kelly Luallen

**Greeters:**

6/4 Gene & Shirley Brown  
6/11 Ryan & Alissa Colburn  
6/18 Donita Creek  
6/25 Jean Rehn  
7/2 Lucy Newman

**Prayer Asst:**

6/4 Denise Eiker  
6/11 Barb McNeil  
6/18 None  
6/25 Mary Stiers  
7/2 Jeana Fors

**Communion Asst:**

6/4 Verna Bergstrom  
6/18 Shannon McNally  
7/2 Verna Bergstrom

**Rotation of Callers**

		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:** Georgia Smith & Marybeth Smith

**Altar:**

6/4 Gwen Blais  
6/18 Gwen Blais

**Assistant:**

6/4 Maxine McKinley  
6/18 Gwen Blais

**Lectors:**

6/4 Maxine McKinley  
6/11 Georgia Smith  
6/18 Ross Olson  
6/25 Richard Peterson

**Greeters:**

6/4 Maxine McKinley  
6/11 Georgia Smith  
6/18 Anna Willett  
6/25 Richard Peterson

**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:**

Derek & Tammy Willett, John Molburg, Millie Nelson, Chuck & Connie Lawson, Alice Reed, Norma Stromquist, Pastor Jane McChesney, Kameron Brown, Kathy Breitenstein, Maxine McKinley, Kathy Heschke, Leland Peterson, Deb Seibert, Ken Kremer, Maureen Huels, Mike Clark, Becki Norton, Carol St. John, Chelsea Atnip, Dick & Shirley Child

**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 Lutheran Church**

**PO Box 459**

**Woodhull, IL 61490**

**FATHER’S DAY BLANKETS      Please order by June 11<sup>th</sup>**

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE \_\_\_\_\_ BLANKETS AT  
\$5.00 EACH + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks may be written to: **Bethany Lutheran Church**

Please give this order slip to a Witness/Service member or may be sent to the address above.

Please include the names of those you wish to honor or those who you wish to give blankets in memory.

**June Birthdays:**

Kenneth Rehn (BW)	02
Phyllis Johnson (BW)	03
Dallas Peterson (BW)	03
Steve Sundberg (BW)	04
Kim Colburn(BW)	04
Ashley Colburn(BW)	05
Bob Eiker(BW)	05
Debbie Anderson (FS)	06
Shane Anthony (FS)	07
Maxine McKinley (GO)	08
David Peterson (BW)	12
Danelle Larson (BW)	13
Chuck Lawson (GO)	14
Richard Mason (BW)	14
Dirk Larson (BW)	15
Mark Pearson (BW)	16
Brendan Bolduc (BW)	16
Ross Olson (GO)	18
Betty Swanson (BW)	18
Alex Willett (BW)	19
Aaron Miller (GO)	20
Gale Bramlett (BW)	20
John Rehn (BW)	20
Kim Crawford (FS)	22
Ben Swanson (FS)	23
James Swanson (BW)	23
Bristol Wirt (BW)	26
Timothy Blaine (BW)	28
Archie Samuelson (GO)	29
Adam Peterson (BW)	29
Kim Sundberg (BW)	29
Jason Peterson (BW)	30
Leland Peterson (BW)	30

**June Wedding Anniversaries:**

Bob & Verna Bergstrom (BW)	01
Rodney & Lolly Swanson (BW)	04
Rich & Janice Maher (BW)	05
Curt & Debbie Anderson (FS)	06
Ken & Karla Barman (BW)	06
Paul & Missy Corken (FS)	11
Lee & Cheree Encapera (FS)	12
Shane & Amy Anthony (FS)	13
Kyle & Misty Borkgren (BW)	13
John & Barb Schmidt (FS)	17
Gary & Roxanne Dierolf (FS)	19
Karl & Patty Swanson (FS)	24
Matt & Hilary Fairbrother (BW)	24

**FIRST:**

**FS Council Meeting: Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> planting of the Community Garden began.  
Thanks to all who worked hard on this project,  
especially Karl & Patty Swanson.

**Thanks** to Priscilla Child for the beautiful floral  
arrangement on the altar.

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**GRACE:**

**GO Council Meeting: June 11<sup>th</sup> after worship**

**Bulletin Sponsors: Mahlon & Rhea Johnson**

**June Baptismal Birthdays (GO)**

Carson Taylor	01
Gabriel Price	03
Hunter Price	03
India Price	03
Zoe Price	03
Jerre Bubon	11
Polly Engstrom	18
Alisa Wells	21

**BETHANY:**

**Hope Unit : Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Hostess: Barb McNeil**  
**BW Council Meeting: Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm**  
**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.

**Piano Recital**

**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**4pm**

**Bethany Lutheran Church**

This recital is for the students of Pam Eiker

**Ann Bergstrom**, Bethany daughter of Jim & Lucille  
Bergstrom will be our supply pastor on **June 4<sup>th</sup>**.

We look forward to having her with us.

We will have a potluck brunch following worship.

**Ice Cream Social & Auction**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm**

**Maranatha Chapel, Alpha**

**Join us for food, fellowship & fun!**

**All proceeds will go to AlWood Food Pantry**

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**

**Thank You....**

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, visits, calls,  
flowers, cards, food and support before and after my  
surgery. Thank you ladies for the beautiful quilt which I  
took with to the hospital. It all helps to feel better.

We appreciate everything done for us. **Janice Maher**



## CONGRATULATIONS

The following Bethany Graduates were honored on May 21<sup>st</sup>

<b>Ben Peterson</b>	Masters from University of Illinois in Animal Meat Science Working at the University Son of Dallas & Brenda Peterson
<b>Ashley Colburn</b>	AlWood High School Daughter of Kevin & Kim Colburn
<b>Grace Barman</b>	AlWood 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Daughter of Kurt & Denise Barman
<b>Brecken Adamson</b>	AlWood 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Daughter of Casey & Jennifer Adamson
<b>Hayley McDowell</b>	University of Iowa Daughter of Scott & Lori McDowell

## CONGRATULATIONS

Best Wishes to the following Graduates of Bethany Church Members

<b>Brooke Nordquist</b>	Creighton University (Dentistry) Granddaughter of Al & Peggy Nordquist
<b>Jake Johnson</b>	Black Hawk East (Agriculture) Grandson of Al & Peggy Nordquist
<b>Alex Vyneman</b>	Ravenwood High School, Brentwood TN Granddaughter of Dave & Marty Johnson Auburn University, Auburn, AL in fall majoring in Education

Best Wishes to the following Graduate from First Lutheran Church

<b>Clayton Corken</b>	Sherrard High School Son of Paul & Missy Corken
<b>Laura Swanson</b>	Loyola University Daughter of Karl & Patty Swanson



***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 8<sup>th</sup> grade completed.**

**As usual we need a lot of help!**

**You can also notify Patty Colburn or Sally Goff if you are interested  
or have further questions.**



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