

# 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 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 VACATION

AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup> through AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>

**If you have a pastoral emergency please contact the church office and listen to the message for instructions.**

## RALLY DAYS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

**PASTOR NANCY WILL BE @ PROFESSIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE**

**SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> through SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

**PALS continues to assist those in need in our community.**

**If you would like to contribute to our fund you may do so by placing a check made out to PALS or cash in an envelope marked PALS and place it in your church offering plate. Contributions may be sent directly to PALS in care of Pastor Nancy Jaster PO Box 57 Woodhull, IL 61490**

**We appreciate any and all donations.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED!**

### **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, **August 17<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.

### **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

### **RALLY DAYS**

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

**FALL SCHEDULES WILL BEGIN!**  
**JOIN US FOR ALL THE FUN!**

### **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:**

8/6 Marvin Watters  
8/13 Megan Hancock  
8/20 Jeana Fors  
8/27 Gene Colburn  
9/3 Lily McNally

**Ushers:**

8/6 Gene & Shirley Brown  
8/13 Dave & Marty Johnson  
8/20 Ryan Colburn & Dennis Colburn  
8/27 George Wirt & Marvin Watters  
9/3 Bob Eiker & Carol Eiker

**Greeters:**

8/6 Carol Eiker  
8/13 Donita Creek  
8/20 Lloyd Carlson  
8/27 Randy & Jan Larson  
9/3 Harriet Peterson

**Prayer Asst:**

8/6 Barb McNeil  
8/13 Megan Hancock  
8/20 Jeana Fors  
8/27 Denise Eiker  
9/3 Carol Eiker

**Communion Asst:**

8/6 Randy Larson  
8/20 Mary Stiers  
8/6 Carol Eiker

**Rotation of Callers**

		Oct	Lucy Newman
Aug	Mary Stiers	Nov	Patrice Wirt
Sept.	Lucy Newman	Dec	Patrice Wirt

**Funeral Committee July-Aug-Sept**

Connie Bolduc 334-2530  
Harriet Peterson 334-2276  
Peg Nordquist 334-2264

**GRACE**

**Organist:** Elizabeth Robinson

**Usher :** Anna Willett

**Altar:**

8/6 Maxine McKinley  
8/20 Maxine McKinley

**Assistant:**

8/6 Anna Willett  
8/20 Gwen Blais  
8/27 Maxine McKinley

**Lectors:**

8/6 Anna Willett  
8/13 Georgia Smith  
8/20 Gwen Blais  
8/27 Maxine McKinley

**Greeters:**

8/6 Anna Willett  
8/13 Georgia Smith  
8/20 Gwen Blais  
8/27 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, 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:**

Leland Peterson  
Mike Clark  
Becki Norton  
Pastor Jane McChesney  
Carol St. John  
Chelsea Atnip  
Dick & Shirley Child  
Jerre Bubon  
Derek & Tammy Willett  
John Molburg  
Chuck & Connie Lawson  
Millie Nelson  
Alice Reed  
Norma Stromquist  
Kameron Brown  
Maxine McKinley  
Kathy Heschke  
Rena Stewart  
Connie Kremer

## **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

## **August Wedding Anniversaries:**

Mike & Sue Anthony (FS)	02
John & Jeralyn Rehn (BW)	03
Kevin & Kim Colburn (BW)	05
Dennis & Patty Colburn (BW)	11
Andrew & Stephanie Gelaude (BW)	12
Doug & Nancy Swanson (BW)	14
Kurt & Denise Barman (BW)	14
Jim & Lucille Bergstrom (BW)	17
Doug & Darla Peterson (BW)	20
Chuck & Connie Lawson (GO)	23
Marvin & Ann Watters (BW)	25
Jamie & Andrea Bolduc (BW)	26
Randy & Jan Larson (BW)	27
Ryan & Alissa Colburn (BW)	27
Greg & Lori Nimrick (BW)	28

## **August Birthdays:**

Barbara Cain (BW)	01
Rhonda Miller (GO)	02
Joanne Carlson (BW)	03
James Luallen (BW)	04
Rob Frew (FS)	04
Jordan Booker (FS)	05
Cheree Encapera (FS)	05
Woody Watson (GO)	06
Charlie Smith (GO)	07
Kimberly Elliott (BW)	07
Willis Kirkland (BW)	08
Calvin Taylor (GO)	08
Missy Corken (FS)	09
Martin Calmer (BW)	10
Brad Litton (BW)	12
Shannon Booker (FS)	13
Leeann Crouse (BW)	14
Katie Mason (BW)	15
Patrice Wirt (BW)	15
Holly Fairbrother (BW)	16
Donald Willett (GO)	16
Barbara Elliott (BW)	17
Joshtin Maher (BW)	17
Sheldon McMeekan (BW)	17
Jean Rehn (BW)	17
Kenneth Becraft (BW)	18
James Brown (BW)	19
Gary Nelson (BW)	19
Logan Booker (FS)	19
Marvin Watters (BW)	20
Jonah Lindquist (BW)	20
George Bloomberg (BW)	21
Rick Borkgren (BW)	21
Shirley Brown (BW)	21
Matt Fairbrother (BW)	21
Sylvia Petrovich (BW)	21
Kyle Barman (BW)	22
Jonathan Lawson (BW)	22
Becky McNeil (BW)	22
Chloe Stanfield (BW)	22
Rodney Engstrom (BW)	23
Scott McDowell (BW)	25
Chris Gainey (BW)	26
Pat Bowman (FS)	26
Jim Price (GO)	26
Clayton Peterson (GO)	27
Tyler Peterson (BW)	27
Joann Bengston (BW)	28
Cole Colburn (BW)	28
Richard Peterson (GO)	28
Evie Strader (FS)	29
Dorothy Peterson (BW)	30

**BETHANY:**

**Hope Unit : Thursday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> Hostess: Barbara Fors**

**BW Council Meeting: Sunday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30am**

**Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm**

**FIRST:**

**FS Council Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 10<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.

**Upcoming Events....**

**Pack the Trunk Work & Garden Day**

**We will be collecting cleaning supplies, paper products and school supplies. DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**HOG ROAST in September  
WORKERS WILL BE NEEDED**

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. Al Nordquist and Barbara Fors are our representatives.

**Reminder...**

**Altar Flowers are \$40. Make the check out to WELCA and give to Peggy Nordquist or place in the offering plate.**

**Thank You... Bethany Kids & Helpers**

Thank you so much for helping out with our Woodhull Meals on Wheels Program. Such a special community service project that really made a difference to many in our community. We are all sure our 26 recipients enjoyed the decorated container as well as seeing all of you deliver the meal you prepared. We are truly blessed by your generous donations of your time, energy & talents. We look forward to working with you again in the future! God's blessings to all of you!!

**Woodhull Meals on Wheels Board & Friends  
(Barb Elliott)**

**Thank You....**

A heartfelt thank you to Verna Bergstrom and her "Prayer Shawl" Ministry. It was so thoughtful of her to bring me a shawl while I was having my medical issues and was even more thoughtful of her to bring one for my mom. It is truly like having a "HUG"! I am blessed to be working at this caring place. God Bless You All!

**Merigene**

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**GRACE:**

**GO Council Meeting: August 13<sup>th</sup> after worship**

**Bulletin Sponsor: Greg & Rhonda Miller**

**New Address as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Larry & Maxine McKinley  
RM38 Liberty Villag  
920 S. Chicago St  
Geneseo, IL 61254  
Cell Phone: 309-230-6398

**August Baptismal Birthdays (GO)**

Mahlon Johnson 02  
Anna Willett 12  
Jesse Taylor 31

## ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN

The ELCA has established an anti-Malaria project to purchase mosquito nets for Africa and other areas of the world affected by this disease. In Africa a child dies every 45 seconds of Malaria. Malaria is preventable and curable.

At Bethany Lutheran Church we will be collecting monies for mosquito nets in honor of Grandparent's Day on September 10th (like we collect blanket Sunday money in honor of our Dads for Father's Day).

Each net costs \$10. A member of the Witness & Service Committee will be available before and after church or you can fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to:

Bethany Lutheran Church PO Box 459 Woodhull, IL 61490 Attn: Malaria Project.

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile project.

Witness & Service Committee: Mary Stiers, Candy Tschappat, Patty Colburn, Harriet Peterson, Verna Bergstrom, Lucy Newman, Kristi VerHeecke

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GRANDPARENTS DAY MOSQUITO NETS

PLEASE ORDER BY SEPTEMBER 3rd

I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ Mosquito Nets at the cost of \$10 each \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKS MAY BE WRITTEN TO: BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

PLEASE GIVE THIS ORDER SLIP TO WITNESS/SERVICE MEMBER OF PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE.



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

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Woodhull, IL  
PERMIT NO. 7

Return Service Requested

**REFORMATION CELEBRATION...SINGERS WANTED!**

On Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> an area wide celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation will be held at Augustana Lutheran Church in Andover at 4pm. One of the features of this service will be an anthem by an ecumenical mass choir. Persons from all denominations interested in joining the choir can contact Carol Brockhouse at 563-332-5520 or [brock5274@gmail.com](mailto:brock5274@gmail.com), with the following information: name, phone, email and part they sing by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The mass choir rehearsal will be held prior to the service at 2pm.

The choir director is Ben Holmes, director of choirs at Moline's Wilson Middle School and director of The Ascension Ringers Bell Choir and Ascension Chapel accompanist at Augustana College.

The speaker for the service is sister Marilyn Ring, who lives at St. Mary Monastery in Rock Island, and served for several years as chaplain at Augustana College.