

# 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)

## Fall brings many activities. Here are some upcoming events:

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| <b>Sept. 4</b>               | <b>OFFICE CLOSED for LABOR DAY</b>  |
| <b>Sept. 4</b>               | <b>ERM Board @ BW 7pm</b>   |
| <b>Sept. 10</b>              | <b>RALLY DAYS!!!</b><br><b>Check with your congregation for activities</b>  |
| <b>Sept. 18-20</b>           | <b>Professional Leaders Conference</b>  |
| <b>Sept. 17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>FS Hog Roast serving from 4-6pm</b>  |
| <b>Oct. 19-26</b>            | <b>Pastor Nancy on VACATION</b><br><b>Call church office in case of emergency</b>   |
| <b>Nov. 19</b>               | <b>PALS Thanksgiving Service hosted by Bethany 4pm</b><br><b>Canned goods to go to local food pantries</b><br><b>Monetary donations go to PALS FUND</b> |
| <b>Nov. 23</b>               | <b>THANKSGIVING</b>   |
| <b>Nov. 24</b>               | <b>OFFICE CLOSED for HOLIDAY</b>  |

### **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, **September 21st**  
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

### **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  
Children's Choir 10:15am  
Sunday School: 10:30am

#### **Grace:**

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

#### **First:**

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

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### BETHANY

**Lectors:**

9/3 Lily McNally  
9/10 Verna Bergstrom  
9/17 Connie Bolduc  
9/24 Mary Stiers  
10/1 Carol Eiker

**Ushers:**

9/3 Bob Eiker & Carol Eiker  
9/10 Bob & Verna Bergstrom  
9/17 Shannon & Jodie McNally  
9/24 Al & Peggy Nordquist  
10/1 Deed Nehls & Gary Johnson

**Greeters:**

9/3 Harriet Peterson  
9/10 Kurt & Denise Barman family  
9/17 Gene & Shirley Brown  
9/24 Barbara Fors  
10/1 Marvin & Ann Watters

**Prayer Asst:**

9/3 Carol Eiker  
9/10 Verna Bergstrom  
9/17 NONE  
9/24 Randy Larson  
10/1 Kelly Luallen

**Communion Asst:**

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

**Rotation of Callers**

Sept.	Lucy Newman	Oct	Lucy Newman
Nov	Patrice Wirt	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 :** Maxine McKinley**Altar:**

9/3 Georgia Smith  
9/17 Georgia Smith

**Assistant:**

9/3 Maxine McKinley  
9/17 Richard Peterson

**Lectors:**

9/3 Ross Olson  
9/10 Georgia Smith  
9/17 Richard Peterson  
9/24 Anna Willett

**Greeters:**

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9/17 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, 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  
Gladys Olson  
Rena Stewart  
Don Dahlstrom  
Connie Kremer  
Mike Clark  
Becki Norton  
Pastor Jane McChesney  
Carol St. John  
Chelsea Atnip  
Dick & Shirley Child  
Jerre Bubon  
Derek Willett  
John Molburg  
Chuck & Connie Lawson  
Millie Nelson  
Alice Reed  
Norma Stromquist  
Kameron Brown  
Maxine McKinley  
Kathy Heschke

### **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

### **September Birthdays:**

Allison Blaine (BW)	01
Stephanie Lawson (BW)	01
Jason Dertz (BW)	03
David Lindsey (BW)	04
Elizabeth Ostrander (BW)	04
Priscilla Child (FS)	04
Pastor Nancy Jaster	05
Aaron Willett (BW)	05
Rick Child (FS)	06
Jeremy Bramlett (BW)	07
Debbie Birely (FS)	07
Kathy Peterson (BW)	09
Brandon Vail (BW)	09
Forrest Schauer (BW)	09
Brad Fetters (BW)	10
Morgan Wirt (BW)	11
Marilyn Williams (FS)	11
Charles Brown (BW)	12
Brent Litton (BW)	12
Merideth Willett (GO)	12
John Olson (BW)	14
George Wirt (BW)	14
Jocelyn Larson (BW)	15
Patty Swanson (FS)	15
Andy Johnson (BW)	16
Brandi Nelson (BW)	16
Tyler Jochim (FS)	17
Pam Edwards (BW)	19
Gaylen Elliott (BW)	20
Shirley Swanson (BW)	21
Duncan Adamson (BW)	22
Kurt Barman (BW)	23
Rene Bramlett (BW)	23
Shirley Holton (BW)	23
Janice Maher (BW)	23
Natalie Stanfield (BW)	23
Jacqui Garrett (FS)	25
Philip Wirt (BW)	26
Deed Nehls (BW)	27
Leonard Olson (BW)	28
Cameron Goblen (BW)	29
Mark Peterson (BW)	30

### **September Wedding Anniversaries:**

Steve & Shelia Nelson (GO)	08
Jack & Shirley Miller (BW)	18
Kyle & Nicole Verbeke (BW)	20
Dain & Megan Luallen (BW)	21

**FIRST:**

**FS Council Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 14<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.

**HOG ROAST**

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Serving 4-6pm**

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches**

**Applesauce Baked Beans**

**Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookies**

**WORKERS WILL BE NEEDED**

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED TO  
"PACK the TRUNK"**

**GRACE:**

**GO Council Meeting: September 10<sup>th</sup> after worship**

**Bulletin Sponsors: Larry & Maxine McKinley**

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

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

**September Baptismal Birthdays (GO)**

Shelia Nelson	05
Archie Samuelson	12
Charlie Smith	14
Aaron Miller	16
Corey Johnson	21
Jim Price	24
Keegan Taylor	26
Kaylie Smith	27

**BETHANY:**

**WELCA: Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1pm Hostess: Peg Nordquist**

**Hope Unit : Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Hostess: Deed Nehls**

**WELCA Synod Convention: Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> in Dixon**

**BW Council Meeting: Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 8pm**

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

**Bell Rehearsal: Thursdays @ 5:45pm**

**Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays @ 7pm**

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.**

**SR. CHOIR & BELLS NEWS....**

Sr. Choir and Bells will begin rehearsing Thursday, **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**. Bells will meet at 5:45pm and Choir at 7pm. We are always wanting new members to join us! Feel free to come give it a try. Hope to see you! **Denise & Pam**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR...**

The children will be meeting before Sunday School at 10:15am every Sunday morning beginning Sunday, **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**, which is also RALLY SUNDAY! Anxious to see everyone! **Denise & Pam**

**LWR School Kits & Personal Care Kits...**

Back to School sales are underway. Time to stock up for LWR School Kits. Last year we sent 95 kits! Let's try for 100 this year. Watch for good sales!

We sent 7 Personal Care Kits last year. Let's try for 10 this year. We appreciate all that Bethany does to support this project. If you prefer to give us cash, we'll do the shopping!!

**Birth....**

Dain & Meggie Luallen are the proud parents of a baby boy, Charlie James Luallen, born August 5, 2017.

Charlie weighed 6lbs. 10oz, and was 17 inches long.

Proud Grandparents are Jim & Kelly Luallen.

Great Grandparents are Willis Luallen & Virgil Spivey.

**Gladys Olson** is a resident at Knox County Nursing Home in Knoxville. She is in room 310B.

**Personal Care Kits:**

- 1 bath size towel, dark color preferred 20x40 lightweight or medium weight
- 2 bath size (4-5 oz.) bars of soap, any brand in original wrapping
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original wrapping\*\*
- 1 wide tooth comb or hair pick, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging

\*\*toothbrush multipacks may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.

Wrap all of the smaller items in the towel and tie with ribbon or yarn.  
Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.  
Do not enclose the kit or any items in plastic bags.

**Shipping Note:** LWR's approximate cost to handle and ship one Personal Care Kit overseas is \$2.65.

**School Kits:**

- 4 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruler paper approximately 8"x10" (no loose leaf paper)
  - 1 30 centimeter ruler; or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
  - 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
  - 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
  - 5 ballpoint pens (NO gel ink) secure with rubber band
  - 1 box of 16 or 24 count crayons
  - 1 eraser approximately 2-2 1/2 inches long
  - 1 sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag approximately 14"x17" with shoulder straps
  - Pencil Sharpener
- Place items in the above mentioned cloth bag, fold top over and secure with two large rubber bands.  
Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.  
Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

**Shipping Note:** LWR's approximate cost to handle and ship one School Kit overseas is \$1.40.

**An Invitation for All Women in the Alpha-Woodhull Community**

The ladies of Harvest Bible Chapel in Woodhull are hosting 2 events for women in the community.

The first event will be held on **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9am- noon at Harvest Bible Chapel. Mary Elliott, author of Living Isaiah 54 will be the guest speaker for a morning of worship and teaching. The event is free.

The second event will be held on **September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30am-4pm at Harvest Bible Chapel. This is a Living Proof Live Simulcast with Beth Moore presenting the worship & message. The cost of this event is \$22 and includes lunch.

You can purchase tickets at Harvest Bible Chapel or online via the following link:

<https://tix.ectremetix.com/webtix/4460/event/72334>.

**REFORMATION CELEBRATION...**

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. 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.

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

**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.**

**We will be able to help many in the community with your generous donations.**

