

ERM NEWS

OCTOBER 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 Calendar)

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct. 5	Henry County Flu Clinic @ United Church 1-2pm
Oct. 28	Hoedown for Houston Dinner & BINGO @ BW BW Youth Gathering Attendees Fund Raiser
Nov. 4	WELCA Fall Assembly in Aledo
Nov. 19	PALS Thanksgiving Service hosted by Bethany 4pm Canned goods to go to local food pantries Monetary donations go to PALS FUND
Nov. 23	THANKSGIVING
Nov. 24	OFFICE CLOSED for HOLIDAY
Dec. 24	Joint Worship @ GO 10am
Dec. 24	GO 4pm FS 4pm BW TBD
Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Dec. 25-26	OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 25-Jan 1	Pastor Nancy on VACATION

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, **October 19th**

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

Grace:

Worship: 9am

Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00am

First:

Adult Bible Study: 10am

Worship: 10:45am

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:

10/1 Carol Eiker
10/8 Jeana Fors
10/15 Lily McNally
10/22 Randy Larson
10/29 Megan Hancock
11/5 Gene Colburn

Ushers:

10/1 Deed Nehls & Gary Johnson
10/8 Gene & Shirley Brown
10/15 Jim & Kelly Luallen
10/22 Marvin Watters & George Wirt
10/29 Dave & Marty Johnson
11/5 Rich & Janice Maher

Greeters:

10/1 Marvin & Ann Watters
10/8 Lucy Newman
10/15 Donita Creek
10/22 Al & Peggy Nordquist
10/29 Gary Johnson
11/5 Deed Nehls

Prayer Asst:

10/1 Kelly Luallen
10/8 Denise Eiker
10/15 NONE
10/22 Mary Stiers
10/29 Connie Bolduc
11/5 Barb McNeil

Communion Asst:

10/1 Verna Bergstrom
10/15 Mary Stiers
10/29 Carol Eiker
11/5 Kristi VerHeecke

Rotation of Callers

Oct Lucy Newman
Nov Patrice Wirt
Dec Patrice Wirt

Funeral Committee Oct-Nov-Dec

Connie Bolduc 334-2530
Shirley Brown 937-1633
Deed Nehls 334-2911

GRACE

Organist:

Elizabeth Robinson

Usher :

Gwen Blais

Altar:

10/1 Anna Willett
10/15 Anna Willett
10/29 Anna Willett

Assistant:

10/1 Maxine McKinley
10/15 Richard Peterson
10/29 Maxine McKinley

Lectors:

10/1 Rhea Johnson
10/8 Ross Olson
10/15 Richard Peterson
10/22 Gwen Blais
10/29 Maxine McKinley

Greeters:

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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, Robert Clark** 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	Jerre Bubon
Gladys Olson	Derek Willett
Rena Stewart	John Molburg
Don Dahlstrom	Chuck & Connie Lawson
Dorothy Peterson	Millie Nelson
Mike Clark	Alice Reed
Becki Norton	Norma Stromquist
Pastor Jane McChesney	Kameron Brown
Carol St. John	Maxine McKinley
Chelsea Atnip	Kathy Heschke
Dick & Shirley Child	Audrey Lindsey
Mahlon Johnson	Richard 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

October Wedding Anniversaries:

Jeff & Julie Bell (BW)	05
Bruce & Shelli Williams (FS)	06
Clay & Tracey Anderson (FS)	09
Michael & Michaelene Brown (BW)	10
Jamie & Nicole West (BW)	11
Dr. James & Dr. Rubie Watson (GO)	11
Darrell & Sarah Souhrada (FS)	12
Dallas & Brenda Peterson (BW)	15
Dick & Shirley Child (FS)	16
Derek & Kristi VerHeecke (BW)	19
Nick & Candy Tschappat (BW)	22
Dave & Marty Johnson (BW)	23
Timothy & Jessica Trout (BW)	23
Rick & Priscilla Childe (FS)	23
Warren & Debbie Birely (FS)	27

October Birthdays:

Liz Dierolf (FS)	01
Gladys Olson (BW)	03
Kristen Wirt (BW)	03
Angie Litton (BW)	04
Zoe Price (GO)	04
Erik Colburn (BW)	05
Jonathan Johnson (BW)	05
Brooklyn McNeil (BW)	06
Polly Engstrom (GO)	06
Jackson Morland (BW)	07
McKenna Ann Arnold (GO)	08
Virgil Spivey (BW)	10
Melissa Papini (BW)	11
Michael Whitcomb (BW)	14
Mark Swanson (BW)	15
Ryan Colburn (BW)	15
Rhea Johnson (GO)	15
Diane Frew (FS)	16
Brianna McNeil (BW)	17
Mary Olson (GO)	18
Hannah Maher (BW)	19
Hilary Fairbrother (BW)	20
Debra Hannam (BW)	20
Barb Schmidt (FS)	22
Skye Corken (FS)	23
Collen Carlson (BW)	24
Emilia Strader (FS)	24
Greg Miller (GO)	24
Derek VerHeecke (BW)	25
Emily Morland (BW)	26
Jaeleen Moony (BW)	26
Richard Swanson (BW)	27
Art Brahmstedt (GO)	27
Alice Wallin (BW)	28
Derek Peterson (BW)	29
Patricia Shumaker (BW)	29
Pamela Maher (BW)	29
Kathy Carlson (BW)	30
Gabriel Price (GO)	30
Kara Lindquist (BW)	31

October Baptismal Birthdays (GO)

Richard Peterson	01
Clayton Peterson	05
Larry McKinley	19

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 12th 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.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who helped with our Annual Hog Roast, especially our friends at United Presbyterian Church.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: October 8th after worship

Bulletin Sponsors: Susan Simpson



HOEDOWN FOR HOUSTON!

The 4 girls going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018 invite you to 'c'mon down' to Bethany Lutheran on **October 28th**, 2017. BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans, applesauce, chips & Texas sheet cake will be served from 4:30-6pm. BINGO & a Raffle will follow dinner. Come join us and donate as you are able for a night of great food, fun & fellowship.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WE would love to see our ERM friends!

BETHANY:

Hope Unit : Oct. 19th Hostess: Shirley Brown
BW Council Meeting: Oct. 19th 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.

Lutheran Disaster Response....

If you would like to contribute to Lutheran Disaster you may do so by making out a check to Bethany or directly sending a check to Lutheran Disaster Response. If you write out a check to Bethany please include in the memo Hurricane Response, US or Lutheran Disaster Response, US. The address is as follows...

ELCA
ELCA Gift Processing Center
PO Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

If you have questions please contact Jeana Fors.

Thank You...

A great big THANK YOU to the Sunday School students, the **3D girls and 12 adults who did God's Work/Our Hands** on Rally Day. They filled and packed 118 backpacks! Also a big thank you to all who supplied the items and cash to fill the backpacks. Bethany is so generous!

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

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Return Service Requested

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

