

ERM NEWS

NOVEMBER 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

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| Oct. 28 | Hoedown for Houston Dinner & BINGO @ BW |
| Nov. 2 | ERM Board @ FS 7pm (note: new day!) |
| Nov. 4 | WELCA Fall Assembly in Aledo |
| Nov. 12 | GO Congregational Meeting after worship |
| Nov. 19 | PALS Thanksgiving Service hosted by Bethany 4pm |
| Nov. 19 | PALS Joint Choir rehearsal @ 3pm |
| Nov. 23 | THANKSGIVING |
| Nov. 24 | OFFICE CLOSED for HOLIDAY |
| Nov. 26 | GO decorating for Christmas after worship |
| Nov. 27-Dec. 3 | Pastor Nancy on VACATION |
| Dec. 24 | Joint Worship @ GO 10am |
| Dec. 24 | GO 4pm Deanna Swanson FS 4pm Pastor Nancy
BW 4pm Ann Bergstrom |
| Dec. 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| Dec. 25-26 | OFFICE CLOSED for HOLIDAY |
| Dec. 26-Jan 1 | Pastor Nancy on VACATION |
| Jan. 1 | OFFICE CLOSED for HOLIDAY |

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, **November 16th**
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

PALS Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19th

Hosted by Bethany 4pm

Canned goods to go to local food pantries
Monetary donations go to PALS FUND
Meal after Service served by Bethany Youth
going to National Youth Gathering in Houston.
Donations Appreciated.
Joint Choir rehearsal @ 3pm.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:

11/5 Gene Colburn
11/12 Mary Stiers
11/19 (am) Lily McNally

11/26 Megan Hancock
12/3 Kristi VerHeecke

Ushers:

11/5 Rich & Janice Maher
11/12 Connie Bolduc & Ryan Colburn
11/19 (am) Shannon & Jodie McNally
11/19 (pm) Gary Johnson & Marvin Watters
11/26 Bob Eiker & Carol Eiker
12/3 Dave & Marty Johnson

Greeters:

11/5 Deed Nehls
11/12 Randy & Jan Larson
11/19 (am) Mike & Pam Maher
11/19 (4pm) Barb McNeil
11/26 Barbara Fors
12/3 Donita Creek

Prayer Asst:

11/5 Barb McNeil
11/12 Connie Bolduc
11/19 (am) Jeana Fors

11/26 Nancy Swanson
12/3 Denise Eiker

Communion Asst:

11/5 Kristi VerHeecke
11/19 Marvin Watters
12/3 Kristi VerHeecke

Rotation of Callers

Nov Patrice Wirt
Dec Patrice Wirt

Funeral Committee Oct-Nov-Dec

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS @ BW

Woodhull Winter Wonderland Friday, Dec. 8th
Sunday School Program during worship Dec. 17th
Bethany Caroling Sunday, Dec. 17th 3pm

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Usher : Maxine McKinley

Altar:

11/5 Rhea Johnson
11/19 Rhea Johnson

Assistant:

11/5 Anna Willett
11/19 Richard Peterson

Lectors:

11/5 Anna Willett
11/12 Rhea Johnson
11/19 Richard Peterson
11/26 Gwen Blais

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***CORRECTION FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING @ GO ON NOVEMBER 12TH. The purpose of this meeting is to nominate candidates for positions to be filled at our annual meeting.* Sorry for the confusion!!**

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
Renae Stewart	John Molburg
Chuck & Connie Lawson	Dorothy Peterson
Dorothy Nelson	Richard Swanson
Mike Clark	Lyle "Bus" Johnson
Becki Norton	Norma Stromquist
Pastor Jane McChesney	Kameron Brown
Carol St. John	Maxine McKinley
Chelsea Atnip	Kathy Heschke
Dick & Shirley Child	Audrey Lindsey

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

November Wedding Anniversaries:

Mike & Pam Maher (BW)	04
Jim & Belinda Webb (GO)	07
John & Jenny Dierolf (FS)	07
Tim & Michelle Blaine (BW)	11
Todd & Mallory Swanson (BW)	12
Dick & Joan Sanders (FS)	14
Jim & Kelly Price (GO)	16
Maurey & Mary Peterson (BW)	18
Greg & Rhonda Miller (GO)	27
Peter & Kristen Schauer (BW)	29
Larry & Maxine McKinley (GO)	30
Olof & Kaylee Collinson (BW)	30

Bethany Lutheran delivered the Lutheran Relief items...

53 quilts, 109 backpacks, 12 health kits and 16 lbs. of soap!

Thank you so much! Bethany is so generous!

LWR reports that this year 1,762,540 people were helped in Guatemala, Honduras, Iraq, Burkina Faso, Georgia, Ukraine and South Sudan.

November Birthdays

Kent Vail (BW)	01
Tyler Carlson (BW)	02
Shireen Kane (BW)	04
Steve Lemon (BW)	05
Andrew Johnson (BW)	05
Kiersten Hancock (BW)	07
Kristi Jochim (FS)	08
Joleen Bowman (FS)	09
Martin Luther	10
Jim Webb (GO)	11
Lynn Hines (BW)	11
Scott Fitzpatrick (BW)	13
Bryce Anderson (BW)	14
Heidi Murphy (BW)	14
Karol Vail (BW)	14
Peggy Pettit (GO)	14
Mike Anthony (FS)	15
Matt Swanson (BW)	15
Kyle Borkgren (BW)	15
Randy Larson (BW)	17
Alexander Johnson (BW)	17
Toni Litton (BW)	17
Karla Barman (BW)	21
Allison McDowell (BW)	21
Tim Jochim (FS)	21
Christopher Brown (BW)	22
Janet Larson (BW)	23
Katie Nimrick (BW)	23
Brecken Adamson (BW)	24
Terry Nelson (BW)	24
Connie Lemon (BW)	26
Emily McDowell (BW)	28
Donita Creek (BW)	29

WELCA Southwest Conference Fall Assembly

Saturday, **November 4th**

Hosted by Messiah Lutheran Church, Aledo
Registration & Breakfast 8:30-9:30 with the
program and meeting to follow.

Deb Bowen of Aledo will present the program on her A BOOK by ME project. Half of the offering will go to NIS WELCA and half to ELCA Disaster Response. The In-Kind offering is Deb Bowen's purse ministry. Bring purses you longer or use and/or the following items to fill them:

Small packages of Kleenex Body Wash or Soap
Hand sanitizer Feminine products Deodorant
Shampoo & other hair products toothbrush
Chapstick Make up items chewing gum
Inexpensive fragrance

(Items can be found at the Dollar Store)

BETHANY:

Hope Unit : Nov. 16th Hostess: TBA
BW Council Meeting: **Nov. 16th 8pm**

Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm
Bell Rehearsal: Thursdays @ 5:45pm
Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays @ 7pm

POINSETTIAS

We will be ordering poinsettias for our worship on Christmas Eve. The cost is TBD.
Order deadline is December 17th.
See Connie Bolduc.

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 9th 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.

Proceeds from our Hog Roast will be distributed 40% to the
Presbyterian Disaster Relief, 40% to Lutheran World Relief
for hurricane relief, 10% to Sherrard Food Pantry and 10% to
New Windsor Food Pantry.

The Community Garden was a success and we are looking
forward to next year.!

Our treasurer, Kim, is retiring and we are looking for
someone to take her place. Please contact Gary Dierolf
@ 309-236-8617 if interested.

We will have the name of a family to help at Christmas soon.
Please consider helping. We will have a sign-up sheet soon.

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.**

Bethany's Help is Needed

The AlWood Food Pantry is in need of canned goods
(especially fruit) and boxed dinners such as Hamburger
Helper. The Food Pantry will be serving a Thanksgiving
dinner for its patrons. Bethany is asked to donate
canned sweet potatoes and canned cranberry sauce.
See Al Nordquist or Barb Fors if you have questions.

GRACE:

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 12th after worship

This meeting is to nominate 2 new council members for
2018. Rhea & Peggy can be elected to another term.

GO Council Meeting: Nov. 12th

After Congregational Meeting

Bulletin Sponsors: Stephen & Shelia Nelson

**We will be decorating the church for Christmas
after worship on November 26th.**

November Baptismal Birthdays (GO)

Caroline Castaline 02
Derek Willett 12



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!

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Woodhull, IL 61490-0459**

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Return Service Requested

**PALS Thanksgiving Service
Hosted by Bethany 4pm
Canned goods to go to local food pantries
Monetary donations go to PALS FUND
Meal after Service**

**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

