

ERM NEWS

DECEMBER 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

Nov. 27-Dec. 3	Pastor Nancy on VACATION
Dec. 7	WELCA Hosting Christmas Luncheon
Dec. 8	Woodhull Winter Wonderland
Dec. 15	BW Annual Reports due in office
Dec. 17	Sunday School Christmas Program @ BW
Dec. 17	BW Poinsettia orders due to Connie Bolduc
Dec. 17	BW Choir Caroling 3pm
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
Jan. 14	FS Annual Meeting
Jan. 21	GO Annual Meeting
Jan. 28	BW Annual Meeting

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
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ERM/Bethany Office Hours

Merigene will be in the office:

Mon-Tues-Wed afternoons 12:30p-4:30p
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, **December 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

ERM Churches Sunday Schedules

Bethany:

Worship: 9am

Coffee Fellowship: 10am

Children's Choir 10:15am

Sunday School: 10:30am

Bethany Sunday School Program

Join us during the worship service on

Sunday, **Dec. 17th**.

Our Sunday School children will share their singing voices and acting talents to present their version of the traditional Christmas Story in the program "Just a Little Christmas".

Grace:

Worship: 9am

Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00am

First:

Adult Bible Study: 10am

Worship: 10:45am

December 24th morning service will be ERM Joint @ GO 10am

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:

12/3 Kristi VerHeecke
12/10 Verna Bergstrom
12/17 None
12/24 4pm Nancy Swanson
12/31 Jeana Fors
1/7 Pam Eiker

Ushers:

12/3 Dave & Marty Johnson
12/10 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
12/17 Rich & Janice Maher
12/24 4pm Marvin Watters & George Wirt
12/31 Jim & Kelly Luallen
1/7 Al & Peggy Nordquist

Greeters:

12/3 Donita Creek
12/10 Jean Rehn
12/17 Carol Eiker
12/24 4pm Gary Johnson
12/31 Kurt & Denise Barman Family
1/7 Lucy Newman

Prayer Asst:

12/3 Denise Eiker
12/10 Verna Bergstrom
12/17 None
12/24 4pm None
12/31 Kelly Luallen
1/7 Megan Hancock

Communion Asst:

12/3 Verna Bergstrom
12/17 Mary Stiers
12/24 4pm Jeana F. & Randy L.

Funeral Committee Oct-Nov-Dec

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

December Rotation Caller: Patrice Wirt

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Ushers : Richard Peterson & Ross Olson

Altar:

12/3 Gwen Blais
12/17 Gwen Blais

Assistant:

12/3 Anna Willet
12/17 Maxine McKinley
12/24 4pm Anna Willett

Lectors:

12/3 Anna Willett
12/10 Georgia Smith
12/17 Maxine McKinley
12/24 10am Gwen Blais
12/24 4pm Richard Peterson
12/31 Maxine McKinley

Greeters:

12/3 Anna Willett
12/10 Georgia Smith
12/17 Maxine McKinley
12/24 10am Gwen Blais
12.24 4pm Pastor Nancy
12/31 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, 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
Renaë Stewart	John Molburg
Chuck & Connie Lawson	Dorothy Peterson
Richard Swanson	Charlie McClaine
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

Choral Dynamics presents "A Patchwork Christmas" at the Orpheum Theatre, Galesburg at 7pm on **Dec. 1st** & **Dec. 2nd** & at 2pm on **Dec. 3rd**. The show includes both sacred and secular Christmas songs.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and may be purchased by calling (309) 342-2299 or by visiting the Orpheum box office.

Online tickets may be purchased at

www.galesburgorpheum.org but will include \$1

convenience charge. Tickets may be purchased at the door prior to the performances.

The advertising proceeds from the show will benefit Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank. To date, Choral Dynamics has donated over \$520,000 to area nonprofits through advertising sales.

December Birthdays

Stephanie Spears (BW)	02
Brant Peterson (BW)	03
Bruce Curry (GO)	03
Samuel Miller (GO)	03
Emma Gerard (BW)	04
Amber Wirt (BW)	04
Garry Peterson (BW)	05
Paul Corken (FS)	05
Justin Booker (FS)	05
Elizabeth Robinson (GO)	06
Chris Peterson (BW)	08
Jennifer Adamson (BW)	08
Clayton Corken (FS)	08
Tony Dertz (BW)	09
Jamie Bolduc (BW)	10
Marion Calmer (BW)	10
David Johnson (BW)	10
Jaci Maher (BW)	10
Nick Tschappat (BW)	10
Brenda Peterson (BW)	13
Justin Mooney (BW)	14
Karl Peterson (BW)	16
Garrett Adamson (BW)	18
Craig Willett (BW)	18
Lindsay Colburn (BW)	21
Timothy Bainbridge (BW)	23
Karleen Larson (BW)	23
Darla Peterson (BW)	23
Chad Johnson (GO)	23
JESUS	25
Reese Tschappat (BW)	27
Mike Brown (BW)	28
Brad Johnson (BW)	28
Nancy Rhodenbaugh (FS)	28
Greg Frew (FS)	29
Emily Fairbrother (BW)	29
Joe Lindquist (BW)	30
Darlene Peterson (BW)	30
Georgia Smith (GO)	30
Ella Strader (FS)	30

December Wedding Anniversaries:

Calvin & Jesse Taylor (GO)	01
Rick & Martha Borkgren (BW)	01
Matt & Mandy Miller (GO)	02
Jon & Shannon Booker (FS)	19
Gale & Rene Bramlett (BW)	27
Gaylen & Barb Elliott (BW)	29
Terry & Jill Nelson (BW)	29
Jason & Megan Hancock (BW)	29
Emily & Patrick Morland (BW)	30

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 14th 7pm
ANNUAL MEETING: January 14th

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 **December 3rd** after worship we will have a light pot luck
(soup, sandwiches, fruit, cookies, etc) and decorate the
church and trim the tree. Come join the fun!

We now have a Christmas family to help this year.
If you are interested in taking part in helping this family
please contact Fern Swanson @ 593-2613.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Dec. 10th after worship
ANNUAL MEETING: January 21st

Bulletin Sponsors: Stephen & Shelia Nelson

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

December Baptismal Birthdays (GO)

Donald Willett	07
Greg Miller	15
Merideth Willett	20
Rhonda Miller	21

Bethany Cont....

Thank You...

The family of Willis Luallen wishes to thank members of Bethany
for all their acts of kindness during the last few weeks. We are
truly blessed by being a part of a wonderful church and a
wonderful community. God Bless!

Lorrie & Rob Gray and Jim & Kelly Luallen & family

Thank You....

We wish to thank everyone for the prayers, condolences, food and
monetary donations to the family of Chris Crandall.
Thoughts and prayers are still needed as Catilin and the children
move back to the area.

BETHANY:

NO HOPE UNIT IN DECEMBER
BW Council Meeting: **Dec. 21st 8pm**
ANNUAL MEETING: January 28th
(Reports in Office by December 15th)

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

WELCA is hosting a Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, Dec. 7th

Gather @ 11:30am, eat at 11:45am
ALL BETHANY MEMBERS ARE INVITED
MEN TOO☺ BRING GUESTS
Meat, dessert & beverages provided
Bring a covered dish to share
The AlWood Music Dept. will perform after lunch.
WELCA members bring thank offering boxes
and 2 dozen cookies.

POINSETTIAS

We will be ordering poinsettias for our
worship on Christmas Eve. The cost is \$12.00
Order deadline is **December 17th**.
Make checks payable to Connie Bolduc.

BW Quilters will be taking the following dates off...,
Nov. 28th, Dec. 19th, Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd

2018 Bethany Lutheran Church Budget

The Bethany Lutheran Church council approved
recommending to the 2018 congregational annual meeting a
proposed budget for the church with a total of all
expenditures in the amount of \$151,570 compared to the
2017 budget of \$146,118 for an increase of 3.73%. Some of
the highlights of the proposed budget were: an increase of
\$2,712 for the ERM Package; an amount of \$1,000 available
for expenses incurred for the church's 150th anniversary; an
increase of approximately 2.0% to the salaried employees of
the church; and an increase of \$500 to the benevolence
budget. The council noted that, as of their November meeting,
there has been a decline in the number and the amount of
pledges received for 2018 and encourages all church members
who have not yet responded, to take time now to return your
pledge and the time and talents sheet to the church as soon as
possible. Bethany Lutheran Church depends on the faithful
commitment of the members to continue in service to the
community and the world. Next year we celebrate Bethany
Lutheran Church being an integral part of the community of
Christ for 150 years – all due to the faithfulness of its
members and donations of their time, talents and treasure.
Prayerfully consider your pledge to the work of this church in
our community and the world.
The Budget Committee

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