

ERM NEWS

JANUARY 2018

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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

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
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 4	ERM Joint Worship/Annual Meeting @ GO

Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts and well wishes we received during the holiday season. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Wishing all a joyous, prosperous and blessed New Year!

Pastor Nancy

Merigene

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:

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, **January 18th**

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

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:

1/7 Pam Eiker
1/14 Mary Stiers
1/21 Verna Bergstrom
1/28 Marvin Watters
2/4 Randy Larson

Ushers:

1/7 Al & Peggy Nordquist
1/14 Dave & Marty Johnson
1/21 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
1/28 Deed Nehls & Gary Johnson
2/4 Gene & Shirley Brown

Greeters:

1/7 Lucy Newman
1/14 Mike & Pam Maher Family
1/21 George & Patrice Wirt
1/28 Harriet Peterson
2/4 Dean & Chris Peterson

Prayer Asst:

1/7 Megan Hancock
1/14 Barb McNeil
1/21 NONE
1/28 Connie Bolduc
2/4 Kristi VerHeecke

Communion Assistants:

1/7 Jeana Fors
1/21 Carol Eiker
2/4 Randy Larson

Funeral Committee Jan-Feb-Mar

Connie Bolduc 334-2530
Peggy Nordquist 334-2264
Barb McNeil 334-2383

GRACE

Organist:

Elizabeth Robinson

Usher:

Maxine McKinley

Altar:

1/7 Rhonda Miller
1/21 Rhonda Miller

Assistant:

1/7 Anna Willett
1/21 Gwen Blais

Lectors:

1/7 Anna Willett
1/14 Ross Olson
1/21 Gwen Blais
1/28 Maxine McKinley

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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	Lyle "Bus" Johnson
Dick Krueger	Karen Adamson
Jerre Bubon	Derek Willett & family
John Molburg	Chuck & Connie Lawson
Pr. Jane McChesney	Kameron Brown
Maxine McKinley	Alice Reed
Norma Stromquist	Mike Clark
Becki Norton	Damaris Miller
Carol St. John	Dick Child
Shirley Child	Chelsea Atnip

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

BETHANY CONTINUED...

Thank you for the "Bright Happy" prayer shawl. Bethany is a great church full of wonderful people with more love and friendship than imaginable! I'm blessed to have such a great congregation family. I love you all. **Karen Adamson**

For WELCA...

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and yummy Christmas cookies that Donita & Verna brought me here at Courtyard. I miss you all. I am so grateful.

Audrey Lindsey

January Birthdays:

Britta Wirt (BW)	01
Jodie McNally (BW)	04
Kim Engstrom (GO)	04
Kelli Johnson (BW)	05
Greg Bloomberg (BW)	06
Laura Swanson (FS)	06
Matt Miller (GO)	06
Carol Eiker (BW)	07
Audrey Lindsey (BW)	07
Rubie Watson (GO)	07
Laurie Allen (BW)	08
Caroline Castaline (GO)	10
Lucy Newman (BW)	11
Don Henrikson (BW)	12
Gary Dierolf (FS)	12
Todd Beck (BW)	13
Carson Taylor (GO)	15
Colin Watters (BW)	16
Scott Swanson (BW)	17
Joshua Bainbridge (BW)	18
Larry McKinley (GO)	18
Hunter Price (GO)	18
Ron Pettit (GO)	19
Stephanie Johnson (BW)	20
Beau Peterson (BW)	20
Karen Adamson (BW)	21
Natalie Gasper (BW)	21
Lily Fairbrother (BW)	21
Jacob Johnson (GO)	22
Sue Anthony (FS)	23
Kim Bowers (BW)	26
Dain Luallen (BW)	27
Lori Nimrick (BW)	27
Warren Birely (FS)	28
Shelia Nelson (GO)	28
Emily Smith (GO)	28
Scott McNeil (BW)	29
Alex Borkgren (BW)	30
Emily Frew (FS)	30
Joan Sanders (FS)	30
Ann Olson (BW)	31

January Wedding Anniversaries:

Jim & Carol Brown (BW)	01
Ron & Peggy Pettit (GO)	02
George & Patrice Wirt (BW)	24
Gary & Karen Adamson (BW)	30

January Baptismal Birthdays (GO)

Bruce Curry	05
Peggy Pettit	23

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 11th 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.

Thanks to all who donated to our Christmas Family!

A thank you was received from the Synod for our donation from the Hog Roast for hurricane relief.

The Sherrard City Hall is accepting **donations** for the recent **fire victims**. If you want to make a monetary gift, there is a fund at the 1st Community Bank. The church will be donating \$200 to the victims and encourages parishioners to donate.

Please keep Laura Swanson and her ministry in your prayers.

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: January 14th after worship

**ANNUAL MEETING: January 21st
Potluck lunch after the Annual Meeting
(Please have reports in the office by January 14th)**

Bulletin Sponsors: Larry & Maxine McKinley

BETHANY:

HOPE UNIT: Jan. 18th @ 9am

Hostess: Barb McNeil

BW Council Meeting: Jan. 18th 8pm

**ANNUAL MEETING: January 28th
(Reports PAST DUE... need ASAP!)**

NO QUILTING JANUARY 2nd

Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm

Bell Rehearsal: Thursdays @ 5:45pm

Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays @ 7pm

Thank you to WELCA for the tray of cookies and poinsettia. Also thank you choir and folks for coming to our house with Christmas Carols and good wishes.

Leland & Harriet Peterson

Thank you for the pretty poinsettia & cookies. I enjoyed Al & Peg's visit too! **Gwen**

WELCA Members...

Woodhull Meals on Wheels truly appreciate your recent gift of \$130 to our program. This community program is currently serving 24-28 recipients each week. It will continue with the help of all of you – our volunteers! Again thanks, Meals on Wheels Board
Barb Carlson, Carol Clement, Pam Picard, Pam Eiker, Nancy Swanson, Barb Elliott

Bethany WELCA...

Thank you so much for your donation of \$50. With the holidays quickly approaching your kindness will go a long way in helping meet the needs of so many families who may barely be getting by. **Susan Southerland**

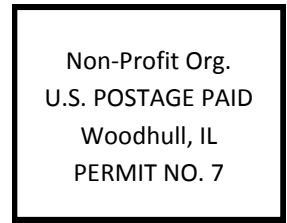
WELCA...

Thank you for your gift to the AlWood Food Pantry. All our clients will be blessed by your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, **AlWood Food Pantry Board**

For the Quilters...

I am so grateful for the beautiful Christmas quilt that Donita & Verna brought me here at Courtyard. I know you spend many hours working on your good projects and I love the one they brought me. I am forever thankful. My love & blessings, **Audrey Lindsey**

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



Return Service Requested

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