

# ERM NEWS

MARCH 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 15<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH

(Please contact Merigene with events planned so they can be put on the ERM Calendar)

### ERM JOINT WORSHIP/ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>

Hosted by GRACE LUTHERAN

Worship 10am    Meeting after Worship    Catered Meal after Meeting

Jil's Catering is providing pork roast, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable & dessert.

The cost of the meal per person is \$7. Donations will be taken to help with the cost of the meal.

Any extra donations will be given to the participants of the National Youth Gathering this summer.

### LUCK of the LUTHERANS

DINNER & BINGO

FRIDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>

HOSTED BY BETHANY 3D YOUTH

Come share food & fellowship and play some BINGO!

They will be serving a Potato Bar & Chili from 4:30-6:30pm.

Proceeds go to the participants of the National Youth Gathering this summer.

### PALS LENTEN SERVICES & MEALS

Services begin @ 4pm with a light meal after worship

Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>    Rio Presbyterian

Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>    Sherrard Presbyterian

Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>    First Lutheran

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

March 29<sup>th</sup>

Sherrard Presbyterian noon

Calvary Lutheran 7pm

First Lutheran 7pm

Swedona Lutheran 7pm

United Church of Woodhull 7pm

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Grace Lutheran 7pm

### EASTER SERVICES

Grace 7am

Bethany 9am

First 10:45am

### **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](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

### **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 5:30-7pm

### **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

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**BETHANY**

**Lectors:**

3/4 ERM Joint @ GO  
3/11  
3/18  
3/25  
4/1

**Ushers:**

3/4 ERM Joint @ GO  
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**Greeters:**

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**Prayer Asst:**

3/4 ERM Joint @ GO  
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3/25  
4/1

**Communion Assistants:**

3/18  
4/1

**Funeral Committee Jan-Feb-Mar**

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

**GRACE**

**Organist:** Elizabeth Robinson

**Usher:**

**Altar:**

3/4  
3/18

**Assistant:**

3/4  
3/18

**Lectors:**

**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	Lyle "Bus" Johnson
Karen Adamson	Connie Kremer
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	
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

**March Birthdays:**

Roxanne Dierolf (FS)	01
Kelly Price (GO)	01
Lyle Williams (FS)	02
Joyce Falline (BW)	03
Kenneth Barman (BW)	04
Greg Wright (BW)	06
Peyton Taylor (GO)	06
Jodi Papini (BW)	08
Chase VerHeecke (BW)	08
Neal Nelson (BW)	09
Todd Swanson (BW)	09
Diane Grim (BW)	10
Barb Nelson (BW)	10
Hayley McDowell (BW)	11
Ryan Bramlett (BW)	11
Yvonne Grothusen (FS)	12
Kelly Williams (FS)	12
Pam Eiker (BW)	14
Caden Elliott (BW)	15
Lilly Elliott (BW)	15
Dean McNally (BW)	16
Jill Nelson (BW)	17
India Price (GO)	17
Jeana Fors (BW)	18
Ron Peterson (BW)	18
Rodney Swanson (BW)	18
Brynlee Wirt (BW)	18
Emersyn Wirt (BW)	20
Todd Anderson (BW)	21
Bob Bergstrom (BW)	21
Belinda Webb (GO)	21
Jason Borkgren (BW)	22
Max Larson (BW)	23
Marybeth Smith (GO)	23
Sid Anderson (BW)	24
Brooke Crawford (FS)	24
Lucille Bergstrom (BW)	26
Jim Bergstrom (BW)	28
Gary D. Johnson (BW)	28
Bryan Johnson (BW)	31
Byron Swanson (BW)	31

**March Wedding Anniversaries:**

Barry & Anna Willett (GO)	01
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**FIRST:**

**FS Council Meeting: Thursday, March 8<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.

Please keep Laura Swanson and her ministry in your prayers.

**BETHANY:**

**WELCA: March 1<sup>st</sup> @1pm**

**Hostess: Harriet Peterson**

**HOPE UNIT: March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

**Hostess: Barb Fors**

**BW Council Meeting: March 15<sup>th</sup> 8pm**

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

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

**Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays @ 7pm**



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**GRACE:**

**GO Council Meeting: March 11<sup>th</sup> after worship**

**Bulletin Sponsors:**

**Bethany continued...**

**Thank You....**

I want to thank the Quilters for the lap robe, WELCA for the poinsettia and cookies and the Bethany Choir for coming to sing to me.

**Thank You...**

Thank you for the Christmas gifts that Patrice brought to me from WELCA...the Christmas quilt, the poinsettia plant and the Christmas cookies. I appreciate so much your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, **Joyce Bloomberg**

**Thank You..**

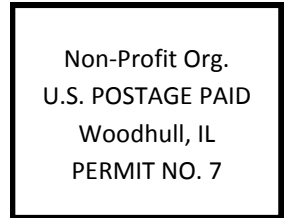
I wish to thank the women of WELCA for the beautiful poinsettia and the delicious plate of cookies. Also, a thank you goes out to the Bethany Quilters for the warm and beautiful quilt. All was very much appreciated. Sincerely, **Dave Peterson**

**Dear Friends of Safe Harbor,**

On behalf of the staff and clients of Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution to our program this holiday season. 200 children from our community were able to enjoy a very Merry Christmas this year. **Jill, Children's Advocate**

**EDWARDS RIVER MINISTRY**  
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**Woodhull, IL 61490-0459**

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