

# ERM NEWS

APRIL 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)

### 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

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY**

### EASTER SERVICES

Grace 7am

Bethany 9am

First 10:45am

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Pastor Nancy will be on VACATION April 18<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Please call the church office in case of emergency**

### **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

### **Foot Clinic**

United Church, Woodhull

Thursday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 \$35.00 and you need to bring

1 bath towel 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 Barb Fors @309-334-2754

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

Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00am

#### **First:**

Adult Bible Study: 10am

Worship: 10:45am

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### BETHANY

#### **Lectors:**

4/1 Verna Bergstrom  
4/8 Jeana Fors  
4/15 Carol Eiker  
4/22 Megan Hancock  
4/29 Marvin Watters  
5/6 Randy Larson

#### **Ushers:**

4/1 Bob & Verna Bergstrom  
4/8 Dave & Marty Johnson  
4/15 Gene & Shirley Brown  
4/22 Jim & Kelly Luallen  
4/29 Dennis & Patty Colburn  
5/6 Gary Johnson & Al Nordquist

#### **Greeters:**

4/1 George & Patrice Wirt  
4/8 Lucy Newman  
4/15 Doug & Nancy Swanson  
4/22 Deed Nehls  
4/29 Gene & Barb Colburn  
5/6 Donita Creek

#### **Prayer Asst:**

4/1 Verna Bergstrom  
4/8 Barb McNeil  
4/15 Nancy Swanson  
4/22 Denise Eiker  
4/29 Marvin Watters  
5/6 Jeana Fors

#### **Communion Assistants:**

4/1 Jeana Fors & Carol Eiker  
4/15 Kristi VerHeecke

#### **Funeral Committee Apr-May-June**

Connie Bolduc	334-2530
Lucy Newman	334-2286
Barb McNeil	334-2383

#### **Acolytes:**

4/1 Gavin VerHeecke  
4/8 Kiersten Hancock  
4/15 Matt Maher  
4/22 Ava Frakes  
4/29 Brenden Bolduc  
5/6 Brynlee Wirt

#### **Rotation of Callers**

April/May	Mary Stiers
June	Patrice Wirt
July/Aug	Verna Bergstrom
Sept/Oct	Lucy Newman
Nov/Dec	Kelly Luallen

### GRACE

**Organist:** Elizabeth Robinson

**Ushers:** Richard Peterson & Ross Olson

#### **Altar:**

4/1 Anna Willett  
4/15 Anna Willett

#### **Assistant:**

4/1 Anna Willett  
4/15 Richard Peterson

#### **Lectors:**

4/1 Anna Willett  
4/8 Georgia Smith  
4/15 Richard Peterson  
4/22 Gwen Blais

#### **Greeters:**

4/1 Anna Willett  
4/8 Georgia Smith  
4/15 Richard Peterson  
4/22 Gwen Blais

## **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
John Molburg	Chuck & Connie Lawson
Pr. Jane McChesney	Kameron Brown
Alice Reed	Wayne Kapple
Norma Stromquist	Mike Clark
Becki Norton	Damaris Miller
Carol St. John	Helen Dwyer
Shirley Child	Chelsea Atnip
Dick Krueger	Mallory 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

## **April Birthdays:**

Megan Hancock (BW)	01
Kelly Luallen (BW)	01
Jeff Maher (BW)	01
Barbara Peterson (BW)	01
Barbara Fors (BW)	02
Shirley Miller (BW)	04
Matthew Maher (BW)	05
Jeff Newman (BW)	06
Sarah Blaine (BW)	08
Barbara Colburn (BW)	08
Ellie Larson (BW)	09
Joyce Bloomberg (BW)	09
Tyler Litton (BW)	09
Gwen Strand (BW)	10
Gavin VerHeecke (BW)	12
Martha Borkgren (BW)	14
Jenny Dierolf (FS)	14
Fern Swanson (FS)	14
Dale Sundberg (BW)	15
Diane Bloomberg (BW)	16
Trent Jochim (FS)	16
Lyndi LeMay (BW)	17
Owen Curry (GO)	17
Dennis Colburn (BW)	18
Betty Henrikson (BW)	19
Denise Eiker (BW)	20
Bruce Williams (FS)	21
Al Bowers (BW)	25
June Bolin (BW)	26
Pam Ryan (BW)	27
Don Vail (BW)	27
Kaylee Collinson (BW)	29
Connie Wasson (BW)	30

## **April Wedding Anniversaries:**

Zack & Ellie Larson (BW)	05
Steve & Connie Lemon (BW)	08
Jeana Fors & Jim Hecht Jr. (BW)	14
Lloyd & Joanne Carlson (BW)	14
Wayne & Deb Hannam (BW)	14
Gene & Shirley Brown (BW)	16
Gene & Barb Colburn (BW)	17
Tim & Mandy Jochim (FS)	19
Larry & Nancy Rhodenbaugh (FS)	19
Brent & Angie Litton (BW)	30

## **BIRTHDAY BAGS for ALWOOD FOOD PANTRY**



Hannah Maher is organizing a service project to provide birthday bags for patrons of the AlWood Food Pantry. Each bag will include the following: cake mix, container of frosting, package of birthday candles, package of balloons, birthday card (please no gender or age specific cards) cupcake baking cups. Monetary donations are welcome! For more information or to donate, please contact Hannah at (309)334-2283 or maherh@alwood.net

**BETHANY:**

**FIRST:**

**FS Council Meeting: Thursday, April 12<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.

Planning for the **Community Garden** has started.

Anyone interested in having a spot to garden or to help in some way may call Patty & Karl Swanson @ 574-0241.

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**GRACE:**

**GO Council Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> after worship**

**April Baptismal Birthdays (GO)**

Chad Johnson	04
Millie Nelson	10
Elizabeth Robinson	17
Kelly Price	19
Mary Olson	21
Emily Smith	22
Michael Smith	22

**HOPE UNIT: April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

**Hostess:**

**BW Council Meeting: April 19<sup>th</sup> 8pm**

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

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

**Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays @ 7pm**

**Thank You...**

We would like to thank all the folks for memorials, food, calls, cards and love in the death of our daughter, Kathy Carlson Heschke, of Brownwood, Texas. She had been a member of Bethany for all her years until she moved to Texas. We also appreciate your care and concern in the death of Lloyd's sister, Maxine Carlson McKinley just two days before Kathy's death. **Lloyd & Joanne Carlson**

☺ **WELCA SW CONFERENCE** ☺

**SPRING ASSEMBLY**

**Hosted by Bethany**

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Registration & Breakfast 8:30-9:30am**

**Cost is \$5.00**

**Program:**

*"Laughter Can Be the Best Medicine"*

**Presented by Carrie Boelens,**

**Community Relations Specialist at**

**OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center, Kewanee**

**Registration Deadline is Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**to the church office or Barb McNeil**

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION**

It will soon be graduation time! If you know of any students graduating from Jr. High, High School or College this year, please get their names to any member of the Witness & Service Committee or email the information to the Bethany church office. We would like to include parents and/or grandparents and future plans for High School & College graduates. Thanks for your help! Bethany graduates will be honored on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**BETHANY WELCA BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE**

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 7am-10am**

**Help is needed!**

**Watch for more details**



## Bethany Organ Refurbishment Update

The congregation was informed of the need to refurbish the organ console at the Annual Meeting in January. For those of you wishing for an update, the organ chamber refurbishment was done in 2011, and that basically updated everything in the organ chamber where the pipes are housed. A bid was also included at that time to refurbish the console, but it was tabled at the time due to the expense of the project. At the last tuning in November the repairmen indicated the wear has continued to the point of needing attention in the near future and making the organ more and more difficult to use properly. It is important to maintain the instrument we have because a new pipe organ comparable to what we have now would cost at least \$250,000. Based upon continued interest after the congregational meeting, the council has decided to begin soliciting funds to refurbish/rebuild the present organ. The initial bid ranges from \$25,000 to \$50,000, and alternate bids are being sought at the present time. Possibilities include making a one time contribution to this project, or if you have a family member that has passed away, memorial funds from that family member's memorial may be applied to this project. A June 1st deadline exists to begin the rebuilding process if we were to complete the project by our church's Anniversary Celebration in October. The console would need to be removed in the process, and we would be without the organ for a period of 2-3 months. The church council would like to pursue the possibilities further but need to know if there is enough interest from the congregation to continue seriously pursuing the project. Therefore we are asking for an indication of interest within the next 30 days to be able to possibly meet this deadline. Please contact Pam Eiker, Pastor Nancy, or any council member if you are interested and would like more information.

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**April 2018**

**Southwest Conference WELCA Spring Assembly  
Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Hosted by Bethany Lutheran  
Registration & Breakfast 8:30-9:30am**

**Southwest Conference Spring Assembly  
Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm  
Hosted by Bethany Lutheran  
Entrée to be provided, bring a salad or dessert to share**





