

# ERM NEWS

**MAY 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)

### **SW CONFERENCE SPRING ASSEMBLY**

**Hosted by Bethany Lutheran**

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm**

**Conference Food Fest**

After a meal and a little business it will be an evening of fun and fellowship

The Conference will provide pulled pork & buns and a vegetarian main dish

Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert. Bethany will provide drinks.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

### **Bethany WELCA Breakfast & Bake Sale**

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**7-10am**

**Breakfast Casseroles**

**Biscuits & Gravy**

**Baked Goods**

**Quilt Raffle**

**COME JOIN US FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 28<sup>th</sup> for MEMORIAL DAY**

### **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, **May 17<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:**

5/6 Randy Larson  
5/13 Mary Stiers  
5/20 Lily McNally  
5/27 Verna Bergstrom  
6/3 Barb McNeil

**Ushers:**

5/6 Gary Johnson & Al Nordquist  
5/13 Marty & Dave Johnson  
5/20 Shannon & Jodie McNally  
5/27 Bob & Verna Bergstrom  
6/3 Carol Eiker & Bob Eiker

**Greeters:**

5/6 Lloyd Carlson  
5/13 Jean Rehn  
5/20 Dean & Chris Peterson  
5/27 Deed Nehls  
6/3 Harriet Peterson

**Prayer Asst:**

5/6 Jeana Fors  
5/13 Barbara Fors  
5/20 Kelly Luallen  
5/27 Verna Bergstrom  
6/3 Nancy Swanson

**Communion Assistants:**

5/6 Randy Larson  
5/20 Carol Eiker  
6/3 Marvin Watters

**Funeral Committee Apr-May-June**

Lucy Newman 334-2286  
Barb McNeil 334-2383

**Acolytes:**

5/6 Brynlee Wirt  
5/13 Duncan Adamson  
5/20 Reese Tschappat  
5/27 Gavin VerHeecke  
6/3 Kiersten Hancock

**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:** Mahlon & Rhea Johnson

**Altar:**

5/6 Anna Willett  
5/20 Anna Willett

**Assistant:**

5/6 Richard Peterson  
5/20 Anna Willett

**Lectors:**

5/6 Richard Peterson  
5/13 Anna Willett  
5/20 Anna Willett  
5/27 Gwen Blais

**Greeters:**

5/6 Richard Peterson  
5/13 Anna Willett  
5/20 Anna Willtett  
5/27 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 **Alex Frew (FS), Brad Williams (FS), Kyle Gerber (FS), Jacob Burger (FS)** 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	Connie Bolduc
Norma Stromquist	Mike Clark
Becki Norton	Damaris Miller
Carol St. John	Shirley Norberg
Shirley Child	Chelsea Atnip
Dick Krueger	Michael Peterson

**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



**Invitation for Bethany Members:**

**Please join us in celebration of Allison McDowell's graduation from AlWood High School.**

**Her graduation party will be held at Doug & Darla Peterson's home at 6122 N. 400<sup>th</sup> Ave. Woodhull on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.**

**We are very thankful for your support over the years and hope to see you there!**

**May Birthdays:**

Kayden Smith (GO)	01
Kecvin Colburn (BW)	03
Brittney Litton (BW)	03
Jesse Taylor (GO)	04
Monty Bolduc (BW)	05
Blake Nimrick (BW)	06
Melissa Holton (BW)	08
Presley Borkgren (BW)	09
James Kepner (BW)	10
John Dierolf (FS)	12
Jerre Bubon (GO)	14
Susan Johnson (BW)	14
Macy Papini (BW)	14
Debbie Dertz (BW)	15
Vicki Grothusen (FS)	19
Shirley Child (FS)	20
Wayne Hannam (BW)	20
Connie Bolduc (BW)	20
Amanda Faith (FS)	22
Gene Brown (BW)	23
Loren Cain (BW)	24
Glenn Swanson (BW)	24
Terry Brown (FS)	26
Richard Maher (BW)	26
Angelo Encapera (FS)	27
Karl Swanson (FS)	27
Jon Booker (FS)	28
Lloyd Carlson (BW)	28
Jeff Bell (BW)	30

**May Wedding Anniversaries:**

Mike & Debbie Dertz (BW)	05
Greg & Diane Frew (FS)	06
Monty & Connie Bolduc (BW)	08
Jim & Kelly Luallen (BW)	14
Randy & Pam Ryan (BW)	15
Lyle & Marilyn Williams (FS)	19
Charlie & Georgia Smith (FS)	19
Kevin & Kimberly Elliott (BW)	24
Scott & Becky McNeil (BW)	25
Ryan & Ashley Bramlett (BW)	31

**May Baptismal Birthdays (GO)**

Laura Hines	01
Matt Miller	04
Samuel Miller	09
Georgia Smith	24

**FIRST:**  
**FS Council Meeting: Thursday, May 10<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.  
There is still time to sign up for a personal garden plot  
and/or to help with community plot this year.

Yvonne Grothusen has moved. Her new address is:  
Friendship Manor  
1113 Friendship Place  
Rock Island, IL 61201

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**GRACE:**

**GO Council Meeting May 13<sup>th</sup> after worship**

**REMINDER**

**For those members of Grace wanting to be able to vote on  
any upcoming issues, please remember that to be a voting  
member according to our constitution you must be a  
confirmed member who has communed in our  
congregation AND made a contribution of record to our  
congregation during the current or previous calendar year.**

**BETHANY:**  
**HOPE UNIT: May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**  
**Hostess:**  
**BW Council Meeting: May 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Bell Rehearsal: Thursdays @ 5:45pm**  
**Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays @ 7pm**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**MOWING Sign Up sheet in the church narthex!**

**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>. Please have names in by May 13<sup>th</sup>!

**Thank You Sunday School & Teachers,**

WOW! Thank you so much to everyone for thinking of our  
Meals on Wheels recipients at Easter time. Everyone loved  
receiving the yummy brownies you made as well as the very  
special cards! But what they REALLY loved was seeing all of  
you when their meals were delivered. You have no idea how  
special it made them feel—that was so nice of you!  
God's Blessings to you! **Your friends at Meals on Wheels**

**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

**THANK YOU...**

3D would like to thank everyone in the Bethany community  
who supported us during our Luck of the Lutherans fundraiser  
in March. You helped to raise enough money to come very  
close to our goal! We are very excited to be going to Houston  
and to grow in our faith. We couldn't be doing this without  
your help and support! **3D Girls**



## **Free Vacation Bible School**

New friends • Amazing Crafts • Crazy Games  
Lip-smacking Snacks • Surprising Adventures • Incredible Music

**United Church of Woodhull**  
**150 W. Third Avenue**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 – 11:30 Preschool**  
**9:00 – 12:00 All other ages**

**VBS is for ages: 3 years through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade completed.**

Separate programs for preschool, elementary,  
middle school (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)

LIT Leaders In Training (8<sup>th</sup> completed)

Register Online at:

[www.vbspro.events/p/61490](http://www.vbspro.events/p/61490)

or

Registration forms will be available at both churches

**Hosted by Bethany Lutheran Church & United Church**

For more information, call Bethany-334-2144 or United-334-2533.



# **WELCA BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE**

**MAY 5, 2018  
7:00am - 10:00am**

**Bethany Lutheran Church  
380 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Woodhull, IL 61490  
309-334-2144**

**Breakfast Casseroles  
Biscuits & Gravy  
Baked Items  
Quilt Raffle**

**380 W. 3rd Ave. PO Box 459**

**Woodhull, IL 61490-0459**

**MAY 2018**

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Woodhull, IL  
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Return Service Requested

**BETHANY LUTHERAN BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE**

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00-10am**

**Breakfast Casseroles**

**Biscuits & Gravy**

**Bake Sale**

**Quilt Raffle**

**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**



