

ERM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 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)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd for LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
PASTOR NANCY WILL BE ON VACATION SEPTEMBER 5th through SEPTEMBER 11th

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 9th

BW Bible Presentation during Worship

BW Grandparent's Mosquito Nets

BW LWR Quilt Blessing during Worship

BW LWR School Kits & Personal Care Kits

assembled after Worship

CONFIRMATION CLASS @ BW

Wednesdays from 3-4pm

Beginning September 19th

FIRST LUTHERAN HOG ROAST

Sunday, September 23rd

Serving from 4-6pm

Bethany 150th Anniversary

Catered Banquet Dinner

Saturday, October 13th

Paid Reservations by Sept. 30th

Bethany 150th Anniversary

Worship with Bishop Clements

9am Worship

Cake Reception to follow worship

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Bethany Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 20th

9:30-11:30am

BETHANY FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, October 21st during worship

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

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, **Sept. 20th**

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:

9/2 Verna Bergstrom
9/9 Barb Fors
9/16 Mary Stiers
9/23 Randy Larson
9/30 Carol Eiker
10/7 Barb McNeil

Ushers:

9/2 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
9/9 Dennis & Patty Colburn
9/16 Jim & Kelly Luallen
9/23 Jason & Megan Hancock
9/30 Bob Eiker & Carol Eiker
10/7 Rich & Janice Maher

Greeters:

9/2 Denise Eiker
9/9 Gene & Shirley Brown
9/16 Dean & Chris Peterson
9/23 Randy & Jan Larson
9/30 Mike & Pam Maher family
10/7 Donita Creek

Prayer Asst:

9/2 Verna Bergstrom
9/9 Barb Fors
9/16 NONE
9/23 Randy Larson
9/30 NONE
10/7 Barb McNeil

Communion Assistants:

9/2 Carol Eiker
9/16 Jeana Fors
10/7 Verna Bergstrom

Funeral Committee September

Betty Swanson	334-2692
Lucy Newman	334-2286
Barb Fors	334-2754

Acolytes:

9/2 Duncan Adamson
9/9 Reese Tschappat
9/16 Gavin VerHeecke
9/23 Kiersten Hancock
9/30 Matt Maher
10/7 Ava Frakes

Rotation of Caller

Sept/Oct	Lucy Newman
Nov/Dec	Kelly Luallen

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Altar:

9/2 Georgia Smith
9/16 Georgia Smith

Usher:**Assistant:**

9/2 Richard Peterson
9/16 Richard Peterson

Lectors:

9/2 Ross Olson
9/9 Georgia Smith
9/16 Richard Peterson
9/23 Georgia Smith
9/30 Georgia Smith

Greeters:

9/2 Ross Olson
9/9 Georgia Smith
9/16 Richard Peterson
9/23 Georgia Smith
9/30 Georgia Smith

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 Burkert (FS), Ethan Adolphson (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	Deed Nehls
Karen Adamson	Connie Kremer
Dick Krueger	Gene Brown
Jerre Bubon	Derek Willett
John Molburg	Chuck & Connie Lawson
Pr. Jane McChesney	Kameron Brown
Alice Reed	Connie Bolduc
Norma Stromquist	Mike Clark
Becki Norton	Carol St. John
Shirley Child	Chelsea Atnip
Tom Hanson	John Schmidt
Donald Connell	

Prayers for Laura Swanson as she spreads God's Word

Southwest Conference Mission Partner:

The ELCA World Hunger Foods Resource Bank:
Chota Project in Peru

ERM Sister Congregation: Emmaus Church, India

Our Faith Fellowship: The churches and members of the Edwards River Ministry

September Baptismal Birthdays (GO)

Shelia Nelson	05
Archie Samuelson	12
Charlie Smith	14
Aaron Miller	16
Corey Johnson	21
Jim Price	24
Keegan Taylor	26
Kaylie Smith	27

September Birthdays:

Allison Blaine (BW)	01
Stephanie Lawson (BW)	01
Jason Dertz (BW)	03
David Lindsey (BW)	04
Elizabeth Ostrander (BW)	04
Priscilla Child (FS)	04
Pastor Nancy Jaster	05
Aaron Willett (BW)	05
Rick Child (FS)	06
Debbie Birely (FS)	07
Jeremy Bramlett (BW)	07
Kathy Peterson (BW)	09
Brandon Vail (BW)	09
Brad Fetters (BW)	10
Morgan Wirt (BW)	11
Marilyn Williams (FS)	11
Merideth Willett (GO)	12
Charles Brown (BW)	12
Brent Litton (BW)	12
John Olson (BW)	14
George Wirt (BW)	14
Jocelyn Larson (BW)	15
Patty Swanson (FS)	15
Andy Johnson (BW)	16
Brandi Nelson (BW)	16
Hadaly Curry (GO)	16
Tyler Jochim (FS)	17
Pam Edwards (FS)	19
Gaylen Elliott (BW)	20
Shirley Swanson (BW)	21
Duncan Adamson (BW)	22
Kurt Barman (BW)	23
Rene Bramlett (BW)	23
Shirley Holton (BW)	23
Janice Maher (BW)	23
Natalie Stanfield (BW)	23
Jacqui Garrett (FS)	25
Philip Wirt (BW)	26
Deed Nehls (BW)	27
Sarah Fischbach (GO)	27
Cameron Goblen (BW)	29
Mark Peterson (BW)	30

September Wedding Anniversaries

Steve & Shelia Nelson (GO)	08
Jack & Shirley Miller (BW)	18
Kyle & Nicole Verbeke (BW)	20
Dain & Megan Luallen (BW)	21
Ken & Charlie Arnold (GO)	22

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Sept. 13th 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.

WORK DAY

FS Work Day is Saturday, **Sept. 15th**
Beginning at 9am
All help is welcome!



HOG ROAST
Sunday, September 23rd
Serving from 4-6pm

We will be collecting personal care kits for LWR again.

A kit consists of the following items:
Dark colored bath towel, medium weight
Toothbrush in original packaging or if you purchase a multi pack
place 1 toothbrush in business size envelope & seal,
Nail clippers, packaging removed
2 bars of soap, comb, large tooth, packaging removed

There will be a box in the narthex for collection

Questions?? Call Fern @ 309-593-1613

Shipwrecked - VBS 2018 "Rescued By Jesus"
VBS was held June 23 - 29, 2018. There were approximately 57
kids grades Pre-K - completion of 8th grade who participated each
day. We had 1 student who completed the Leaders In Training
program which will allow her to be a staff helper next year. Our
staff included 29 HS/Adult participants who worked tirelessly to
make our program come to life for the kids. The week was spent
helping our kids begin or deepen their faith by discovering that
Jesus cares about them and rescues in life's toughest
circumstances. Our offering collected throughout the week went
to a program called "Growing God's Love in Haiti". Every \$10
collected provides drought-tolerant seeds which will grow into
crops that can feed a child for a year. The money will also allow
World Vision teams to work in Haitian communities, teaching
farmers updated techniques and promoting reforestation efforts.
Our total collection was over \$300.00! Our week ended with a
family potluck. A huge thank you goes out to all of our volunteers,
those who provided financial donations, snack items, and prayers.
Our program continues to be a success because of all of you!
Next year's theme is entitled ROAR! God Is Good! It will be held
June 24 - 28, 2019. Patty Colburn/Sally Goff co-directors

BETHANY:

WELCA: Sept. 6th Hostess : Peg Nordquist 1pm
WELCA Convention: Sept. 22nd in Harvard, IL

HOPE UNIT: Sept. 20th 9am
Hostess: Peg Nordquist

BW Council Meeting: Sept. 20th 8pm
Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm

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...

I would like to thank my Bethany family for the prayers,
support, cards, food, phone calls, gifts, flowers and many
acts of kindness I have received the past 4 months.
Many thanks to Pastor Nancy for her visits. My family
and I have appreciated it so much. **Connie Bolduc**

Thank You...

A sincere thank you to all who supported our Ice Cream
Social. Special thanks to all who donated pies & cakes.
And a HUGE thank you to Chris Peterson for making all
the ice cream. It was delicious! To Dean, Chris, Jeana &
Pam for setup, serving and cleanup, thank you!
Could not have done it without you. Sincerely, Carol
P.S. leftover ice cream is available for a donation 😊

Connie Kremer has a new address:
1322 4th St. DeWitt, IA 52742

GRACE:

GO Council : Sept. 9th after worship

BETHANY CONTINUED.....

HELP NEEDED

As Bethany continues to provide funeral lunches, we need volunteers for the main committee.

At present it has 3 people for 3 months each. That can be changed. Betty Swanson has agreed to be the head of the committees. Contact Betty, Barb McNeil or Connie Bolduc for more information.

Consider volunteering 😊

MISSING CONFIRMATION CLASS PICTURES@BETHANY

As we have been working on the 150th Anniversary event, we noticed that we are missing pictures of confirmation classes. If your child has been confirmed since the year 2000 and there is no picture of them in the case at the church entrance, please provide us with a copy of the group with your child. This can be a printed picture, or a digital picture that we can have printed.

The invitations are in the mail for the 150th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 13th

Paid reservations are required by Sept. 30th to let our caterer know how to plan for the served meal (not buffet). Meals are \$14 per person, with children under 12 free. If you are bringing your children, please write that on your reservation. We look forward to seeing you and many Bethany friends.

Bethany Stewardship Drive....Mark your Calendars

Oct. 28th Kickoff Sunday Nov. 4th Nov. 11th Nov. 18th Commitment Sunday

Thank You...

Our family is very appreciative of the prayers and support we have been receiving since the passing of Dave.

It is evident that he touched many lives in our community, as well as our family. He was a great husband, dad and grandpa. We have many special memories that we will remember.

We would like to thank everyone for your visits, cards, flowers, gifts, memorial donations, food and supplies that were brought to the house. We appreciated all the kind words and memories you shared with us. Your many acts of kindness will always be remembered.

A special thanks to Pastor Nancy for her message at the funeral. Thanks to Janice and Greg Golz and Pam Eiker for their special music. Also, thanks to the ladies of Bethany who prepared and served the luncheon.

A big thanks to Peterson-Wallin-Knox and their staff for all of their kindness and assistance with making the arrangements.

Thank you,

Marty Johnson, Stacey, Brad and Steph and families

To the Bethany Quilters...

The prayer shawls given to our family have been a source of comfort during this difficult time.

Your thoughtfulness means a lot to us.

Dave Johnson's Family

To the Bethany Work Crew...

I would like to give a special thank you to the Bethany Work Crew who showed up on Saturday to help with yard work.

I was overwhelmed by everyone's willingness to spend your time and effort helping with the yard that Dave loved.

Thanks again, Marty Johnson

COMMUNITY SHOWER/SALAD LUNCHEON

A Community Shower/Salad Luncheon will be held for Ben Peterson, son of Dallas & Brenda Peterson and his fiancé, Alicia Drook. The Shower will be on Sunday, September 23rd at 12:30pm at Bethany. The couple is registered at Amazon and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Gift cards for Lowe's, Menard's or Walmart would be welcomed.

Please watch the bulletins for more information.

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SEPTEMBER 2018

HOG ROAST and CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

4 - 6 PM

@ FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



FREE WILL OFFERING - SUGGESTED DONATION \$7/LARGE; \$5/SMALL

PORK SANDWICHES, BAKED BEANS, APPLESAUCE, HOMEMADE COOKIES, DRINKS

**PROCEEDS TO SHERRARD & NEW WINDSOR FOOD PANTRIES AND FAMILY IN CRISIS FUND
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