

ERM NEWS

OCTOBER 2018

Edwards River Ministry	(309)334-2144	email: edrivmin@gmail.com
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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)

Bethany 150th Anniversary

Catered Banquet Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 13th

Paid Reservations by Sept. 30th

Bethany 150th Anniversary

Worship with Bishop Clements

Sunday, Oct. 14th 9am Worship

Cake Reception to follow worship

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Bethany Lutheran Church

Saturday, Oct. 20th

9:30-11:30am

BETHANY FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, Oct. 21st during worship

Duncan Adamson, Brenden Bolduc

Ava Frakes, Matthew Maher,

Reese Tschappat

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 28th

PALS Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 18th @ 4pm

Hosted by Calvary, New Windsor

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 4th

BETHANY ORGAN DEDICATION

Sunday, Nov. 4th

3pm with refreshments to follow

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, Nov. 22nd

OFFICE CLOSED Friday, Nov. 23rd

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, **Oct. 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 \$35.00 and you need to bring

1 bath towel 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 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: 10:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL : During Worship

Grace:

Worship: 9am

Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00am

First:

Adult Bible Study: 10am

Worship: 10:45am

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:

10/7 Barb McNeil
10/14 Marvin Watters
10/21 Megan Hancock
10/28 Lily McNally
11/4 Verna Bergstrom

Ushers:

10/7 Rich & Janice Maher
10/14 Marvin Watters & George Wirt
10/21 Al Nordquist & Gary Johnson
10/28 Marty Johnson & Deed Nehls
11/4 Bob & Verna Bergstrom

Greeters:

10/7 Donita Creek
10/14 Rich & Janice Maher
10/21 Jason & Megan Hancock Family
10/28 Shannon & Jodie McNally Family
11/4 Dennis & Patty Colburn

Prayer Asst:

10/7 Barb McNeil
10/14 Marvin Watters
10/21 NONE
10/28 Jeana Fors
11/4 Verna Bergstrom

Communion Assistants:

10/7 Verna Bergstrom
10/14 Jeana Fors
10/21 Randy Larson
10/28 Carol Eiker

Funeral Committee Oct-Nov-Dec

Betty Swanson	334-2692
Barb Fors	334-2754
Marcia Colton	334-2160

Acolytes:

10/7 Ava Frakes
10/14 Brenden Bolduc
10/21 Brynlee Wirt
10/28 Duncan Adamson
11/4 Reese Tschappat

Rotation of Caller

Oct	Lucy Newman
Nov/Dec	Kelly Luallen

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Altar:

10/7 Anna Willett
10/21 Anna Willett
10/28 Anna Willett

Usher:**Assistant:**

10/7 Richard Peterson
10/21 Gwen Blais
10/28 Anna Willett

Lectors:

10/7 Rhea Johnson
10/14 Richard Peterson
10/21 Gwen Blais
10/28 Anna Willett

Greeters:

10/7 Richard Peterson
10/14 Richard Peterson
10/21 Gwen Blais
10/28 Anna Willett



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
John Schmidt Donald Connell

Prayers for Laura Swanson.

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

- Liz Dierolf (FS) 01
Gladys Olson (BW) 03
Kristen Wirt (BW) 03
Angie Litton (BW) 04
Zoe Price (GO) 04
Erik Colburn (BW) 05
Jonathan Johnson (BW) 05
Brooklyn McNeil (BW) 06
Polly Engstrom (GO) 06
Jackson Morland (BW) 07
McKenna Ann Arnold (GO) 08
Virgil Spivey (BW) 10
Melissa Papini (BW) 11
Michael Whitcomb (BW) 14
Mark Swanson (BW) 15
Ryan Colburn (BW) 15
Rhea Johnson (GO) 15
Diane Frew (FS) 16
Brianna McNeil (BW) 17
Mary Olson (GO) 18
Hannah Maher (BW) 19
Hilary Fairbrother (BW) 20
Debra Hannam (BW) 20
Barb Schmidt (FS) 22
Skye Corken (FS) 23
Emelia Strader (FS) 24
Colleen Carlson (BW) 24
Greg Miller (GO) 24
Derek VerHeecke (BW) 25
Emily Morland (BW) 26
Jaeleen Mooney (BW) 26
Art Brahmstedt (GO) 27
Noel Cain (BW) 29
Derek Peterson (BW) 29
Patricia Shumaker (BW) 29
Pamela Maher (BW) 29
Kathy Carlson (BW) 30
Gabriel Price (GO) 30
Kara Lindquist (BW) 31

Stories of Sorrow, Stories of Hope

You're invited to a Women's Mini Retreat
Hosted by Fern Mar
Led by Pastor Julie Monnard
Calvary Lutheran Church
Saturday, Oct. 27th
9am-12pm

This retreat is an intentional time to consider Biblical stories of grieving women, reflect on our loved ones who have died, and find a sense of hope amidst it all. Our time together includes Bible study, small group sharing, prayer stations and light snacks
Please RSVP to Ardythe Graham @ 309-596-2212 or the church office @ 309-667-2415



- Jeff & Julie Bell (BW) 05
Bruce & Shelli Williams (FS) 06
Clay & Tracey Anderson (FS) 09
Michael & Michaelene Brown (BW) 10
Jamie & Nicole West (BW) 11
Dr. James & Dr. Rubie Watson (GO) 11
Darrell & Sarah Souhrada (FS) 12
Dallas & Brenda Peterson (BW) 15
Derek & Kristi VerHeecke (BW) 19
Nick & Candy Tschappat (BW) 22
Tim & Jessica Trout (BW) 23
Rick & Priscilla Child (FS) 23
Warren & Debbie Birely (FS) 27

FIRST:

**FS Council Meeting: Oct. 11th 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.

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

THANKS to all who donated to our Annual Hog Roast!

GRACE:

GO Council : Oct. 14th after worship



Anniversary Dates

Richard Peterson	01
Clayton Peterson	05
Larry McKinley	19



**PALS Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, Nov. 18th
4pm
Hosted by Calvary Lutheran**

BETHANY:

**BW Council Meeting: Oct. 18th 7pm
No Bells or Choir Oct. 18th
Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm**

**HOPE UNIT: Oct. 18th
Hostess: TBA**

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...

Even though we may not have a lot of words yet, there are a few simple words that we would like to share with our friends at Bethany Lutheran Church...THANK YOU. So many of you reached out to our family during Connie's recent passing. Thank you for the cards, food, visits and prayers during this difficult time. A SPECIAL thank you to the ladies that provided the luncheon after the service. Your kindness meant so much . As we continue to grieve the loss of Connie, we ask that you continue to pray for our strength in the days ahead and embrace our very special "organized" guardian angel that will be watching over us.

Sincerely, **The Connie Vail Family**

Thank You...

Ladies, thanks for preparing and serving a wonderful lunch for our Mom. **Jane & Lynne**

Thank You...

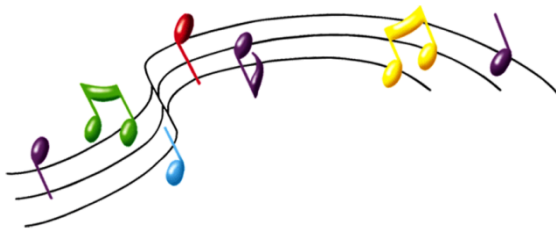
Thank you for your concern. I'm doing fine.
Dale Sundberg

Bethany Stewardship Drive...Mark Your Calendars

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



150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Bethany Lutheran Church
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th 9am Worship
Bishop Jeff Clements Preaching
Cake Reception following worship



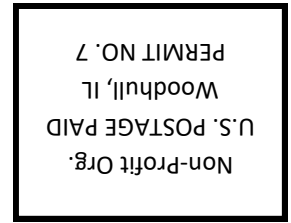
ORGAN DEDICATION SERVICE
Bethany Lutheran Church
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th – 3pm
Light Refreshments after Service

Edwards River Ministry

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Return Service Requested

