

# ERM NEWS

## NOVEMBER 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)

**All Saints Sunday** will be celebrated on Sunday, **November 4<sup>th</sup>** during worship. The first Sunday in November is set aside every year in the church's calendar to remember all of God's saints who have died in faith.



### ORGAN DEDICATION SERVICE

Bethany Lutheran Church  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> – 3pm  
Light Refreshments after Service



### THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Church office CLOSED Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>



### PALS THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm  
Hosted by Calvary Lutheran Church  
Undesignated donations to Food Pantries  
Designate funds to help those in need  
Collecting non- perishable food items



### BETHANY WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 6<sup>th</sup> at the church  
Men & Women Invited

**PASTOR NANCY WILL BE ON VACATION NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> through DECEMBER 4<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

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, **Nov. 15<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: 10:00am

**SUNDAY SCHOOL : During Worship**

#### **Grace:**

Worship: 9am

Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00am

#### **First:**

Adult Bible Study: 10am

Worship: 10:45am

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**BETHANY**

**Lectors:**

11/4 Verna Bergstrom  
11/11 Carol Eiker  
11/18 Randy Larson  
11/25 Barb Fors  
12/2 Gene Colburn

**Greeters:**

11/4 Dennis & Patty Colburn  
11/11 Lucy Newman  
11/18 Randy & Jan Larson  
11/25 Barb Fors  
12/2 Al & Peggy Nordquist

**Communion Assistants:**

11/4 Jim Luallen  
11/18 Shannon McNally  
12/2 Gene Colburn

**Acolytes:**

11/4 Reese Tschappat  
11/11 Gavin VerHeecke  
11/18 Kiersten Hancock  
11/25 Matt Maher  
12/2 Ava Frakes

**Ushers:**

11/4 Bob & Verna Bergstrom  
11/11 Bob Eiker & Carol Eiker  
11/18 George Wirt & Gary Johnson  
11/25 Lloyd Carlson & Al Nordquist  
12/2 Jim & Kelly Luallen

**Prayer Asst:**

11/4 Verna Bergstrom  
11/11 Carol Eiker  
11/18 NONE  
11/25 Barb Fors  
12/2 Kelly Luallen

**Funeral Committee Oct-Nov-Dec**

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

**Rotation of Caller**

Nov/Dec	Kelly Luallen
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**GRACE**

**Organist:** Elizabeth Robinson

**Altar:**

11/4 Rhea Johnson  
11/18 Rhea Johnson

**Lector:**

11/4 Anna Willett  
11/11 Rhea Johnson  
11/18 Richard Peterson  
11/25 Gwen Blais

**Usher:** Anna Willett

**Assistant:**

11/4 Anna Willett  
11/18 Richard Peterson

**Greeter:**

11/4 Anna Willett  
11/11 Rhea Johnson  
11/18 Richard Peterson  
11/25 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 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	Donald Connell
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	

**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



Mike & Pam Maher (BW)	04
John & Jenny Dierolf (FS)	07
Jim & Belinda Webb (GO)	07
Tim & Michelle Blaine (BW)	11
Todd & Mallory Swanson (BW)	12
Dick & Joan Sanders (FS)	14
Jim & Kelly Price (GO)	16
Aaron & Sarah Fischbach (GO)	17
Nate & Candice Shepherd (GO)	18
Maurey & Mary Peterson (BW)	18
Greg & Rhonda Miller (GO)	27
Peter & Kristen Schauer (BW)	29
Olof & Kaylee Collinson (BW)	30
Josh & Jody Curry (GO)	30

Kent Vail (BW)	01
Tyler Carlson (BW)	02
Shireen Kane (BW)	04
Steve Lemon (BW)	05
Andrew Johnson (BW)	05
Kiersten Hancock (BW)	07
Kristi Jochim (FS)	08
Joleen Bowman (FS)	09
Tyson Shepherd (GO)	09
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Tyson Shepherd (GO)	09
Martin Luther	10
Jim Webb (GO)	11
Lynn Hines (BW)	11
Scott Fitzpatrick (BW)	13
Bryce Anderson (BW)	14
Heidi Murphy (BW)	14
Karol Vail (BW)	14
Peggy Pettit (GO)	14
Mike Anthony (GO)	15
Matt Swanson (BW)	15
Kyle Borkgren (BW)	15
Randy Larson (BW)	17
Alexander Johnson (BW)	17
Toni Litton (BW)	17
Karla Barman (BW)	21
Allison McDowell (BW)	21
Tim Jochim (FS)	21
Poppy Fischbach (GO)	21
Charlesa Arnold (GO)	22
Christopher Brown (BW)	22
Jan Larson (BW)	23
Katie Nimrick (BW)	23
Brecken Adamson (BW)	24
Terry Nelson (BW)	24
Connie Lemon (BW)	26
Emily McDowell (BW)	28
Donita Creek (BW)	29
Peggy Nordquist (BW)	30

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Bethany rejoiced with Duncan Adamson, Brenden Bolduc, Matthew Maher and Reese Tschappat on receiving their First Communion on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Blessings and Praise!

**BETHANY:**

**BW Council Meeting: Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 8pm**  
**Thursdays: Bells: 5:45pm Choir 7pm**

**Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm**  
**HOPE UNIT: Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Meeting @ Andrea's in Alpha**

**FIRST:**

**FS Council Meeting: Nov. 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.

**Mark your calendars:**

WELCA Christmas Luncheon **Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** at the church.  
Men & women invited to attend.  
Program by the Alwood Music Department and Nancy  
Swanson and her trip to China. More details to come!

**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](mailto:maherh@alwood.net)

**GRACE:**

**GO Council : Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> after worship**

A congregational meeting for the purpose of nominating  
people (or volunteering yourself) to appear on the Annual  
Meeting ballot for open positions on the council,  
committees, etc. will be held immediately following worship  
on Nov. 11, 2018.

Information and a discussion on the timeline and final date  
for closing will be held immediately following the  
nominating meeting on Nov. 11, 2018. Please try to attend  
so that your ideas can be heard and your concerns can be  
addressed.

**INVITATION**

In Celebration of the wedding of Ben & Alicia Peterson  
there will be a reception at the Alpha Legion on  
Saturday, **Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** from 4-9pm. The reception is being  
hosted by Ben's parents, Dallas & Brenda Peterson.

**LWR KITS**

We delivered our items to the Lutheran World Relief  
Ingathering. We took 40 quilts, 85 school kits and 13  
personal care kits. Thank you to all who donated items  
for the kits and quilts, the quilters, those who helped  
pack the boxes and those who delivered the boxes.  
God's Work—Our Hands!



**Anniversary Dates**

Caroline Castaline	02
Derek Willett	12
McKenna Arnold	30

**DOVES & ANGELS**

It's getting to be that time of year again. We will soon be  
decorating our Angels & Doves tree. **Angels** are children  
at Safe Harbor in Galesburg whom we buy Christmas  
presents. **Doves** are those in our area who are shut-ins.  
Selecting a Dove requires a willingness to befriend that  
person throughout the year in whatever is needed:  
visiting, calling, providing transportation, sending cards,  
providing treats...the possibilities are endless.  
If you know someone who should be included as a Dove,  
please give his or her name to Pastor Nancy, Merigene  
or a member of the Witness & Service Committee.



**PALS Thanksgiving Service**  
**Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**4pm Hosted by Calvary**  
**(no meal)**

**Edwards River Ministry**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
ANNUAL MEETING DATES**

<b>BETHANY</b>	<b>JANUARY 20, 2019</b>
<b>FIRST</b>	<b>JANUARY 27, 2019</b>
<b>Grace</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 3, 2019</b>

**BETHANY COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 9, 2018**  
**BETHANY FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY JANUARY 6, 2019**

