

ERM NEWS

DECEMBER 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)

BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

The Sunday School Christmas Program, "The Savior's Birth" will be Sunday, Dec. 16th during worship. Below is a schedule of important dates and events.

Dec. 2nd	10-11am – Christmas Program practice
Dec. 9th	10-11am – Christmas Program practice
Dec. 16th	8am – dress rehearsal for the Christmas Program
	9am – Sunday School Program "The Savior's Birth" during worship

The church office will be **CLOSED Dec. 24th Dec. 25th and Dec. 26th** for the holiday

The church office will be **CLOSED January 1st** for the holiday

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ANNUAL MEETING DATES

BETHANY	JANUARY 20, 2019
FIRST	JANUARY 27, 2019
Grace	FEBRUARY 3, 2019

BETHANY COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 16, 2018

BETHANY FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY JANUARY 6, 2019

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, Dec. 20th
1:00-4:00p

Appointments may be made with
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:

12/2 Gene Colburn
12/9 Barb McNeil
12/16 Sunday School
12/23 Verna Bergstrom
12/24 Various
12/30 Jeana Fors
1/6 Kristi VerHeecke

Greeters:

12/2 Al & Peggy Nordquist
12/9 Barb McNeil
12/16 3D Youth
12/23 George & Patrice Wirt
12/24 Gene & Shirley Brown
12/30 Lucy Newman
1/6 Donita Creek

Communion Assistants:

12/2 Gene Colburn
12/16 Marvin Watters
12/24 Verna Bergstrom & Jeana Fors
1/6 Jim Luallen

Acolytes:

12/2 Ava Frakes
12/9 Brenden Bolduc
12/16 Brynlee Wirt
12/23 Duncan Adamson
12/24 Kiersten Hancock
12/30 Reese Tschappat
1/6 Gavin VerHeecke

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Altar:

12/2 Gwen Blais
12/16 Gwen Blais
12/24 Gwen Blais

Lector:

12/2 Anna Willett
12/9 Georgia Smith
12/16 Rhea Johnson
12/23 Gwen Blais
12/24 Richard Peterson
12/30 Ross Olson

Ushers:

12/2 Jim & Kelly Luallen
12/9 Rich & Janice Maher
12/16 Sunday School
12/23 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
12/24 George Wirt & Philip Wirt
12/30 Gary Johnson & Marvin Watters
1/6 Dennis & Patty Colburn

Prayer Asst:

12/2 Kelly Luallen
12/9 Barb McNeil
12/16 NONE
12/23 Verna Bergstrom
12/24 NONE
12/30 NONE
1/6 Kristi VerHeecke

Funeral Committee Oct-Nov-Dec

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

Rotation of Callers

TO BE ANNOUNCED

GRACE

Ushers: Richard Peterson & Ross Olson

Assistant:

12/2 Anna Willett
12/16 Rhea Johnson
12/24 Anna Willett

Greeter:

12/2 Anna Willett
12/9 Georgia Smith
12/16 Rhea Johnson
12/23 Gwen Blais
12/24 Pastor Nancy
12/30 Ross Olson



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	Dale Sundberg
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	Luann Colburn
Gabriella Pier	

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



Calvin & Jesse Taylor (GO)	01
Rick & Martha Borkgren (BW)	01
Jon & Shannon Booker (FS)	19
Gale & Renee Bramlett (BW)	27
Gaylen & Barb Elliott (BW)	29
Terry & Jill Nelson (BW)	29
Jason & Megan Hancock (BW)	29
Patrick & Emily Morland (BW)	30

Stephanie Spears (BW)	02
Brant Peterson (BW)	03
Bruce Curry (GO)	03
Samuel Miller (GO)	03
Emma Gerard (BW)	04
Amber Wirt (BW)	04
Garry Peterson (BW)	05
Paul Corken (FS)	05
Justin Booker (FS)	05
Elizabeth Robinson (BW)	06
Chris Peterson (BW)	08
Jennifer Adamson (BW)	08
Clayton Corken (FS)	08
Tony Dertz (BW)	09
Larry Rhodenbaugh (FS)	09
Jamie Bolduc (BW)	10
Marion Calmer (BW)	10
Jaci Maher (BW)	10
Nick Tschappat (BW)	10
Brenda Peterson (BW)	13
Justin Mooney (BW)	14
Karl Peterson (BW)	16
Garrett Adamson (BW)	18
Craig Willett (BW)	18
Lindsay Colburn (BW)	21
Timothy Bainbridge (BW)	23
Darla Peterson (BW)	23
Chad Johnson (GO)	23
JESUS	25
Tobias Shepherd (GO)	25
Reese Tschappat (BW)	27
Mike Brown (BW)	28
Brad Johnson (BW)	28
Nancy Rhodenbaugh (FS)	28
Emily Fairbrother (BW)	29
Greg Frew (FS)	29
Joe Lindquist (BW)	30
Darlene Peterson (BW)	30
Georgia Smith (GO)	30
Ella Strader (FS)	30

FIRST:
FS Council Meeting: Dec. 13th 7pm
Adult Bible Study @ 10am
Children's Sunday School @ 10am

Christmas Eve Service @ First 4pm

We have adopted a family of 8 for Christmas. If you would like to help with this worthwhile project, please call Fern @ 593-2613.

We will have a "Good Gifts" tree with various animal and service project ornaments set up in the narthex for purchase. Prices range from \$10 up.

Advent calendars and Advent Devotion booklets will be on display and free to all.

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.

GRACE:
GO Council : Dec. 9th after worship

Christmas Eve Service @ Grace 4pm

Order forms for poinsettias are on the table at the back of the church. Orders need to be turned in to Anna Willett by **December 9th!**



Anniversary Dates

Donald Willett	07
Greg Miller	15
Sarah Fischbach	16
Merideth Willett	20
Rhonda Miller	21

BETHANY:

BW Council Meeting: Dec. 20th 8pm
Thursdays: Bells: 5:45pm Choir 7pm

Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm
HOPE UNIT: Dec. 20th 9am @ Andrea's

Christmas Eve Service @ Bethany 4pm

WELCA Christmas Luncheon **Dec. 6th** at the church. Men & women invited to attend. Meet at 11:15am and eat at 11:30am. The AlWood Music Dept. will perform at 12:30pm. Nancy Swanson will share highlights of her and Doug's trip to China. WELCA members bring a dish to share, 2 dozen cookies and your Thankofferings.

Bethany Choir will be caroling Dec. 16th @ 3pm

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for our Christmas Eve Service please contact Patrice Wirt. Orders need to be in by **Dec. 16th**. The cost is \$12. Please make checks out to Patrice.

Bethany Lutheran Church Financial Concerns

Due to the cash demands of the Bethany Lutheran Church operating budget, the church council approved at a regular meeting on Nov. 15th the borrowing from the church building fund the amount of \$10,000 which is to be transferred to the operating account. This amount is intended to be paid back to the building fund as excess funds are available. According to financial records, our budget expenses have averaged approximately \$12,200 per month and our monthly receipts of giving have averaged approximately \$9,900, creating a deficit of about \$\$2,300 per month.

BIRTHDAY BAGS for ALWOOD FOOD PANTRY

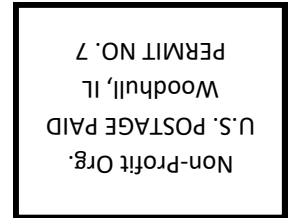


Hannah Maher is organizing a service project to provide birthday bags for patrons of the AlWood Food Pantry. Each bag will include the following: cake mix, container of frosting, package of birthday candles, package of balloons, birthday card (please no gender or age specific cards) cupcake baking cups.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

Edwards River Ministry

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Return Service Requested

Christmas Eve Services

Bethany 4pm	Pastor Katie Gallagher
First 4pm	Pastor Mike Lawyer
Grace 4pm	Pastor Nancy Jaster

