

ERM NEWS

AUGUST 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 Lutheran Church 150th Anniversary

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Sunday, Aug. 5th

Serving 5-7pm

Hot dogs, chips, pies, cakes and ICE CREAM!

Please join us for food and fellowship!

Bring your friends

Bethany Lutheran Church

Backpack Blessing Sunday

August 19th @ our 9am worship service

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 9th

BW Bible Presentation during Worship and BW Grandparent's Mosquito Nets

First Lutheran Hog Roast

Sunday, September 23rd

Serving from 4-6pm

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, **August 16th**
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
NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR UNTIL SEPTEMBER
NO BELLS UNTIL SEPTEMBER
NO SENIOR CHOIR UNTIL SEPTEMBER
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Grace:

Worship: 9am
Bible Study/Fellowship: 10:00am

First:

Adult Bible Study: 10am
Worship: 10:45am

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:

8/5 Barb McNeil
8/12 Marvin Watters
8/19 Lily McNally
8/26 Nancy Swanson
9/2 Verna Bergstrom

Ushers:

8/5 Rich & Janice Maher
8/12 George Wirt & Marvin Watters
8/19 Bob Eiker & Carol Eiker
8/26 Gary Johnson & Al Nordquist
9/2 Bob & Verna Bergstrom

Greeters:

8/5 Barbara Fors
8/12 George & Patrice Wirt
8/19 Shannon & Jodie McNally family
8/26 Al & Peggy Nordquist
9/2 Denise Eiker

Prayer Asst:

8/5 Carol Eiker
8/12 Marvin Watters
8/19 None
8/26 Nancy Swanson
9/2 Verna Bergstrom

Communion Assistants:

8/5 Gene Colburn
8/19 Shannon McNally
9/2 NEEDED

Funeral Committee July-Aug-Sept

Barb McNeil	334-2383
Lucy Newman	334-2286
Barb Fors	334-2754

Acolytes:

8/5 Matt Maher
8/12 Ava Frakes
8/19 Brenden Bolduc
8/26 Brynlee Wirt
9/2 Duncan Adamson

Rotation of Callers

July/Aug	Verna Bergstrom
Sept/Oct	Lucy Newman
Nov/Dec	Kelly Luallen

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Usher: Anna Willett

Altar:

8/5 Gwen Blais
8/19 Georgia Smith

Assistant:

8/5 Anna Willett
8/19 Gwen Blais

Lectors:

8/5 Anna Willett
8/12 Georgia Smith
8/19 Gwen Blais
8/26 Georgia Smith

Greeters:

8/5 Anna Willett
8/12 Georgia Smith
8/19 Gwen Blais
8/26 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

Karen Adamson

Dick Krueger

Jerre Bubon

John Molburg

Pr. Jane McChesney

Alice Reed

Norma Stromquist

Becki Norton

Shirley Child

Robert Connell

Connie Kremer

Gene Brown

Derek Willett

Chuck & Connie Lawson

Kameron Brown

Connie Bolduc

Mike Clark

Carol St. John

Chelsea Atnip

Terry Ayers

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

August Wedding Anniversaries:

Mike & Sue Anthony (FS)	02
John & Jeralyn Rehn (BW)	03
Kevin & Kim Colburn (BW)	05
Dennis & Patty Colburn (BW)	11
Andrew & Stephanie Gelaude (BW)	12
Doug & Nancy Swanson (BW)	14
Kurt & Denise Barman (BW)	14
Jim & Lucille Bergstrom (BW)	17
Doug & Darla Peterson (BW)	20
Chuck & Connie Lawson (GO)	23
Marvin & Ann Watters (BW)	25
Jamie & Andrea Bolduc (BW)	26
Randy & Jan Larson (BW)	27
Ryan & Alissa Colburn (BW)	27
Greg & Lori Nimrick (BW)	28

August Birthdays:

Barbara Cain (BW)	01
Rhonda Miller (GO)	02
Joanne Carlson (BW)	03
Jim Luallen (BW)	04
Rob Frew (FS)	04
Jordan Booker (FS)	05
Cheree Encapera (FS)	05
Woody Watson (GO)	06
Kimberly Elliott (BW)	07
Charlie Smith (GO)	07
Willis Kirland (BW)	08
Calvin Taylor (GO)	08
Missy Corken (FS)	09
Martin Calmer (BW)	10
Brad Litton (BW)	12
Shannon Booker (FS)	13
Leann Crouse (BW)	14
Katie Mason (BW)	15
Patrice Wirt (BW)	15
Holly Fairbrother (BW)	16
Donald Willett (GO)	16
Barb Elliott (BW)	17
Joshtin Maher (BW)	17
Sheldon McMeekan (BW)	17
Jean Rehn (BW)	17
Kenneth Becraft (BW)	18
James Brown (BW)	19
Gary Nelson (BW)	19
Logan Booker (FS)	19
Jonah Lindquist (BW)	20
Marvin Watters (BW)	20
George Bloomberg (BW)	21
Rick Borkgren (BW)	21
Shirley Brown (BW)	21
Matt Fairbrother (BW)	21
Sylvia Petrovich (BW)	21
Kyle Barman (BW)	22
Jonathan Lawson (BW)	22
Becky McNeil (BW)	22
Chloe Stanfield (BW)	22
Rodney Engstrom (BW)	23
Scott McDowell (BW)	25
Chris Gainey (BW)	26
Jim Price (GO)	26
Pat Bowman (FS)	26
Tyler Peterson (BW)	27
Clayton Peterson (GO)	27
Joann Bengston (BW)	28
Cole Colburn (BW)	28
Richard Peterson (GO)	28
Evie Strader (FS)	29
Alisa Wells (GO)	30
Nate Shepherd (GO)	31

FIRST:

FS Council Meeting: Aug. 9th 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.

HOG ROAST

Sunday, September 23rd
Serving from 4-6pm

Please keep Laura Swanson and her ministry in your prayers.

Prayers to the family and friends of Cindy Ward.

If you are interested in helping with the Community Garden
please contact Patty Swanson @ 309-574-0241

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

GRACE:

GO Council : Aug. 12th after worship

August Baptismal Birthdays (GO)

Mahlon Johnson 02
Anna Willett 12
Jesse Taylor 31
Josh Curry 31

Liz Robinson has a change of address:
551 Lake Drive
Woodhull, IL 61490

BETHANY:

HOPE UNIT: August 16th 9am

BW Council Meeting: August 15th 7pm

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

Volunteers are needed for the Funeral Committee.
If you can help, call Barb McNeil. Thanks!

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We will have sign-up sheets at the church for
pies and cakes if you'd like to donate.

Bibles will be presented during worship
Sunday, September 9th

ELCA Malaria Campaign
Grandparent's Day
Mosquito Nets
September 9th

More information in this newsletter

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Dave Johnson.
May they find comfort during this time of sorrow.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Connie Vail.
May they find comfort during this time of sorrow.

Bethany Lutheran Church

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Personal Care Kits:

- 1 bath size towel, dark color preferred 20x40 **lightweight** or medium weight
- 2 bath size (4-5 oz.) bars of soap, any brand in original wrapping
- 1 adult size toothbrush in original wrapping**
- 1 wide tooth comb or hair pick, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging

**toothbrush multipacks may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.

Wrap all of the smaller items in the towel and tie with ribbon or yarn.
Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
Do not enclose the kit or any items in plastic bags.

School Kits:

- 4 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruler paper approximately 8"x10" (no loose leaf paper)
- 1 30 centimeter ruler; or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5 ballpoint pens (NO gel ink) secure with rubber band
- 1 box of 16 or 24 count crayons
- 1 eraser approximately 2-2 1/2 inches long
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag approximately 14"x17" with shoulder straps

Place items in the above mentioned cloth bag, fold top over and secure with two large rubber bands.
Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

*Put items on the table in the side room in the basement. Let's try for 120 kits!
Kits will be packed in September and shipped in October.
Cash is always welcome! We will do the shopping for you.

BETHANY LUTHERAN GRANDPARENTS DAY MOSQUITO NETS

PLEASE ORDER BY SEPTEMBER 2nd

I would like to donate _____ Mosquito Nets at the cost of \$10 each _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given By _____

Phone Number _____

CHECKS MAY BE WRITTEN TO: BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH/Mosquito Nets in memo
PLEASE GIVE THIS ORDER SLIP TO A WITNESS/SERVICE MEMBER OR PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE.

Edwards River Ministry

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