

ERM NEWS

JANUARY 2019

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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)



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

ANNUAL MEETING DATES

BETHANY JANUARY 20, 2019

FIRST JANUARY 27, 2019

Grace FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts and well wishes we received during the holiday season. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Wishing all a joyous, prosperous and blessed New Year!

Pastor Nancy



Merigene

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ERM JOINT WORSHIP & ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 24th hosted by FIRST LUTHERAN

DETAILS to be ANNOUNCED

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, Jan. 17th

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:

1/6 Kristi VerHeecke
1/13 Randy Larson
1/20 Lily McNally
1/27 Marvin Watters
2/3 Verna Bergstrom

Greeters:

1/6 Donita Creek
1/13 Jim & Kelly Luallen
1/20 Mike & Pam Maher Family
1/27 Marty Johnson
2/3 Barb Fors

Communion Assistants:

1/6 Jim Luallen
1/20 Marvin Watters
2/3 Gene Colburn

Acolytes:

1/6 Gavin VerHeecke
1/13 Kiersten Hancock
1/20 Matt Maher
1/27 Ava Frakes
2/3 Brenden Bolduc

Ushers:

1/6 Dennis & Patty Colburn
1/13 Lloyd Carlson & Gary Johnson
1/20 Shannon & Jodie McNally
1/27 Al Nordquist & Marvin Watters
2/3 Bob & Verna Bergstrom

Prayer Asst:

1/6 Kristi VerHeecke
1/13 Kelly Luallen
1/20 NONE
1/27 Marvin Watters
2/3 Verna Bergstrom

Funeral Committee Jan-Feb-Mar

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

Rotation of Callers

Jan.	Mary Stiers	July	Verna B.
Feb.	Patty Colburn	Aug.	Verna B.
Mar.	Patrice Wirt	Sep.	Lucy Newman
Apr.	Harriet P.	Oct.	Lucy Newman
May	Mary Stiers	Nov.	Kelly Luallen
June	Patrice Wirt	Dec.	Kelly Luallen

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Altar:

1/6 Rhonda Miller
1/20 Rhonda Miller

Lector:

1/6 Anna Willett
1/13 Ross Olson
1/20 Gwen Blais
1/27 Ross Olson

Ushers: Greg & Rhonda Miller

Assistant:

1/6 Anna Willett
1/20 Gwen Blais

Greeter:

1/6 Anna Willett
1/13 Ross Olson
1/20 Gwen Blais
1/27 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	Gabriella Pier
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
Logan Stiers	

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



Jim & Carol Brown (BW)	01
Ron & Peggy Pettit (GO)	02
George & Patrice Wirt (BW)	24
Gary & Karen Adamson (BW)	30



Britta Wirt (BW)	01
Jodie McNally (BW)	04
Kim Engstrom (GO)	04
Kelli Johnson (BW)	05
Ann Larson (BW)	05
Greg Bloomberg (BW)	06
Laura Swanson (FS)	06
Carol Eiker (BW)	07
Audrey Lindsey (BW)	07
Rubie Watson (GO)	07
Laurie Allen (BW)	08
Trevor Carlson (BW)	08
Caroline Castaline (GO)	10
Carsen Curry (GO)	11
Lucy Newman (BW)	11
Don Henrikson (BW)	12
Gary Dierolf (FS)	12
Todd Beck (BW)	13
Carson Taylor (GO)	15
Colin Watters (BW)	16
Scott Swanson (BW)	17
Joshua Bainbridge (BW)	18
Doug Swanson (BW)	18
Larry McKinley (GO)	18
Hunter Price (GO)	18
Ron Pettit (GO)	19
Stephanie Johnson (BW)	20
Beau Peterson (BW)	20
Karen Adamson (BW)	21
Natalie Gasper (BW)	21
Lily Fairbrother (BW)	21
Jacob Johnson (GO)	22
Sue Anthony (FS)	23
Kim Bowers (BW)	26
Dain Luallen (BW)	27
Lori Nimrick (BW)	27
Shelia Nelson (GO)	28
Emily Smith (GO)	28
Warren Birely (FS)	28
Scott McNeil (BW)	29
Alex Borkgren (BW)	30
Emily Frew (FS)	30
Joan Sanders (FS)	30
Ann Olson (BW)	31

FIRST:

Adult Bible Study @ 10am
Children's Sunday School @ 10am

First Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019
Immediately following worship

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.

**Thanks to all who took part in our Good Gifts Program,
Adopting a family for Christmas and College Care Kits.
All was much appreciated!**

GRACE:

GO Council : Jan. 13th after Worship

Grace Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019

Immediately following worship
Potluck after the meeting

Pictures will be taken of the council & congregation
for our 130th Anniversary on June 8, 2019

All reports & treasurer's books are due
by the morning of Jan. 13, 2019

REMINDER

In order to vote according to our constitution you must
have communed in our church and made a monetary
contribution of record in the previous or current year.



Anniversary Dates

Bruce Curry	05
Ty Shepherd	11
Peggy Pettit	23

BETHANY:

BW Council Meeting: Jan. 17th 7pm
Thursdays: Bells: 5:45pm Choir 7pm

Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm
HOPE UNIT: Jan. 17th at Bethany 9am
Hostess: Barb McNeil

Bethany Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019
Immediately following worship

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

To Pastor and the members of Bethany, I would like to say
thank you for the visits, cards, prayers and concern shown to
me after my surgery. Things seem to be going well for me
again. Thank you. **Dale Sundberg**

Thank You

The family of Polly Engstrom would like to express our sincere
gratitude for the beautiful prayer shawls that were given to us
during the loss of our mother. They are beautiful and will be
used often. We would also like to say thank you to the
Bethany Quilters for the St. Louis Cardinal quilt that was given
to mom. She displayed it on her bed in the hospital and at
Seminary Manor with many smiles for her favorite baseball
team. Thanks for all your kindness. **Polly Engstrom Family**

Thank You

Thanks to the ladies of WELCA for the pretty poinsettia and
the delicious cookies. You are all so thoughtful.
Donna Johnson

Thank You

To my friends at Bethany, thank you to the choir for coming to
Courtyard caroling. I almost felt as if I were in church and they
really put me in the Christmas spirit. Loved seeing you all.
Also, thanks to Lucy Newman for coming here on a foggy day
to bring me a beautiful poinsettia and some yummy cookies
from WELCA. I miss you all so much. **Audrey Lindsey**

Address Change:

Al & Peg Nordquist are no longer receiving mail at the
Post Office. Please address any mail to their street address:
140 W. 5th Ave. Woodhull, IL 61490

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF THE NEW BORN KING
December 24, 2018

In Loving Memory of Mahlon LaVerne Johnson
In Loving Memory of Jason LaVerne Johnson
From Rhea Johnson

In Loving Memory of Nelson & Gordon Family
In Loving Memory of Chester & Marguerite L. Gordon
In Loving Memory of Wayne & Lucy Nelson
From Stephen & Shelia Nelson

In Loving Memory of Matthew Miller
In Loving Memory of Dick & Betty Miller
In Loving Memory of Forrest & Audrey McKey
From Greg & Rhonda Miller

In Loving Memory of Polly Engstrom (white poinsettia)
In Loving Memory of John Engstrom
In Loving Memory of Todd Engstrom
From Kim Engstrom

In Loving Memory of Family
From Charlie & Georgia Smith Family

In Loving Memory of Maxine McKinley
From Larry, Brenda, Belinda & Bill

In Loving Memory of Paul & Chrystal Carlson
In Loving Memory of Raymond & Barbara Carlson
From the McKinley Family

In Loving Memory of George Green
In Loving Memory of Lyle Willett
In Loving Memory of Tammy Willett
From Barry & Anna Willett Family

In Loving Memory of Lloyd & Iyla Larson
From Tom & Bill Larson

To Celebrate the Birth of Jesus
From WELCA

ELCA Good Gifts

2 sets of chicks from
Sam Miller, Payton, Keegan & Carson Taylor
7 vaccinations from
Gwen Blais

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
DECEMBER 24, 2018

In Memory of Loved Ones
From Lucy Newman

In Memory of Loved Ones
From Gary Johnson

In Memory of Loved Ones
From Gene & Shirley Brown

In Memory of Loved Ones
From Deed Nehls

In Memory of Loved Ones
From Rich & Janice Maher

In Memory of Loved Ones
From Bob & Pam Eiker

In Memory of Loved Ones
From Logan & Mary Stiers

In Memory of Loved Ones
From George & Patrice Wirt & Family

In Memory of Maybelle Eiker & Dorothy Faur
From Jason & Megan Hancock & Family

In Memory of Dave, our husband, father & grandfather
From Marty Johnson & Family

In Memory of Shirley Spivey, Derek Luallen & Willis Luallen
From Jim & Kelly Luallen

In Appreciation of Bethany
From Barb Fors & Jeana Fors

In Memory of Hubert & Dorothy Swanson
From Doug & Nancy Swanson

In Memory of Arnold & Maxine Fetters
From Rod & Sandy White

To the Glory of God
From Gene & Barb Colburn

In Memory of George & Marna Beck
From Teri Bumphrey & Todd Beck

Feeling grateful for our many blessings
From Monty & Connie Bolduc

In Memory of Maurice & Gloria Peterson & Jim Peterson
From Dean & Chris Peterson

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