

ERM NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019

Edwards River Ministry	(309) 334-2144	email: edrivmin@gmail.com
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Bethany Lutheran Church	(309) 334-2144	email: bethanylc@divcominc.net
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Grace Lutheran Church	(309) 629-9911	email: grace.ophiem@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)

Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 3, 2019 after worship

Potluck after the meeting

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

Bethany Lutheran Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 10, 2019 after worship

note date change

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ERM JOINT WORSHIP & ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 24th hosted by FIRST LUTHERAN

DETAILS to be ANNOUNCED

PALS Emergency Fund is in need of donations.

If you would like to help out, please send a check made to PALS to

Bethany Lutheran Church PO Box 459 Woodhull, IL 61490

in care of PALS/Pastor Nancy. Thank you!

The need is especially great during the winter.

All monies collected go into the fund for community emergencies.

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, **Feb.21st**

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:

2/3 Verna Bergstrom
2/10 Barb McNeil
2/17 Mary Stiers
2/24 Randy Larson
3/3 Barb Fors

Greeters:

2/3 Barb Fors
2/10 Gene & Shirley Brown
2/17 Jason & Megan Hancock Family
2/24 Marvin & Ann Watters
3/3 Dennis & Patty Colburn

Communion Assistants:

2/3 Gene Colburn
2/17 Jeana Fors
3/3 TBA

Acolytes:

2/3 Brenden Bolduc
2/10 Brynlee Wirt
2/17 Duncan Adamson
2/24 Reese Tschappat
3/3 Ava Trout

Ushers:

2/3 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
2/10 Rich & Janice Maher
2/17 Gene & Barb Colburn
2/24 Gary Johnson & Al Nordquist
3/3 Marvin Watters & George Wirt

Prayer Asst:

2/3 Verna Bergstrom
2/10 Barb McNeil
2/17 NONE
2/24 Marvin Watters
3/3 Barb Fors

Funeral Committee Jan-Feb-Mar

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

Rotation of Callers

	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:

2/3 Rhonda Miller
2/17 Rhonda Miller

Lector:

2/3 Richard Peterson
2/10 Anna Willett
2/17 Ross Olson
2/24 Gwen Blais

Ushers: Greg & Rhonda Miller

Assistant:

2/3 Richard Peterson
2/17 Ross Olson

Greeter:

2/3 Richard Peterson
2/10 Anna Willett
2/17 Ross Olson
2/24 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	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



Kristi VerHeecke (BW)	01
Barb McNeil (BW)	02
Kristi Willett (BW)	02
Brent Henrikson (BW)	03
Connie Sundberg (BW)	03
Sarah Souhrada (FS)	03
Andrea Bolduc (BW)	05
Gwen Blais (GO)	05
Kevin Elliott (BW)	09
Barb Lutrell (BW)	09
Kaylie Smith (GO)	09
Grace Barman (BW)	10
Jason Brown (BW)	10
Connie Lawson (GO)	10
Millie Nelson (GO)	10
Douglas Johnson (BW)	12
Greg Nimrick (BW)	12
Curt Anderson (FS)	12
Chris Lutrell (BW)	13
Luanne Krueger (BW)	15
John Schmidt (FS)	15
Luann Colburn (BW)	16
Gene Colburn (BW)	18
Erik Lemon (BW)	18
Ann Watters (BW)	18
Cathy Lutrell (BW)	19
Josephine Wells (GO)	19
Marty Johnson (BW)	20
Kim Goodrich (BW)	21
Maurey Peterson (BW)	21
Steven Shumaker (BW)	22
Mike Maher (BW)	24
Laura Hines (GO)	28



Bob & Pam Eiker (BW)	12
George & Jackie Bloomberg (BW)	15
Tex & Barb Lutrell (BW)	21

GRACE:
GO Council : Feb. 10th 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.

Thank You

The family of Mahlon Johnson wishes to express our many
thanks for your prayers and kindness at Mahlon's passing.
The outpouring of love and generosity of this community
adds warmth during these cold days. Mahlon will remain in
our hearts forever. **Rhea Johnson & family**



Anniversary Dates

Kayden Smith	02
Gwen Blais	03
Rubie Watson	11
Connie Lawson	11
Charlesa Arnold	11
Marybeth Smith	27

BETHANY:
BW Council Meeting: Feb. 21st 8pm

Thursdays: Bells: 5:45pm Choir 7pm

Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm

HOPE UNIT: Feb. 21st 9am
Hostess: Barb Fors

Annual Meeting February 3, 2019
After worship
The meeting was moved due to inclement weather

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

FIRST:
Adult Bible Study @ 10am
Children's Sunday School @ 10am
FS Council Meeting: Feb. 14th 7pm

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.

PALS LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Services – March 6th

Calvary Lutheran – New Windsor	10am and 7pm
Community Presbyterian – Sherrard	noon
Rio Presbyterian	7pm
NW Presbyterian/Swedona Lutheran	TBA
United Church of Woodhull	7pm

PALS Lenten Schedule

Services will be held Sunday afternoons at 4pm with a light supper to follow

March 10 th	hosted by Calvary Lutheran
March 17 th	hosted by Rio Presbyterian
March 24 th	hosted by Swedona Lutheran
March 31 st	hosted by Bethany Lutheran
April 7 th	hosted by United Church of Woodhull

Maundy Thursday Services – April 18th

Community Presbyterian – Sherrard	noon
Bethany Lutheran – Woodhull	7pm
Calvary Lutheran – New Windsor	7pm
Rio Presbyterian	7pm
NW Presbyterian/Swedona Lutheran	TBA

PALS Good Friday Service – April 19th

Community Presbyterian – Sherrard	7pm
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ERM Easter Services – April 21st

Grace Lutheran	7am with breakfast following service
Bethany Lutheran	9am
First Lutheran	10:45am
Calvary Lutheran	7am with breakfast following service
Community Presbyterian	7:30am with breakfast following service
Rio Presbyterian	7:30am breakfast with 9am service
Swedona Lutheran	TBA
NW Presbyterian	TBA
United Church of Woodhull	8am service, breakfast 8:45-10am, 10:30am service

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