

# ERM NEWS

**MARCH 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 15<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH**

(Please contact Merigene with events planned so they can be put on the ERM Calendar)

## **ERM JOINT WORSHIP & ANNUAL MEETING**

**MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> hosted by FIRST LUTHERAN**

**Worship 10:15am**

**Annual Meeting following worship**

**Potluck following meeting**

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!**

### **Women of the ELCA**

**Southwest Conference Spring Assembly**

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ Faith Lutheran Church, Wataga**

**Registration & Brunch at 9am**

**The program will be presented by Jennifer Sperry on Thrivent Builds Hawaii**

**Please RSVP by Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> by calling Dianne Hiatt @ 309-371-3978**

**HOPING THE WINTER WEATHER WILL SOON BE OVER!**

**THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR PATIENCE DURING THOSE BLUSTERY & UNSAFE DAYS**

### **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, Mar. 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:

3/3 Barb Fors  
3/10 Carol Eiker  
3/17 Lily McNally  
3/24 ERM Joint @ FS  
3/31 Verna Bergstrom  
4/7 Marvin Watters

#### Greeters:

3/3 Dennis & Patty Colburn  
3/10 Al & Peg Nordquist  
3/17 Lucy Newman  
3/24 ERM Joint @ FS  
3/31 Donita Creek  
4/7 George & Patrice Wirt

#### Communion Assistants:

3/3 Verna Bergstrom  
3/17 Carol Eiker  
4/7 Dennis Colburn

#### Acolytes:

3/3 Gavin VerHeecke  
3/10 Kiersten Hancock  
3/17 Matt Maher  
3/24 ERM Joint @ FS  
3/31 Ava Frakes

#### Ushers:

3/3 Marvin Watters & George Wirt  
3/10 Jim & Kelly Luallen  
3/17 Gene & Barb Colburn  
3/24 ERM Joint @ FS  
3/31 Bob & Verna Bergstrom  
4/7 Gary Johnson & Al Nordquist

#### Prayer Asst:

3/3 Barb Fors  
3/10 Kelly Luallen  
3/17 NONE  
3/24 ERM Joint @ FS  
3/31 Verna Bergstrom  
4/7 Marvin Watters

#### Funeral Committee Jan-Feb-Mar

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

#### Rotation of Callers

March	Patrice W.	Aug	Verna B.
April	Harriet P.	Sept	Lucy N.
May	Mary S.	Oct.	Lucy N.
June	Patrice W.	Nov.	Kelly L.
July	Verna B.	Dec.	Kelly L.

### GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

#### Altar:

3/3 Rhea Johnson  
3/17 Rhea Johnson

#### Lector:

3/3 Rhea Johnson  
3/10 Georgia Smith  
3/17 Gwen Blais  
3/24 ERM Joint @ FS  
3/31 Ross Olson

Usher: Gwen Blais

#### Assistant:

3/3 Rhea Johnson  
3/17 Gwen Blais

#### Greeter:

3/3 Rhea Johnson  
3/10 Georgia Smith  
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3/24 ERM Joint @ FS  
3/31 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
Logan Stiers	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	Karen Adolphson
Mike Adolphson	

Sympathy to the family and friends of Lloyd Carlson (BW) on his passing. May they find comfort during this time of sorrow.

**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



Barry & Anna Willett(GO)	01
Levi & Katie Mason (BW)	05
Casey & Jennifer Adamson (BW)	27
Dale & Connie Sundberg (BW)	29

Kelly Price (GO)	01
Roxanne Dierolf (FS)	01
Lyle Williams (FS)	02
Joyce Falline (BW)	03
Kenneth Barman (BW)	04
Greg Wright (BW)	06
Peyton Taylor (GO)	06
Jodi Papini (BW)	08
Neal Nelson (BW)	09
Todd Swanson (BW)	09
Diane Grim (BW)	10
Barb Nelson (BW)	10
Hayley McDowell (BW)	11
Ryan Bramlett (BW)	11
Yvonne Grothusen (FS)	12
Kelly Williams (FS)	12
Pam Eiker (BW)	14
Caden Elliott (BW)	15
Lilly Elliott (BW)	15
Dean McNally (BW)	16
Jill Nelson (BW)	17
India Price (GO)	17
Jeana Fors (BW)	18
Ron Peterson (BW)	18
Brynlee Wirt (BW)	18
Emersyn Wirt (BW)	20
Todd Anderson (BW)	21
Bob Bergstrom (BW)	21
Belinda Webb (GO)	21
Jason Borkgren (BW)	22
Max Larson (BW)	23
Marybeth Smith (GO)	23
Sid Anderson (BW)	24
Brooke Crawford (FS)	24
Lucille Bergstrom (BW)	26
Jim Bergstrom (BW)	28
Gary D. Johnson (BW)	28
Bryan Johnson (BW)	31
Byron Swanson (BW)	31

**BETHANY:**

**BW Council Meeting: March 21<sup>st</sup> 8pm**

**Thursdays: Bells: 5:45pm Choir 7pm**

**Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm**

**HOPE UNIT: March 21<sup>st</sup> 9am**

**Hostess:**

**GRACE:**

**GO Council : March 10 after Worship**

**First Communion** will be celebrated Sunday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Bibles** will be presented to youth on Sunday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

Kim Engstrom	13
Rhea Johnson	18
Ross Olson	29

**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)



**Graduate Recognition Sunday**

Bethany will be honoring 2019 Graduates  
Sunday, **May 12<sup>th</sup>**

A cake reception will follow worship  
Get names to Kelly Luallen or the church office

**FIRST:**

**Adult Bible Study @ 10am**

**Children's Sunday School @ 10am**

**FS Council Meeting: March 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

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.

First will be hosting **Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

**Easter Breakfast** will be served at 9am  
prior to 10:45am Worship Service on **April 21st**



**Confirmation**

Gavin VerHeecke and Brynlee Wirt  
have been taking instruction and will  
Celebrate their Affirmation of Faith  
Sunday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at Bethany  
A cake reception will follow worship



**Community Shower Brunch**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am – 1pm**

**In Honor of Denise Eiker and Stefanie Mitchell**

**Bethany Lutheran Church**

**All friends and family are invited**

**They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond**

## **PALS LENTEN SCHEDULE**

### **Ash Wednesday Services – March 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **PALS Lenten Schedule**

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

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

### **Maundy Thursday Services – April 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **PALS Good Friday Service – April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Community Presbyterian – Sherrard	7pm
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### **ERM Easter Services – April 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

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