

ERM NEWS

MAY 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)

PASTOR NANCY WILL BE ON VACATION

MAY 1st through MAY 7th

Call the church office in case of emergency

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 27th for MEMORIAL DAY



Grace 130th Anniversary
June 8th 1:30pm Service
Open House 2:30-4:30pm



Grace Lutheran final worship service
June 30, 2019 @ 9am

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, **May 16th**

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 the 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

Bethany has been asked to donate SHAMPOO

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

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:

5/5 Verna Bergstrom
5/12 Jeana Fors
5/19 Nancy Swanson
5/26 Marvin Watters
6/2 Denise Eiker

Ushers:

5/5 Bob & Verna Bergstrom
5/12 Gary Johnson & Al Nordquist
5/19 Jim & Kelly Luallen
5/26 Marvin Watters & George Wirt
6/2 Bob Eiker & Carol Eiker

Greeters:

5/5 Gene & Shirley Brown
5/12 Barb Fors & Jeana Fors
5/19 Doug & Nancy Swanson
5/26 Lucy Newman
6/2 Carol Eiker

Prayer Asst:

5/5 Verna Bergstrom
5/12 Barb Fors
5/19 NONE
5/26 Marvin Watters
6/2 Denise Eiker

Communion Assistants:

5/5 Jeana Fors
5/19 Marvin Watters
6/2 Gene Colburn

Funeral Committee April-May-June

Betty Swanson	334-2692
Marcia Colton	334-22160
Peggy Nordquist	334-2264

Acolytes:

5/5 Gavin VerHeecke
5/12 Kiersten Hancock
5/19 Matt Maher
5/26 Ava Frakes
6/2 Brenden Bolduc

Rotation of Callers

May	Mary Stiers	Sept	Lucy Newman
June	Patrice Wirt	Oct	Lucy Newman
July	Verna B.	Nov	Kelly Luallen
Aug	Verna B.	Dec	Kelly Luallen

GRACE

Organist: Elizabeth Robinson

Usher: Rhea Johnson

Altar:

5/5 Rhonda Miller
5/19 Rhonda Miller

Assistant:

5/5 Rhea Johnson
5/19 Ross Olson

Lector:

5/5 Rhea Johnson
5/12 Georgia Smith
5/19 Ross Olson
5/26 Gwen Blais

Greeter:

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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	Jan Arrington
Lisa Ford	Lori Brodt
David McCollough	Dorothy Anderson

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



Veteran's Burial Benefit Seminar
Saturday, May 25th 9am-10am
United Church of Woodhull
150 West 3rd St. Woodhull, IL

Do you know what benefits a Veteran is entitled to when they pass away?

Do you know how to access these benefits?

Join us for an informational seminar that will answer these questions and ensure all Veterans and their families receive the benefits they've earned and deserve.



Kayden Smith(GO)	01
Kevin Colburn (FS)	03
Brittney Litton (BW)	03
Jesse Taylor (GO)	04
Christopher Wright (BW)	05
Blake Nimrick (BW)	06
Melissa Holton (BW)	08
Presley Borkgren (BW)	09
James Kepner (BW)	10
John Dierolf (FS)	12
Susan Johnson (BW)	14
Macy Papini (BW)	14
Dean Peterson (BW)	14
Jerre Bubon (GO)	14
Debbie Dertz (BW)	15
Vicki Grothusen (FS)	19
Connie Bolduc (BW)	20
Shirley Child (FS)	20
Amanda Faith (FS)	22
Gene Brown (BW)	23
Loren Cain (BW)	224
Jack Tschappat (BW)	24
Richard Maher (BW)	26
Terry Brown (FS)	26
Angelo Encapera (FS)	27
Karl Swanson (FS)	27
Jon Booker (FS)	28
Jeff Bell (BW)	30



Mike & Debbie Dertz (BW)	05
Greg & Diane Frew (FS)	06
Monty & Connie Bolduc (BW)	08
Jim & Kelly Luallen (BW)	14
Randy & Pam Ryan (BW)	15
Lyle & Marilyn Williams (FS)	19
Charlie & Georgia Smith(GO)	19
Kevin & Kimberly Elliott (BW)	24
Scott & Becky McNeil (BW)	25
Ryan & Ashley Bramlett (BW)	31

GRACE:
GO Council: May 15th 7pm

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Grace Lutheran Church records will be kept with
Wartburg Seminary Archives in Dubuque, Iowa

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

Samuel Miller	09
Georgia Smith	24

FIRST:

Adult Bible Study @ 10am
Children's Sunday School @ 10am
FS Council Meeting: May 9th

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.

Thank You to all who contributed to our college care kits
this year! The last one for this year will be sent out after
Easter.

BETHANY:

BW Council Meeting: May 16th 8pm

Thursdays: Bells: 5:45pm Choir 7pm

Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm

HOPE UNIT: May 16th 9am

Hostess: Lucy Newman



Graduate Recognition Sunday

Bethany will be honoring 2019 Graduates
Sunday, **May 12th**
A reception will follow worship



Confirmation

Gavin VerHeecke and Brynlee Wirt
will celebrate their Affirmation of Faith
Sunday, **May 19th** at Bethany
A reception will follow worship

Thank You...

Thank you to all who sent congratulations for our 50th
wedding anniversary. The lovely cards, personal messages
and gifts are very special to us. In much appreciation for your
thoughtfulness. **Dale & Connie Sundberg**

Thank You...

Just wanted to send a quick thank you to all those who took
time to come to our wedding shower, sent a gift, or passed on
well-wishes to us! The shower was absolutely beautiful! Your
unconditional love and support means the world to the both
of us! My church family and so many in the community have
gone above and beyond to make us feel loved and accepted!
We couldn't ask for more! Thank you all from the bottom of
our hearts! **Love, Denise & Stefanie**

Thank You...

The family of Lloyd Carlson would like to thank those providing
support, memorials, food, visits, hugs and encouragement
especially during the last 9 weeks of his life. The visits from
Pastor Nancy were timely and comforting. The luncheon after
the service was wonderful! We are blessed by all of the
support. **Lloyd Carlson Family**

FATHER'S DAY BLANKETS

Please order by June 9th

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE _____ BLANKETS AT \$5.00 EACH + \$ _____

In Honor of

In Memory of

Given by _____

Phone No. _____

Checks may be written to: **Bethany Lutheran Church**

Please give this order slip to a Witness/Service member or mail to church @ Box 459 Woodhull, IL 61490

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Join Bethany Lutheran Church and United Church of Woodhull
June 24th through June 28th 9am-noon

Ages 9th grade (completed) and up are eligible to volunteer to help
Contact Patty Colburn if you would like to help
Planning meeting dates and times will be coming soon.

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Woodhull, IL 61490-0459

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