

ERM NEWS

JULY 2019

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Office Hours:

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday afternoons 12:30-4:30pm

Fridays 8am-2pm

Sunday Morning Worship Times:

Bethany 9am First 10:45am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15th OF THE MONTH

(Please contact Merigene with events planned)

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 5th for the HOLIDAY

The question has been asked if it is ok to share the peace with something besides a handshake.

It is ABSOLUTELY ok. Sometimes a handshake is not appropriate because of illnesses such as colds and flu. There are also other reasons when a handshake is difficult, such as with arthritic hands. Sharing the peace is a way of reminding us of God's love and presence and that can be done with other gestures: raising your hand in blessing as you say the words or putting your hands together in a prayer pose and saying the words. You may know others. Please know it is acceptable to use something besides a handshake. **Pastor Nancy**

PASTORAL VISITATIONS

We would like to keep in touch with those in the hospital 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
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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, July 18th

1:00-4:00pm

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 wash cloth.



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

First:

Adult Bible Study: 10am

Worship: 10:45am



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

BETHANY

Lectors:	7/7	Verna Bergstrom
	7/14	Mary Stiers
	7/21	Lily McNally
	7/28	Jeana Fors
	8/4	Denise Eiker
Greeters	7/7	Al & Peg Nordquist
	7/14	Logan & Mary Stiers
	7/21	McNally family
	7/28	Marty Johnson
	8/4	Denise E. & Stefanie M.
Ushers	7/7	Bob & Verna Bergstrom
	7/14	Rich & Janice Maher
	7/21	Gary J. & Al N.
	7/28	Jeana Fors & Barb Fors
	8/4	Carol Eiker & Bob Eiker
Prayers	7/7	Verna Bergstrom
	7/14	Mary Stiers
	7/21	NONE
	7/28	Barb Fors
	8/4	Denise Eiker
Acolytes	7/7	Kiersten Hancock
	7/14	Matt Maher
	7/21	Ava Frakes
	7/28	Brenden Bolduc
	8/4	Brynlee Wirt
Communion Assistants	7/7	Denise Eiker
	7/21	Dennis Colburn
	8/4	Gene Colburn
Rotation of Callers	July	Verna B.
	Aug.	Verna B.
	Sept	Lucy N.
	Oct	Lucy N.
	Nov	Kelly L.
	Dec	Kelly L.
Funeral Comm.		
July-Aug-Sept		
Betty Swanson		334-2692
Marcia Colton		334-2160
Peggy Nordquist		334-2264



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:

- Alex Frew (FS)**
- Brad Williams (FS)**
- Kyle Gerber (FS)**
- Jacob Burkert (FS)**
- Ethan Adolphson (FS)**
- Jason Brown (BW)**

that God may watch over us all and lead us, through this time into a time of peace.



Those with continuing health problems:

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| 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 |
| Darwin Swanson | Jack Anderson |

Brian Shearer
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

Casey Adamson (BW)	01
Lindsey Carlson (BW)	02
Kristen Litton (BW)	02
Keegan Taylor (GO)	02
Chase Adamson (BW)	03
Nikki Lindquist (BW)	04
Harriet Peterson (BW)	04
Bill Carlson (BW)	05
Jarod Litton (BW)	05
Teri Bumphrey (BW)	06
Gayle Johnson (BW)	07
Shane Anthony (FS)	07
Nathan Becraft (BW)	09
Bonnie Bainbridge (BW)	10
Jackie Bloomberg (BW)	10
Chris Dertz (BW)	11
Ben Peterson (BW)	11
Candy Tschappat (BW)	13
Patricia Olson (BW)	13
Aaron McMeekan (BW)	14
Tad Nelson (BW)	14
Derek Willett (GO)	14
Kourtney Oliver (BW)	20
Nancy Swanson (BW)	22
Anna Willett (GO)	22
Kim Crawford (FS)	22
Ben Swanson (FS)	22
Jordan Maher (BW)	24
Connie Kremer (BW)	25
Corey Johnson (GO)	25
Michael Smith (GO)	28
Lolly Swanson (BW)	28
Hannah Nimrick (BW)	29
Erik Olson (BW)	29
Verna Bergstrom (BW)	30
Kent Johnson (BW)	30
Zackary Hancock (BW)	30



Adam & Trish Peterson (BW)	09
Al & Peggy Nordquist (BW)	09
Ty & Julie Shepherd (GO)	14
Don & Liz Robinson (GO)	17
Glenn & Betty Swanson (BW)	17
Jim & Pat Bowman (FS)	20

BETHANY:

BW Council Meeting: July 18th @ 7pm
Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm
HOPE UNIT: July 18th 9am Hostess TBA

Thank You...

Only a Martha knows what a blessing it is to have a day to rest and celebrate with our friends, and especially not to have to clean up when it is over. I know everyone else at Grace feels the same way. We especially feel the love and friendship at this very difficult time in our church life.

Thank the Lord for you. **Gwen Blais**

Omission: Apologies for omitting the following for Blanket Sunday: In memory of Eldon Newman by Jeff Newman. Sorry for the oversight.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something, especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care" Many of us had ancestors who started or were early members of Bethany. For me, it was my Grandmother Verna Swanson Hanson who was confirmed here in 1912. She died young and I never met her but I have always felt that she entrusted me and my siblings to love and care for Bethany. I can do this in many ways: attending Sunday worship, making quilts for world missions, knitting prayer shawls for those in need, serving coffee hour to our members, but most importantly giving financially to Bethany. In 2019, over a hundred years since my grandmother was confirmed at Bethany the need to support Bethany financially has never been greater. Many of our members have passed and with so many options for Sunday morning our attendance at Sunday service has declined. But as members who love and care for Bethany, please don't forget that Bethany needs financial support. We are all the Stewards of Bethany. **Verna Bergstrom**

FIRST:

Adult Bible Study @ 10am
Children's Sunday School @ 10am
FS Council Meeting: July 11th @ 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.

GRACE:



Final worship service June 30th
GO Council Meeting: July 17th @ 7pm

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Bethany will be collecting items for LWR kits soon
Donations of items are needed
Monetary donations are always welcome

Personal Care Kits:

- 1 bath size towel, dark color preferred 20x40
Light weight 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.

