

ERM NEWS

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Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday afternoons 12:30-4:30pm
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Sunday Morning Worship Times:
Bethany 9am First 10:45am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15th OF THE MONTH

(Please contact Merigene with events planned)

ROAR! VBS 2019

“Life IS Wild - God Is Good”

ROAR! VBS was held June 24 - 28, 2019.

At ROAR! Kids explored God's goodness and celebrated a “ferocious” faith that powers them through this “wild” life. There were approximately 45 kids grades Pre-K through completion of 8th grade who participated each day. We had 2 girls who are entering high school that completed the Leaders In Training program. Since we were short staffed this year, these girls jumped right into being the game leaders! We were blessed with nearly 28 HS - adults who served as crew, craft, game, & KidVid leaders. Others served as Bible story tellers, kitchen staff, tech support, skit performers, and song leaders. Our mission project this year is through Operation Kid-to-Kid. Our offering collected will go toward providing nutrition, health education, and medical well-visits for moms and babies in Zambia. We raised over \$500 to go towards this mission! We concluded our week with a family potluck lunch. Our program continues to be a success because of all of you! Your participation, snack, financial donations, and prayers contribute immensely to this program. We couldn't do it without our congregations' support. Next year's VBS will be held June 22 - 26, 2020.

Patty Colburn/Sally Goff
Co-Directors

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, August 15th
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:	8/4	Denise Eiker
	8/11	Marvin Watters
	8/18	Pam Eiker
	8/25	Kristi VerHeecke
	9/1	Megan Hancock
Greeters	8/4	Denise E. & Stefanie M.
	8/11	Dennis & Patty Colburn
	8/18	Lucy Newman
	8/25	VerHeecke Family
	9/1	Hancock Family
Ushers	8/4	Carol Eiker & Bob Eiker
	8/11	Marvin W. & George W.
	8/18	Jim & Kelly Luallen
	8/25	Dennis & Patty Colburn
	9/1	Gene & Barb Colburn
Prayers	8/4	Denise Eiker
	8/11	Marvin Watters
	8/18	NONE
	8/25	Kristi VerHeecke
	9/1	Megan Hancock
Acolytes	8/4	Brynlee Wirt
	8/11	Duncan Adamson
	8/18	Reese Tschappat
	8/25	Gavin VerHeecke
	9/1	Kiersten Hancock
Communion Assistants	8/4	Gene Colburn
	8/18	Marvin Watters
	9/1	Verna Bergstrom

Rotation of Callers	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 | Carolyn White |
| Larry White | |
| 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

Barb Cain (BW)	01
Rhonda Miller (GO)	02
Joanne Carlson (BW)	03
Jim Luallen (BW)	04
Rob Frew (FS)	04
Jordan Booker (FS)	05
Cheree Encapara (FS)	05
Woody Watspm (GO)	06
Charlie Smith (GO)	07
Kimberly Elliott (BW)	07
Willis Kirkland (BW)	08
Missy Corken (FS)	09
Martin Calmer (BW)	10
Brad Litton (BW)	12
Shannon Booker (FS)	13
Leanne Crouse (BW)	14
Katie Mason (BW)	15
Patrice Wirt (BW)	15
Holly Fairbrother (BW)	16
Donnald Willett (GO)	16
Barb Elliott (BW)	17
Joshtin Maher (BW)	17
Sheldon McMeekan (BW)	17
Jean Rehn (BW)	17
Kenneth Becraft (BW)	18
James Brown (BW)	19
Gary Nelson (BW)	19
Logan Booker (FS)	19
Jonah Linquist (BW)	20
Marvin Watters (BW)	20
George Bloomberg (BW)	21
Rick Borkgren (BW)	21
Shirley Brown (BW)	21
Matt Fairbrother (BW)	21
Sylvia Petrovich (BW)	21
Kyle Barman (BW)	22
Johnathan Lawson (BW)	22
Becky McNeil (BW)	22
Chloe Stanfield (BW)	22
Rodney Engstrom (BW)	23
Scott McDowell (BW)	25
Chris Gainey (BW)	26
Jim Price (GO)	26
Pat Bowman (FS)	26
Tyler Peterson (BW)	27
Clayton Peterson (GO)	27
Joann Bengston (BW)	28
Cole Colburn (BW)	28
Richard Peterson (GO)	28
Evie Strader (FS)	29
Nate Shepherd (GO)	31



BETHANY:

BW Council Meeting: **Aug. 12th** @ 7pm
Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm
HOPE UNIT: **Aug. 15th** 9am **Hostess : Barb Fors**

Mike & Sue Anthony (FS)	02
John & Jeralyn Rehn (BW)	03
Kevin & Kim Colburn (BW)	05
Dennis & Patty Colburn (BW)	11
Andrew & Stephanie Gelaude (BW)	12
Doug & Nancy Swanson (BW)	14
Kurt & Denise Barman (BW)	14
Jim & Lucille Bergstrom (BW)	17
Doug & Darla Peterson (BW)	20
Chuck & Connie Lawson (GO)	23
Marvin & Ann Watters (BW)	25
Jamie & Andrea Bolduc (BW)	26
Randy & Jan Larson (BW)	27
Ryan & Alissa Colburn (BW)	27
Greg & Lori Nimrick (BW)	28

FIRST:

Adult Bible Study @ 10am
Children's Sunday School @ 10am
FS Council Meeting: **Aug. 8th** @ 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:

GO Council Meeting: **Aug. 7th** @ 7pm

Baptismal Anniversaries	
Anna Willett	12
Jesse Taylor	31

Dear members of Grace,
Thank you for the beautiful banners you donated to us.
May it give you peace and comfort to know that as they
enhanced your worship services at Grace, they will
continue to enhance worship services here at Bethany.
Praise to God. **Members of Bethany**

Birthday Card Party celebrating Connie Bolduc's 1st
Birthday since receiving her bone marrow transplant on
Aug. 14, 2018. Let's shower her with well wishes, support
and love☺
Send her a card at PO Box 412 Woodhull, IL 61490

Congregational Informational Meeting

Bethany will be holding a congregational informational
meeting after worship on **Aug. 11th** at 10am. The purpose
of the meeting is to share information and findings from
the ad hoc finance committee. Pastor Mike Clark from NIS
will be present to help answer questions and concerns.

Backpack Blessing

It's back to school time! On Sunday, **Aug. 11th** there will be
a special blessing of all school aged children and their
parents as part of our regular worship service.
Children in grades K-8th grade should bring along their
school backpack for a special Backpack Blessing Event.
During the service, children and parents will come forward
for a special moment of prayer and blessing. Let's send our
congregation's kids into the new school year assured of
God's promises and our loving support! Be sure to join us
and to include all our young people in your prayers as they
go back to school.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Walter and Henry Hanson were raised in Asa, Sweden. The
Asa Lutheran Church was important to them - they were
baptized there and when they were 14 they were
confirmed there. When each of them turned 18 they left
their homeland and parents and traveled by the Oscar II to
America. Walter ended up in Oneida and Henry in
Woodhull where they worked for other farmers until they
had saved enough money to buy their own farms. Both
married women of Swedish descent, each had 3 children,
and all of them joined Bethany where their children were
baptized and confirmed.

Walter was Lavern's father and Henry was my grandfather.
I am sure Walter and Henry would be very proud that
Lavern loved Bethany enough to give part of his estate to
Bethany so Bethany can continue to provide Christian
education for children and support Bethany's mission of
caring for others in our community and the world.

The ELCA has established an anti-Malaria project to purchase mosquito nets for Africa and other areas of the world affected by this disease. In Africa a child dies every 45 seconds of Malaria. Malaria is preventable and curable.

At Bethany Lutheran Church we will be collecting monies for mosquito nets in honor of Grandparent's Day on **September 8th** (like we collect blanket Sunday money in honor of our Dads for Father's Day). Each net costs \$10. A member of the Witness & Service Committee will be available before and after church or you can fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to:
Bethany Lutheran Church PO Box 459 Woodhull, IL 61490 Attn: Malaria Project.

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile project.
Witness & Service Committee

GRANDPARENTS DAY MOSQUITO NETS
PLEASE ORDER BY SEPTEMBER 1st

I would like to donate _____ Nets
cost of \$10 each _____

In Honor
of _____

In Memory
of _____

Given
By _____

Phone
Number _____

CHECKS MAY BE WRITTEN TO: BETHANY LUTHERAN
CHURCH/Mosquito Nets in memo

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.

