

ERM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2019

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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

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday Sept. 8, 2019

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully. Mark your congregation’s calendar today! The date for the 2019 “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sept. 8.

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this dedicated day of service, gathering to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God’s people. The event has quickly become an anticipated way to be “church together” and “church for the sake of the world.”

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let’s do this work together!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

15th OF THE MONTH

(Please contact Merigene with events planned)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd**

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, **September 19th**
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 1pm- 3pm

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:	9/1	Megan Hancock
	9/8	Verna Bergstrom
	9/15	Lily McNally
	9/22	Barb McNeil
	9/29	Marvin Watters
Greeters	9/1	Hancock Family
	9/8	Mike & Pam Maher Family
	9/15	Donita Creek
	9/22	Jim & Kelly Luallen
	9/29	Philip & Amber Wirt Family
	10/6	Barb McNeil
Ushers	9/1	Gene & Barb Colburn
	9/8	Bob & Verna Bergstrom
	9/15	Al N. & Gary J.
	9/22	Rich & Janice Maher
	9/29	George W. & Marvin W.
Prayers	9/1	Megan Hancock
	9/8	Verna Bergstrom
	9/15	NONE
	9/22	Barb McNeil
	9/29	NONE
Acolytes	9/1	Kiersten Hancock
	9/8	Matt Maher
	9/15	Ava Frakes
	9/22	Brenden Bolduc
	9/29	Brynlee Wirt
Communion	9/1	Verna Bergstrom
Assistants	9/15	Carol Eiker
	10/6	Jeana Fors

Rotation of Callers	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:

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	Gwen Blais
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	Jill Petrie

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



Allison Blaine (BW)	01
Stephanie Lawson (BW)	01
Jason Dertz (BW)	03
Priscilla Child (FS)	04
David Lindsey (BW)	04
Elizabeth Ostrander (BW)	04
Pastor Nancy Jaster	05
Aaron Willett (BW)	05
Rick Child (FS)	06
Debbie Birely (FS)	07
Jeremy Bramlett (BW)	07
Kathy Peterson (BW)	09
Brandon Vail (BW)	09
Forrest Schauer (BW)	09
Brad Fetters (BW)	10
Marilyn Williams (FS)	11
Morgan Wirt (BW)	11
Charles Brown (bW)	12
Brent Litton (BW)	12
Merideth Willett (GO)	12
John Olson (BW)	14
George Wirt (BW)	14
Patty Swanson (FS)	15
Jocelyn Larson (BW)	15
Andy Johnson (BW)	16
Brandi Nelson (BW)	16
Tyler Jochim (FS)	17
Pam Edwards (BW)	19
Gaylen Elliott (BW)	20
Shirley Swanson (BW)	21
Duncan Adamson (BW)	22
Kurt Barman (BW)	23
Rene Bramlett (BW)	23
Shirley Holton (BW)	23
Janice Maher (BW)	23
Natalie Stanfield (BW)	23
Jacqui Garrett (FS)	25
Philip Wirt (BW)	26
Deed Nehls (BW)	27
Cameron Goben (BW)	29
Mark Peterson (BW)	30



Steve & Shelia Nelson (GO)	08
Jack & Shirley Miller (BW)	18
Kyle & Nicole Verbeke (BW)	20
Dain & Megan Luallen (BW)	21
Ken & Charlie Arnold (GO)	22

FIRST:

Adult Bible Study @ 10am
Children's Sunday School @ 10am
FS Council Meeting: Sept. 12th @ 7pm

FIRST LUTHERAN HOG ROAST

Date to be Announced

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.

We are collecting school supplies for
Sherrard Grade School until Sept. 8th

Needed items:

- Napkins, Clorox wipes, glue sticks,
- Paper plates (regular & small)
- Pencils, crayons, erasers, scissors

GRACE:

GO Council Meeting: Sept. 11th @ 7pm

Baptismal Anniversaries

Shelia Nelson	05
Archie Samuelson	12
Charlie Smith	14
Aaron Miller	16
Corey Johnson	21
Jim Price	24
Keegan Taylor	26
Kaylie Smith	27

BETHANY:

WELCA: Sept. 5th 1pm Hostess: TBA
BW Council Meeting: Sept. 19th @ 8pm
Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm
HOPE UNIT: Sept. 19th 9am Hostess : TBA

SR. CHOIR & BELLS NEWS....

Sr. Choir and Bells will begin rehearsing Thursday, **Sept. 5th**.
Bells will meet at 5:45pm and Choir at 7pm.
We are always wanting new members to join us!
Feel free to come give it a try. Hope to see you!
Denise & Pam

THANK YOU...

The Lord shows his love for us through special people like you, Grace Lutheran Church.
Thank you for sharing your beautiful altar vases with Bethany. Praise to God! Bethany Lutheran

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING....Sept. 15th

The results of the non-binding survey taken at the special congregational meeting of Bethany Lutheran Church on August 11, 2019 at 10 am, resulted in an almost equal number of members voting to stay and to leave Edwards River Ministry. Therefore, the Bethany Lutheran Church Council has called a **special congregational meeting** of Bethany Lutheran Church to be held at **10 am on Sunday, Sept. 15th**, 2019. The sole purpose of this meeting will be a congregational vote to stay in or to withdraw from the Edwards River Ministry, effective 12/31/2019. Voting will be done by paper ballot. There will be an opportunity to ask questions prior to the vote. If Bethany Lutheran membership votes to leave the Edwards River Ministry this will be effective on 12/31/2019 and on 1/1/2020 we will no longer have the services of Pastor Nancy Jaster (who is an employee of Edwards River Ministry).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

Jesus lived a life of service to others, and we'd like our children to follow His example. "Living Our Faith" will be the emphasis of our Sunday School program this year. We are going to focus on helping others by doing service/outreach projects for our church and the community. Our first project will be personal hygiene kits for children in the area who may have this need. Bethany youth will walk to Dollar General on September 22nd, select and purchase items, and assemble these kits. The quilting ladies have even offered to make bags for us or help our youth learn to sew and make them themselves!

The next 3 weeks, our kids will be visiting with you after church or during coffee hour. If you would like to make a donation to this project, they would very much appreciate it!

Thank you for your support in helping our children Live Their Faith!

Sunday School will be held on the **first and third Sundays of the month beginning in October from 10:15-11:15am**. If your kids have friends they would like to invite or know or know other children who would enjoy coming to Sunday School, please invite them.

Hospice/Palliative Care Presentation

Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday, **Sept. 8th** at 2pm at St. John's Catholic Church for a presentation given by Lisa Levy, BSN/RN, grief counselor from Genesis Grief Support. Lisa can answer any questions you may have about hospice/palliative care. Refreshments will be served.

