

ERM NEWS

NOVEMBER 2019

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday 12:30- 4:30pm
Fridays 8am-2pm
Phone: 309-334-2144

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TIMES

Bethany Lutheran 9am
First Lutheran 10:45am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 15th OF THE MONTH
(Please contact Merigene with events planned)

NOVEMBER ERM BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 7th @ 7p
First Lutheran Church

PALS THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Hosted by United Church of Woodhull
Sunday, Nov. 24th @ 4pm

The Church office will be CLOSED
Wednesday, Nov. 27th & Nov. 29th
for the holiday

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 or prnancy@divcominc.net

Staff Meeting Monday @ 1:30p at Bethany
Pastor Nancy takes **Friday** 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, **November 21st**
Appointments may be made with
Bev @ 334-2412 or Lynn @ 334-2672
The nurses do foot soaks and toenail clipping.
The cost is \$32.00 and you need to bring
2 bath towels and one wash cloth.

PASTOR NANCY WILL BE ON VACATION
OCTOBER 23rd through NOVEMBER 5th

In case of emergency please call the church office
@ 309-334-2144 for assistance.



ERM CHURCHES SUNDAY SCHEDULES

Bethany Lutheran

Worship: 9am

Coffee Fellowship: 10am

Sunday School: 1st & 3rd Sundays 10:15-11:15am

First Lutheran

Adult Bible Study: 10am

Worship: 10:45am



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.

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

Cyndi Adams @ 667-2493

BETHANY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lectors:	11/3	Verna Bergstrom
	11/10	Mary Stiers
	11/17	Lily McNally
	11/24	Jeana Fors
	12/1	Barb McNeil
Greeters	11/3	Barb McNeil
	11/10	Marty Johnson
	11/17	McNally Family
	11/24	Donita Creek
	12/1	Jeff Newman & Lucy Newman
Ushers	11/3	Bob & Verna Bergstrom
	11/10	Gary J. & George W.
	11/17	Marvin W. & Bob Eiker
	11/24	Gene C. & Dennis C.
	12/1	Ryan & Alissa Colburn
Prayers	11/3	Verna Bergstrom
	11/10	Mary Stiers
	11/17	NONE
	11/24	Jeana Fors
	12/1	Barb McNeil
Acolytes	11/3	Matt Maher
	11/10	Ava Frakes
	11/17	Brenden Bolduc
	11/24	Brynlee Wirt
	12/1	Duncan Adamson
Communion Assistants	11/3	Jim Luallen
	11/17	Gene Colburn
	12/1	Jim Luallen
Sunday School People in Charge		Candy Tschappat – Nov. Megan Hancock – Dec.
Callers	Nov.	Kelly Luallen
	Dec.	Kelly Luallen
Funeral Comm. Oct-Nov-Dec		Betty Swanson 309-334-2692 Marcia Colton 309-334-2160 Jean Rehn 630-687-8431



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)**
- Ethan Adolphson (FS)**
- Jason Brown (BW)**

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 | Connie Lawson |
| Pr. Jane McChesney | Chuck Lawson |
| Kameron Brown | Jil Petrie |
| 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 | |



I said a prayer for you today, that God would touch you with His healing hand and give you the comfort and strength you need to get through.

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 ERM



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| Kent Vail (BW) | 01 |
| Tyler Carlson (BW) | 02 |
| Shireen Kane (BW) | 04 |
| Steve Lemon (BW) | 05 |
| Andrew Johnson (BW) | 05 |
| Kiersten Hancock (BW) | 07 |
| Kristi Jochim (FS) | 08 |
| Joleen Bowman (FS) | 09 |
| Tyson Shepherd (GO) | 09 |
| Martin Luther | 10 |
| Lynn Hines (BW) | 11 |
| Scott Fitzpatrick (BW) | 13 |
| Bryce Anderson (BW) | 14 |
| Heidi Murphy (BW) | 14 |
| Karol Vail (BW) | 14 |
| Peggy Pettit (GO) | 14 |
| Mike Anthony (FS) | 15 |
| Matt Swanson (BW) | 15 |
| Kyle Borkgren (BW) | 15 |
| Randy Larson (BW) | 17 |
| Alexander Johnson (BW) | 17 |
| Toni Litton (BW) | 17 |
| Karla Barman (BW) | 21 |
| Allison McDowell (BW) | 21 |
| Tim Jochim (FS) | 21 |
| Christopher Brown (BW) | 22 |
| Charlesa Arnold (GO) | 22 |
| Janet Larson (BW) | 23 |
| Katie Nimrick (BW) | 23 |
| Brecken Adamson (BW) | 24 |
| Terry Nelson (BW) | 24 |
| Connie Lemon (BW) | 26 |
| Emily McDowell (BW) | 28 |
| Donita Creek (BW) | 29 |
| Peggy Nordquist (BW) | 30 |
| <i>Happy Anniversary</i> | |
| Mike & Pam Maher (BW) | 04 |
| Jim & Belinda Webb (GO) | 07 |
| John & Jenny Dierolf (FS) | 07 |
| Tim & Michelle Blaine (FS) | 11 |
| Todd & Mallory Swanson (BW) | 12 |
| Dick & Joan Sanders (FS) | 14 |
| Jim & Kelly Price (GO) | 16 |
| Maurey & Mary Peterson (BW) | 18 |
| Peter & Kristen Schauer (BW) | 29 |
| Olaf & Kaylee Collinson (BW) | 30 |

FIRST LUTHERAN

Adult Bible Study @ 10am
Children's Sunday School @ 10am
FS Council Meeting: Nov. 14th @ 7pm

The first Sunday of the month is designated Food Pantry Sunday. All loose offering goes to the Sherrard Food Pantry. Food, cleaning supplies and paper products can be brought all month long. Thanks to all who participate.

FIRST LUTHERAN ANNUAL MEETING

January 19, 2020 Please plan to attend

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sherrard Fire Station

Thursday, October 31st 6-8pm

Anyone willing to help with passing out candy should contact Kim Crawford

GRACE LUTHERAN

**GO Council Meeting: Nov. 12th
7pm @ First, Sherrard**

Baptismal Anniversaries

Caroline Castaline	02
Derek Willett	12
McKenna Arnold	30

BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

Hosted by Faith Lutheran Church, Wataga
Saturday, **Nov. 9th** from 8am-11am
Free will offering for breakfast

TIME FOR TOTS CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, **Nov. 9th**
8am-2pm Alpha Grade School

WOODHULL WINTER WONDERLAND

Friday, Dec. 13th from 4-7pm
Activities scheduled include Christmas music by local musicians, horse & buggy rides, AlWood Elementary wreath auction, raffles to support community services and much, much more!

BETHANY LUTHERAN

BW Council Meeting: Nov. 21st @ 8pm
Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm
HOPE UNIT: Nov. 21st 9am Hostess : Peg N.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

At a **special congregational meeting** on Sunday, **September 15, 2019** Bethany Lutheran Church **voted to withdraw from the Edwards River Ministry effective December 31, 2019.**

ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The 2020 Annual meeting soon will be here! **Bethany's Annual Meeting** will be **Jan. 19, 2020** after worship. Please plan to attend. Committee reports are due in the office by Sunday, **December 15th**. Financial reports will be due in early January. Thanks for your help!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

Look for your page! Clue: It is orange 😊

DOVES & ANGELS

It's getting to be that time of year again. We will soon be decorating our Angels & Doves tree.

Angels are children at Safe Harbor in Galesburg whom we buy Christmas presents.

Doves are those in our area who are shut-ins. Selecting a Dove requires a willingness to befriend that person throughout the year in whatever is needed: visiting, calling, providing transportation, sending cards, providing treats...the possibilities are endless.

If you know someone who should be included as a **Dove**, please give his or her name to a member of the Witness & Service Committee.

LWR Update

Bethany has done a wonderful job again this year with their collection of items and quilts for LWR.

The totals are: **45 quilts, 103 school kits, 15 personal kits and 9 fabric kits.**

Thank you to all who helped in any way, donating, quilting and packing. God's work. Our hands.

