

ERM NEWS

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Final Edition

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday 12:30- 4:30pm
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TIMES

Bethany Lutheran 9am
First Lutheran 10:45am

**In case of inclement weather tune in to WQAD
For worship cancellations**

**ERM Meeting scheduled for Dec. 5th is cancelled.
First will be meeting with members of Peace,
Port Byron at 7pm at Sherrard on this date.**

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP TIMES

**BETHANY 4pm Pastor Katie Gallagher
FIRST 4pm Pastor Nancy Jaster**

The church office will be **CLOSED**
Nov. 27th through Nov. 29th
Dec. 24th through Dec. 26th
Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st

**Pastor Nancy will be on VACATION
December 25th through January 5th.**

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 prnajaster@gmail.com

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, **December 19th** from 1-4pm.
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.

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

During this time of giving and love, please remember the PALS Emergency Fund. All monetary donations given to PALS are used in our area for those in need of assistance. With winter upon us, the need is great. Please send checks to Pastor Cheyanna Losey @ PO Box 383 Woodhull, IL 61490



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

Woodhull Meal on Wheels

Home delivered meals (or to be picked up at 10:45am @ United Church of Woodhull) are available within the city limits in Woodhull at a suggested donation of **\$2.50 per meal on Wednesdays.**

Eligibility to receive a home delivered meal includes:

- 1) Homebound
- 2) Unable to prepare a meal for self or spouse
- 3) Unsteady
- 4) Recovering from an illness or injury
- 5) Returning home from hospital or nursing home
- 6) Elderly and in need of nutritious meal

Reservations at least the Monday prior are required.

Meals on Wheels is a not-for profit organization.

BETHANY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lectors:	12/1	Barb McNeil
	12/8	Nancy Swanson
	12/15	Sunday School
	12/22	Randy Larson
	12/24	Various
	12/29	Various
	1/5	Barb Fors
Greeters	12/1	Jeff Newman & Kim Engstrom
	12/8	Gene & Shirley Brown
	12/15	Philip & Amber Wirt
	12/22	Randy & Jan Larson
	12/24	Mike & Pam Maher Family
	12/29	Carol Eiker
	1/5	Gary Johnson
Ushers	12/1	Ryan & Alissa Colburn
	12/8	Rich & Janice Maher
	12/15	Shannon & Jody McNally
	12/22	Jim & Kelly Luallen
	12/24	Gary Johnson & Jeff Newman
	12/29	Marvin Watters & Gary Johnson
	1/5	Gene Colburn & Dennis Colburn
Prayers	12/1	Barb McNeil
	12/8	Nancy Swanson
	12/15	None
	12/22	Kelly Luallen
	12/24	None
	12/29	None
	1/5	Barb Fors
Acolytes	12/1	Duncan Adamson
	12/8	Reese Tschappat
	12/15	Gavin VerHeecke
	12/22	Kiersten Hancock
	12/24	Matt Maher
	12/29	Ava Frakes
	1/5	TBA
Communion Assistants	12/1	Jim Luallen
	12/15	Dennis Colburn
	12/24	Jeana F. & Carol Eiker
	1/5	Jeff Newman
Sunday School Person in Charge		Megan Hancock – Dec.
Callers		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 | |
| 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 | |
- The family & friends of Gwen Blais



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



- Stephanie Spears (BW) 02
- Brant Peterson (BW) 03
- Samuel Miller (GO) 03
- Emma Gerard (BW) 04
- Amber Wirt (BW) 04
- Garry Peterson (BW) 05
- Paul Corken (FS) 05
- Justin Booker (FS) 05
- Liz Robinson (GO) 06
- Chris Peterson (BW) 08
- Jennifer Adamson (BW) 08
- Clayton Corken (FS) 08
- Tony Dertz (BW) 09
- Larry Rhodenbaugh (FS) 09
- Jamie Bolduc (BW) 10
- Marion Calmer (BW) 10
- Jaci Maher (BW) 10
- Nick Tschappat (BW) 10
- Brenda Peterson (BW) 13
- Justin Mooney (BW) 14
- Karl Peterson (BW) 16
- Garrett Adamson (BW) 18
- Craig Willett (BW) 18
- Lindsay Colburn (BW) 21
- Timothy Bainbridge (BW) 23
- Darla Peterson (BW) 23
- Chad Johnson (GO) 23
- JESUS 25
- Tobias Shepherd (GO) 25
- Reese Tschappat (BW) 27
- Mike Brown (BW) 28
- Brad Johnson (BW) 28
- Nancy Rhodenbaugh (FS) 28
- Emily Fairbrother (BW) 29
- Greg Frew (FS) 29
- Joe Lindquist (BW) 30
- Darlene Peterson (BW) 30
- Ella Strader (FS) 30
- Georgia Smith (GO) 30



- Rick & Martha Borkgren (BW) 01
- Jon & Shirley Booker (FS) 19
- Gale & Rene Bramlett (BW) 27
- Gaylen & Barb Elliott (BW) 29
- Terry & Jill Nelson (BW) 29
- Jason & Megan Hancock (BW) 29
- Emily & Patrick Morland (BW) 30

FIRST LUTHERAN

Adult Bible Study @ 10am

Children's Sunday School @ 10am

FS Council Meeting: Dec. 12th @ 7pm

First will be meeting with members of Peace,
Port Byron at 7pm at Sherrard Dec. 5th.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 4pm Pastor Nancy Jaster

FIRST LUTHERAN ANNUAL MEETING

January 19, 2019

BIG Thank You to all who donated candy for
"Trunk of Treat" and thanks to Kim Crawford for
organizing the event for our church.

College Care Kits will be sent after Thanksgiving.
If you would like to donate to the care kits, there
are two bags in the narthex – one for each student.

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.

GRACE LUTHERAN

GO Council Meeting: Dec. 10th @ 7pm at FS

Baptismal Anniversaries

Donald Willett	07
Greg Miller	15
Merideth Willett	20
Rhonda Miller	21

Choral Dynamics Christmas Show

Choral Dynamics' Christmas show, "Celebrate Me Home"
will be Dec. 6th and 7th at 7:30pm and Dec. 8th at 2pm at
the Orpheum Theatre, Galesburg. Sacred and secular songs
include "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year",
"I'll Be Home for Christmas", "Little Drummer Boy/Peace
on Earth", "Mary Did You Know?", "Carol of the Bells" and
many more. Also included is a nod to Scandinavian heritage
with a humorous parody of "O Tannebaum" entitled
"O Lutefisk". The beneficiary of "Celebrate Me Home" is
VNA, Volunteer Network on Aging. VNA supplies home
meals, on site meals, socialization, transportation and
many other services for qualifying seniors. Since 1976
Choral Dynamics' beneficiaries have earned over \$573,000.
Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling the
Orpheum box office at 309-342-2299 or by visiting the
Orpheum's website: galesburgorpheum.org. Tickets are
also available at the door.

BETHANY LUTHERAN

BW Council Meeting: Dec. 19th 8pm

Quilting: Tuesday Mornings 9am-12pm

HOPE UNIT: Dec. 19th Hostess: TBA

Christmas Caroling: December 21st 3pm - ????

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

4pm Pastor Katie Gallagher

WELCA Christmas Luncheon Dec. 5th at the church.
Men & women invited to attend. Meet at 11:15am
and eat at 11:30am. The AlWood Music Dept. will
perform. Nancy Swanson will present "Unexpected
and Fascinating Bosnia". WELCA members bring a dish
to share, 2 dozen cookies and your Thankofferings.

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for
our Christmas Eve Service please contact Patrice Wirt.
Orders need to be in by Dec. 15th. The cost is \$12.
Please make checks out to Patrice.

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. Please email your report or leave a
copy in the church office. Financial reports will be due
in early January. Thanks for your help!

DOVES & ANGELS

Angels are children at Safe Harbor in Galesburg whom
we buy Christmas presents.
Gifts need to be brought to church by Dec. 8th.

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. Names will be on the tree in the entry.

Sankta Lutia – Augustana College – Dec. 3rd 7pm

All are invited to join Augustana College for a sing-
along program of Scandinavian Christmas carols and
a candlelight Sankta Lucia procession led by the
Augustana College Swedish language students.
No admission charge. Reception with holiday
refreshments after the program.

