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Dale Tiek

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John Trotter

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Kevin Hammelman

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

In the 4th chapter of Ephesians we read about the unity of the spirit in the first sixteen verses. What Paul is talking about here is a prescription for a healthy church. He is talking about being in accord with one another. In verse eleven, he mentions how God has given to the church various positions for one purpose, and that purpose is for equipping church members for service in the church, so the church may function as God intended.

Bethel church saw these verses come to life on Easter Sunday when I was absent due to an illness. Bethel had church, the name of Jesus was exalted and the Lord was worshipped in spirit and in truth. Why, because the Word of God is active at Bethel and the people of Bethel are taking His word seriously. Praise be to God, His word is true.

In His service,

Pastor Mike

James 5:16

Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Edna Rinsch, Carolyn Williams, and Joyce Kixmiller for their help with the Chimes last month. News for the June Chimes is due on May 18.

Thank you to my church family for the cards and prayers when I was in the hospital and recovering at home. God bless you all.

-Sara Kixmiller

To our Bethel Church family,

It is hard to put into words how grateful we are for every act of kindness expressed to us during the loss of Milt. The prayers, cards, meals, hugs, kind words and other expressions of sympathy and love were a great comfort to all of us. We are especially comforted when you share your stories of memories with us because it reminds us of how Milt loved to tell us stories. Again we say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

In Christian Love,
The Telligman and Nettles families

To the Sunday school officers,

Thank you for the purchase of the paper cutter for the Sunday school office. It will be very helpful for everyone.

-Sunday school classes and committees

A big thank you to the youth for their program on Youth Sunday. Thanks to the group who gave the "Gardening In Our Times" message, to Travis Trotter for playing the guitar, to Barron Brocksmith for his singing, and to Amy Albrecht & Kelci Anderson for the Children's Message. IT WAS GREAT!!

-Bethel Church

Bethel Prayer Chain

"My help comes from the Lord, who made the heaven and the earth."-Psalm 121:2

Please call Mary Deerhake at 328-6208 with any prayer requests that you wish to have put on the prayer chain.

Memorials

Historical Committee

In memory of the anniversary of Alvin and Alma Stoelting by their granddaughter, Carol Stoelting



Congregational meeting

A congregational meeting will be held after worship service on Sunday, May 3 to discuss the purchase of a new church sign and to discuss the new chapel project.

Vacation Bible School

School will be ending soon and summer vacation will begin which means that it will soon be time for Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS will be during the first week of June. More information will be available next month. If you have any questions, please call Joanne Brocksmith at 328-2195.

Camp Registration

It's almost camp time again! Be sure to get your camp registration and money turned in to the church office by Monday, May 11 to get signed up for this year's camp. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 328-2358.



Graduation Sunday

Bethel church will be honoring this year's graduates on Sunday, May 17. Please contact the church office with the graduate's information so that it can be included in that Sunday's bulletin as well as in next month's Chimes.



Sunday School

If you thought your schedule was busy the last six months; well, just hold on to your hats because it is about to get even busier. The month of May has been known for a long time as the “unofficial” start of summer. Our calendars are full with activities and commitments. The Prom, Graduations, summer league ball games, planting season, family outings, fundraisers, weekends at the lake, church activities – and the list goes on and on! Each one competing for our time, and a slot in our day-planners. We know that we can’t do them all – we have to make a choice who and what gets priority in our hectic schedules. It is so easy to get caught up in life and live in our own way. But there comes a time when we all have to choose who or what will control the way we live our lives. The choice is ours!

In our schedules, we should remember that every moment is a gift from God. In saying, “My future is in Your hands,” David reminds us that all of life’s activities are under God’s control. And to receive God’s guidance we must acknowledge Him in everything that we do; turning every area of our lives over to Him. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and he will direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6). As we start summer, let’s ask ourselves where and what are our priorities? What is important to us? Is there any area in our lives where we attempt to restrict or ignore God’s influence? (That will probably be the area that causes us grief!) Jesus tells us this, “He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.” (Matthew 6:33).

What is really important to us? Sometimes we become so busy that we forget what God says is important in our daily lives – listening and staying in His word. All the “activities” of summer are going to compete for priority in our lives – any one of them can quickly bump God out of first place in our schedules if we don’t actively choose to give Him first place in every area of our lives. So before we make those summer schedules, let’s take time to focus on what God wants from our activities. Take the time this month to get “tuned into” the word of God by attending Sunday School.

Seeking More of Him, and less of me
John Trotter, S.S. Supt.

Bethel Sr. High Youth Group

The youth would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of food for the North Knox Social Ministries. We collected 1,160 pounds of food. The weather may have been overcast and rainy but the response was fantastic. When we returned to the church an anonymous donor left a monetary gift for the North Knox Social Ministries. What a wonderful surprise! We are very happy to have the youth from the Edwardsport Baptist Church as part of our team. They collected the food items from the Edwardsport area. After we collected the food and weighed it, we took the food to the Social Ministries and Bobby and Vaughn Hislip met us there. We then sorted all the food and put it on the shelves.

The youth are busy making plans for our Youth Sunday April 26. We know that they will try their best to get their message out to everyone.

We will miss 5 of our active seniors next year. We know they are excited to be going on but that leaves us with a gap to fill for next year. The active seniors are Amy Albrecht, Kelci Anderson, Logan Barrett, Tanner Dike, and Paul Schuckman. We want to wish them good luck for the future.

Alone with Nature

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or



unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature, and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be.

-Anne Frank

Preschool News

News from Mrs. Chattin:

This article will be very brief as I am over my head with work for the Mother's Day Tea and our big Graduation on May 8th. I know the end of school is near as I have purchased paint so the 32 preschool graduates can add their hands to the wall of former graduates. They are so excited about this project!

I read many stories about Easter and I have a set of wonderful picture cards showing the events of Holy Week. As I was showing the cards and telling the children how Jesus died on the cross for our sins it was completely quiet. Not one child was talking, but instead listening and watching the pictures. As I showed the picture of Jesus with the big cross on his shoulders and wearing the crown of thorns, one little hand went up in the air. When I asked what they needed, I heard "I don't ever want to be Jesus". I love what comes out of the mouth of a small child. The preschoolers certainly realized how Jesus suffered for us. They also realize he did not stay dead, but came back to life and as they say, "He now lives in our hearts".

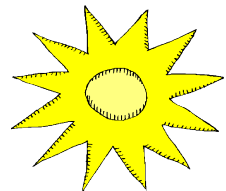
I want to thank Rev. Matt Hoffman for coming to our preschool and bringing his big black Bible. He read to us out of the Bible and also shared a story with us using the Resurrection Eggs. We had lots of fun with Pastor Matt.

We love Show and Tell at preschool and last week one of my boys brought 2 baby chicks he had received as an Easter gift. When I asked him if he had named his new chicks, he said, "Yes, I call one Crispy and the other one is Crunchy." How cute! I also have a real alligator named "Chomper" coming to preschool soon. Chomper had visited preschool before, and I will admit, I'm not overly fond of Chomper in my classroom. I'm always glad when he is out the door!

We only have 2 letters to learn, Y and Z, before we stir up the paint and paint our hands on the wall. We have a party or big activity planned for everyday in May. I know I'm certainly ready for the last day of school on May 22nd, and looking forward to a vacation in Florida.

I want to congratulate Emma Miller on the birth of her baby brother, John Andrew Miller. Emma came to school with lots of pictures and stories about her new brother, Drew.

Enjoy this beautiful, sunny weather.



God Bless,
Linda Chattin

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

He lives!!! We were so excited to celebrate Easter. We know Jesus died on the cross for all of us, yet He lives in all of us today. Some how, everyday, my am kids have started a new game to see who can tell me that first and then tell all their friends. We read many books and played many games that led upto the events of Jesus. We talked about what it would be like to ride a donkey. One little boy shared with us it would be a lot worse than riding on his scooter. We talked about the beautiful butterfly and how it tells the new creation story. We had many colorful butterflies.

We had fun Easter parties and hid 308 eggs between the two classes. The party planning moms decided it sure took a lot more time to hide them then for the kids to find them all. We had a special visit from the Easter Bunny. Some of the kids didn't want to find eggs as they were too worried about what EB was doing. Some wanted to shed a few tears when the EB first walked in, but they held them back and decided it was a treat for the Easter Bunny to come to our party.

We did a lesson on "The Ten Commandents." We talked about how we follow them even at 3 & 4 years old. We counted to 10 one hundred and seven times that day, according to one little boy. We talked about the victory we have with Jesus in our lives. We talked about serving others and how Jesus served His disciples by washing their feet. The kids thought this was strange. We played a game which included washing our friend's shoes. Some thought the shoes were too dirty to wash and they would never come clean, others giggled the whole time, but we learned we can serve others.

We continue to practice writing our name, coloring and all the other fun things we do at preschool. One little girl tries to tell me she is too little to write, although she has been writing her own name the whole year. What she really means is that she can't write all of her friend's names although she keeps practicing making all the letters. I told her she would get it eventually. She replied she couldn't do it till she was 12. She prayed one day for God just to help her make the letter R the right way.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Abram and his family on the loss of his Great granddad, Milton. We know he is happy living with God.

We have 10 sessions left in this school year. We will be busy trying to finish the alphabet, celebrate our summer birthdays, have our Fun and Run Day along with many other activities. We are excited to bring our Moms for Mother's Day Tea on May 1.

Have a great May.

God Bless!
Mrs. Durall

Death Discrepancies

In last month's Chimes the names of a couple of confirmands who were in the 75th anniversary class, Gertrude Horst and Oscar Luetkemeier, were listed as deceased. The church office has been informed otherwise and is happy to report that they are very much alive. Thanks to all those who brought this to our attention.

Historical Committee

The Bethel Historical Committee met on April 1. It was a busy meeting deciding on the theme for the 2010 calendar. Our theme will be "100-Plus Year Old Homes". There are many interesting old houses.

There are still some 2009 calendars available plus some past calendars as well as Confirmation, Funeral, and Marriage records books and our latest book-Baptismal Records from 1852-2008.

We received a letter from Emil Rinsch's daughter and she wrote that she has notes that her father made when he wrote "History of Bethel Church, 1847-1972". She will bring them on her visit to the area in July or August to place in our history archives. We are grateful for her thoughtfulness. This will be a great addition to our files.

Wayne and Vera Dunkerly will be planting flowers around the sundial area.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00pm. We welcome others who have anything to share with our committee.

Please take time to check out the fans that are on display in the display case in the sanctuary. They are a reminder of what was used in the sanctuary before air conditioning was available.

Women's Guild

Beverly Schuckman and Dorothy Spanger are hostesses for the May meeting on the 6th at 1:30 pm. The program for this meeting will be presented by Doris Brocksmith. Mary Deerharke has the "Extra Feature".

The "Quilters" have been busy this winter. If anyone has an interest in quilting, come join them on Tuesday afternoon in the Guild room. They *say* it is easy to quilt!!

Parish Records:

Birth: A son, John Andrew Miller, was born to Andy and Andrea Miller on Monday, April 20. He was welcomed home by big sister, Emma

Death: Milton Telligman, age 79, passed away on Thursday, April 16. Funeral services were held at Bethel Church on Saturday, April 18 with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Membership transfers:

Michael and Zetta Horst transferred their membership from Bethel on April 2.

Max and Reann Volle transferred their membership from Bethel on April 8.

Attendance:

Mar.	29	157
April	5	153
	12	259
	19	137

Greeters:

May 3 and 10

Randy and Theresia Barrett

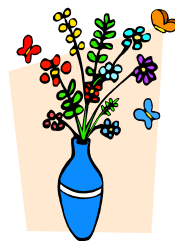
May 17 and 24

Andy and Andrea Miller

Ushers:

May Steve and Debbie Telligman

May 17 Youth

**Nursery Notes:**

May	3	Amy Albrecht
	10	Kelci Anderson
	17	Ramona Hammelman
	24	Brenda Maddox
	31	Debbie Telligman

Children's Church:

May	3	Micah Bowman/Austin Miller/Chris Horst
	10	Brenda Maddox/Tracey Kahre/Bonnie Organ
	17	JoAnn Brocksmith/Barron Brocksmith/Chris Horst
	24	Ramona Hammelman/Patrick Sargent/Nancy Tilly
	31	Lenora McCrary/Kelci Anderson/Bonnie Organ

Happy May Birthday to:

May	3	Earl Linneweber-(Happy 81 st birthday)
	7	Ralph Buescher-(Happy 84 th birthday)
	8	Helen Harbin-(Happy 83 rd birthday)
	10	Marge Linneweber-(Happy 80 th birthday)
	22	Dick Finke-(Happy 87 th birthday)
	24	Martha Enmeier-(Happy 87 th birthday)
	24	Bob Jones-(Happy 84 th birthday)
	25	Rose Singleton-(Happy 85 th birthday)
	26	Ruth Richter-(Happy 86 th birthday)

**Church Council Meeting
April 13, 2009**

Secretary's report-Approved and accepted as written.

Treasurer's report-Accepted

Deacon's report-Accepted. Deacons will work on projects to raise funds for youth minister. Tiles will be repaired in balcony by Dale Tiek construction. Deacons will discuss an upcoming work day.

Elder's report-Current Elders Task List was reviewed and discussed.

Old Business:

Chapel-Bids will be taken for construction of chapel.

Youth Pastor-Motion was made to go forward and advertise for the new position of youth pastor.

Elders policy-Bethel Church Elder policy was reviewed; a motion was made and accepted. A copy will be posted in Bethel Hall for all to review.

Special Gifts/Church sign-A congregational meeting will be held on the first Sunday in May to discuss the purchase of a new church sign and to discuss the new chapel project.

New Business:

Lounge-Fluorescent lighting will be used in the lounge.
Next meeting will be on Monday, May 11.

Mother's Day Quotations

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie

-Tenneva Jordan

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child

-Sophia Loren

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

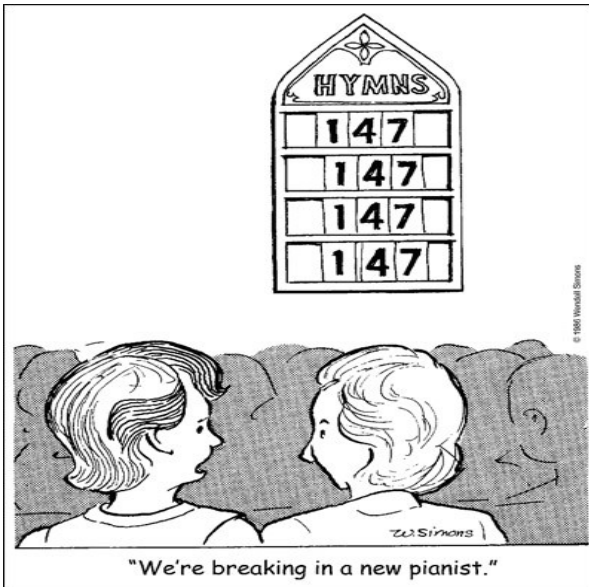
-Chinese Proverb

God could not be everywhere therefore He made mothers.

-Jewish Proverb

Being a full-time mother is one of the highest-salaried job...since the payment is pure love.

-Mildred B. Vermont



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Bethel Church
Treasurer's Report
(1/1/09-3/31/09)

Income:

Cemetery Income	\$ 450.00
Choir Income	10.00
Interest Income	181.99
Memorial Income	3,572.00
Misc. Income	242.63
Mission Income	4,184.76
Offering	39,631.27
Preschool Income	10,476.63
Scholarship Income	25.00
Youth Pastor Income	<u>2,985.00</u>
Tot. Income	61,759.28

Assets:

Bank and Cash Accounts	
Brocksmith Mission	24,263.15
Building Fund	25.00
Cemetery Fund	1,783.06
Choir/Music	2,032.10
General Fund	64,742.99
Insurance	0.00
Memorial Fund	26,557.63
Mission Fund	1,988.76
Mission Trip	0.00
Scholarship Fund	3,907.55
Shelter House	7,624.13
Strate 40 Acres	16,989.47
Van Fund	5.50
Youth Pastor	<u>2,985.00</u>
Total Bank & Cash Accts.	152,904.34
Net Worth	152,904.34

Expenses:

Asst. Preschool Person	\$ 3,184.20
Books & Lit	257.02
Cemetery Expense	2,050.00
Choir Expense	727.95
Custodial Supplies	459.35
Custodian	2,372.57
Electricity	3,339.79
Employee Withholding	5,150.42
Evangelism Expense	169.80
Gas	6,662.42
Grounds keeper	2,150.76
Insurance	7,396.50
Maint & Repair	2,326.91
Memorial Expense	1,324.74
Misc. Expense	404.00
Mission Expense	3,877.86
Music Director	1,962.42
New Equipment	475.39
Office Supplies	420.94
Pastor	13,456.26
Pastor Training	543.61
Pastor Travel	568.25
Pest Control	215.00
Postage	400.00
Preschool Director	4,440.42
Secretary	3,601.62
Sub music Person	450.00
Sub pastor	200.00
Telephone	468.91
Van Expense	29.75
Waste Expense	183.30
Water	<u>263.50</u>
Total Expenses	69,533.66

Income less Expenses (7,774.38)

May 2009

Bethel
Chimes

Bethel Family's Military Members

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