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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

As we prepare to celebrate Easter once again let us not forget the sacrifice behind the holiday. Too many times we concentrate on the changing of the season that accompanies Easter and forget the true meaning of the holiday. Easter for the believer must be more than new Easter outfits, Easter egg hunts, etc. Easter must be coming face-to-face with the fact that what we read in John 3:16 has come to pass. God does love us so much that He did not allow His son Jesus to be nailed to that cruel cross. As believers we must treat this holiday differently than the way the world would treat the holiday. Our emphasis needs to be on the worship rather than pleasure; our emphasis must be on reflection and then and only then can we celebrate the true meaning behind Easter. Let us celebrate this Easter, for indeed the tomb remains empty.



In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Reda Boberg, Kara Johanningsmeier, and Wilma Strange for help with the Chimes. News for the May Chimes is due on April 19.

The Rivet Lady Patriots, (Mike and Susan Brocksmit) and (Rowe and Maridell Sargent), thank you for your support and good wishes during their run to the Girls Indiana State Basketball Finals. It was a great ride and it was fun to have you all along cheering them on!
Thank you!!

Memorials

In memory of Kenny Boberg
Patty Bobe

In memory of Dan Hooper
Patty Bobe

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2009:

May/June	Faithful Families
July/August	Christian Generations
September/October	Christian Partners
November/December	Children's Church



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Haiti Fundraiser Update

On Sunday, February 14, a love offering was taken up during worship service to go towards disaster relief in Haiti. On Sunday, March 7, a spaghetti dinner fundraiser was held in the Social room after worship service with the funds going towards disaster relief in Haiti.

We're happy to report that just a little over \$5,000 was raised!! This money will go to the charity group, Samaritan's Purse, which will see to it that the money is put to good use.

Thanks so much for everyone who helped through donations, support, and prayers.

Confirmation Reunion-Sunday, March 28, 2010

This is a time we reflect back to our confirmation and what being a member of Bethel is all about. All Bethel confirmands are recognized along with those who joined Bethel by letter of transfer or by Confession or Affirmation of Faith honoring the classes of 1935, 1960, and 1985.

*Denotes those who are deceased

75 Year Class-July 7, 1935

Rev. Daniel Bierbaum "Under His Wings"

*Catherine Louise Berger	*Helen Louise Bohmeier
*Vera Leona Grabbe	*Ethel Edna Horst
*Jeanette Louise Koch Ruth Katherine Mabes	*Ruth Bertha Hannah Koenig Barbara Lou Pepmeier
*Laura Caroine Louise Richter	*Minna Bertha Schluessler
*Ruth Mildred Struckmeier	*Betty Lou Wandtke
*Paul Robert Bluhm	*Walter Carl Borgmeier
*John Junior Buckthal	*Carl Herman Grabbe
*Robert Carl Held Martin Henry Carl Pieper	*Herbert Frederick Kixmiller Edward Hy. Shuckman
*Kenneth George Seirp	

50 Year Class-April 10, 1960

Rev. Paul W. Lammers "Oh, Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

Carolyn Sue Berger	Sharon Sue Haper
Connie Sue Hislip	Susan Jean Koenig
Leroy Edward Cummings	Michael Ray Held
Bruce Ervin Horn	Kenneth Doyle Kopp
Don Edward Volle	*Ernest Lee Volle
William Ray Hagemeyer	Max Justin Volle

25 Year Class-March 31, 1985

Pastor Marvin Deerhake "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

Aaron Bruce Chattin	Kimberly Ann Chattin
Brent Dale Courter	Beth Ann Isenberg
Larissa Linda Rinsch	Robert Randall Stoltz

2010 Class-March 28, 2010

Pastor Mike DeCoursey "Father, I Adore You"

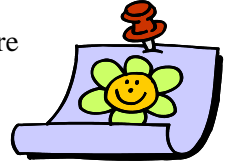
Austin James Miller

Preschool News

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

Spring is finally here. We are so excited and ready to enjoy the sun and being outdoors.

We had a great time at our Donuts with Dad. "Those were the BEST DONUTS EVER," according to one. Another one said, "Dad will be back tomorrow and the day after that. He loves to eat." A big thanks to all who helped in anyway. You are greatly appreciated.



We had a lesson on how God gives us vegetables and how healthy they are for us. We were told by one, "if it is yellow, it probably isn't any good."

We are not always up to trying new things, either. Some of the kids knew several of the vegetables by name, much to Miss Ruth and my surprise.

We had a lesson on Jesus serving His disciples and how He washed their feet. We had fun washing and cleaning our friend's shoes. Some boots were really dirty and took a bunch of towels! We mentioned many other ways we can serve, even though we are small.

Miss Doris (Richter) bought us a giraffe puppet while she was on vacation in Florida. Thanks so much!! We have enjoyed playing with him and reading stories.

We had our St. Patrick's Day celebration early since it is really while we are on Spring break. We had a sea of green with our clothes, necklaces and snacks. Hopefully, everyone can spot green now.

We are excited to talk about Jesus living for each of us and all the events leading up to Easter. Rejoice!!

Mrs. Durall

Painful Revenge

A mother ran into the bedroom when she heard her seven-year-old son scream. She found his two-year-old sister pulling his hair. She gently released the little girl's grip and said comfortingly to the boy, "There, there. She didn't mean it. She doesn't know that hurts." He nodded his acknowledgement, and she left the room.

As she started down the hall the little girl screamed. Rushing back in, she asked, "What happened?"

The little boy replied, "She knows now."

—*Joke a Day Ministries Group; submitted by Keith Todd, www.sermonfodder.com*

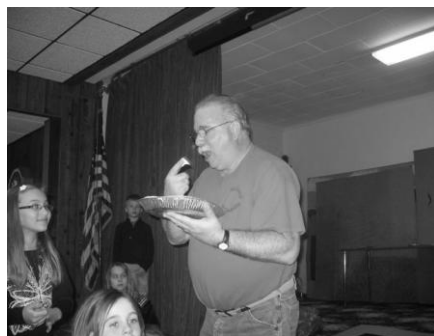
Coin Contest

During the month of February, a contest was held between boys and girls in eighth grade and below at Bethel. The money was being raised for an orphanage in Haiti to help with disaster relief. Every Sunday, a boys' and a girls' bucket were placed in the sanctuary for the kids to place their coins in. At the end of the month, the buckets were weighed to see who collected the heaviest amount of coins.

During the spaghetti dinner that was held on Sunday, March 7, the winning team was announced and names drawn to see who would receive the honor of throwing a cream pie at Pastor Mike, who willingly agreed to sacrifice himself for this good cause.

After the final weighing, it was announced that the girls' had won and the name drawn was Reeva Hammelman. After some good-natured prompting by Pastor Mike, an additional donation was given by Reeva's father, Randy, so that her twin sister, Rylee, was allowed to help with the pie-smashing as well. Everyone had a great time with it, including Pastor Mike who came through the whole incident unscathed. A total of \$301 was raised. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in this event!!

Below are some pictures of the pie-smashing sent in by Sara Kixmiller (these and other pictures taken at the time will be posted on the church's website as well).



Charles Schultz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read the story straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.



Women's Guild

The Women's Guild Lenten Breakfast went very well with all seats filled. Donna Hinkle did a great job as guest speaker and everyone enjoyed the reading that Evaline Johanningsmeier gave as well as the singing by Mary Ann Miller and her daughter, Elizabeth.

The guild's next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7 at 1:30 pm Doris Richter is the program leader and she will speak on Women of the Bible-Elizabeth. The hostesses will be Doris Brocksmith and Lill Clinkenbeard. Everyone is asked to please bring toothpaste to be given to NKSM.

Bethel scholarship

It is once again time for graduating seniors to begin filling out scholarship applications. Bethel Church has a scholarship fund to help assist students with furthering their education. To be eligible, the applicant must have participated in at least four youth activities per year at Bethel and attended at least 50% of Sunday services. All eligible applicants need to have applications turned in by May 1, 2010. Applications may be picked up at the church office.

An Easter Prayer

God, gives us eyes to see
the beauty of the Spring
and to behold Your majesty
in every living thing-

And may we see in lacy leaves
and every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe
with gentleness and power-

And may this Easter grandeur
that Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith
lying dormant in our hearts

And give us ears to hear, dear God
the Springtime song of birds
With messages more meaningful
than man's often empty words.

Telling harried human beings
who are lost in dark despair-
"Be like us and do not worry
for God has you in His care."



-Helen Steiner Rice

Missionary Updates

Nathan Graves

Dear praying friends and family,

We have been off to a great start since returning to the field. We have felt God's hand upon us and have seen His blessings. That is not to say there haven't been sad and disappointing moments. That will always be apart of life, especially in ministry.

Rather than going into a lot of detail, let me give some snapshots of ministry and life:

- We have redesigned our Eagles of Peace website with new content. Take a look at www.eopeace.org, or www.mid-stream.org. In this site we have emphasized the midstream aspect of our ministry. Nothing has changed with our sending of Albanians. That is just as vital as before, but we have decided to take that information and put it onto a secure website. We are beginning to mobilize Albanians into some sensitive areas, so it is something we needed to do for their safety.
- Lorraine has begun a new English and Bible class with five teens (four boys and a girl) from our neighborhood. They are a lot of fun and have shown great interest in the Bible stories. Please pray for their salvation.
- After many years and much use, we have replaced the furniture in our living room! Our seating capacity has been limited and our furniture was all torn up, so much so that we had to cover our couch with a large piece of fabric. We have, on average, about 150 meetings a year in our living room with Albanians. So we had a large, U-shaped, custom-designed couch made to maximize our space. Now we can fit about fifteen people in the room. We are so thrilled with God's provision!
- The building I thought would be a possible new location for our fellowship did not work out. It was just too far away from our community. So, the search, now in its fifth year, continues. Maybe the Lord is telling us that we need to stay in our house and just begin other fellowships in other people's houses. Pray for God to give us wisdom
- My weekly discipleship classes with Gerti and Eri are going wonderfully. I cannot tell you how incredible these guys are. They are seriously committed to Christ. They are growing spiritually by leaps and bounds. We are going through Ephesians and they are getting it the first time!
- My weekly discipleship class with the men is also going well. They are older and it is taking them longer to understand certain

concepts, but they are learning and are always eager to get into lively discussions about theology.

- Justin is growing up and is getting through some awkwardness that comes with being a teenager. He has two parakeets and has become quite the expert on them. Today, Justin and I went with a co-worker and his son, Matthew (Justin's best friend from the time he was a little boy) to a new mall where Justin and Matthew went ice skating. They really had a blast.
- Now that the semester is nearly over, Josiah is looking for a summer job. He is hoping to get one working at a local airport so he can get experience working around planes.

I could go on, but I don't want to weary you. Keep praying for us. We do feel them and are lifted up by them. Thank you for blessing us and for walking with us through this amazing journey.

Because of Christ,
Nathan and Lorraine

Ashley Wilson

Praise the Lord O my soul. This is the resounding call of the Lord as I encounter and wade through what each day brings. Now that I am here it is a little hard to believe...that is until I put on my chadar and step out on the street. My days here have been full and I am still trying to process most of it, but here is a little glimpse into the last three weeks...

My Team

What a huge praise to finally have the team all together!!! Last week we had our directors join us each afternoon for team building sessions. We sought God for further vision and direction as we embark on this journey together. Let me quickly introduce you to my team (left to right): Wakil, our great visionary and tenderhearted Sozo director; Jody, relational queen, community development guru and my roommate; Garry, our wise and seasoned state-side leader from Keyway who can tell a great story; Eric, persevering and bold servant leader; Heather, articulate, passionate and a wonderful mom to Caleb and Joseph, two very creative and bright young guys; Donna, gentle nurturer with open arms of hospitality and love; Dave, humble man of God who has the word hidden deep in his heart. That's my team! I am looking forward to how the Lord continues to bind us together.

The Bazaar

Just a couple of blocks up my road leads to a bazaar where I can find most of the essentials. Kabob smoke wafts through the air by mid morning, neon lights are abundant, and crossing the street is always a challenge. My staples thus far have been a cucumber, tomato and feta salad, cereal, eggs, apples and happy cow cheese.

Language School

Having just finished my third week of language learning I am taking great heart in the local proverb that is commonly used here, *Qatra, qatra, dario mesha*. Drop by drop a river is made. Little by little I am learning words, a few grammatical rules, and trying to mimic sounds that we don't have in the English language. Needless to say I make a fool of myself frequently and we laugh quite a lot in class. I am thankful for the opportunity to fully focus on language initially.

Praises: I am so thankful to our Father for His all encompassing grace. I praise Him for the provision of a furnished home to move into and great teammates to help me transition.

Prayer: Please continue expectantly lifting up this country in your prayers to see a movement of the Spirit. Pray that a river of healing will rise up. Pray that I would be diligent with language learning and step out of my comfort zone. Also please keep the unity of our team in your prayers as we are building a foundation for how we relate and serve the Lord together.

As always I am so thankful for your partnership, friendship, and prayers. May God give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.

Much love,
Ashley

Our friends were ready to go to Italy as missionaries, but were waiting for their visas. As the waiting period grew longer and longer, they enlisted the prayers of their Christian friends. Our ten-year-old neighbor boy offered what he innocently thought was a logical alternative. "Why don't they try MasterCard?" he asked.



—Matilda Nordtvedt, Everett, WA. Christian Reader, "Lite Fare."

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Feb.	28	147
Mar.	7	154
	14	111
	21	124

Greeters:

March 21 and 28

Dale and Jane Tiek

April 4 and 11

Kevin and Linda Hammelman

April 18 and 25

Craig and Tonya Scott

Ushers:

April		Bill and Darlene Resler
April	18	Youth

Nursery Notes:

April	4	Beth Durall
	11	Emily Telligman
	18	Stacy Page
	25	Kelci Anderson

Children's Church:

April	4	Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst
	11	Lenora McCrary/Tracey Kahre/Kelci Anderson
	18	JoAnne Brocksmith/Chris Horst
	25	Dale Tiek/Tracey Kahre/ Nancy Tilly

Happy April Birthday to:

April	2	Dorothy Sams-(Happy 83 rd birthday)
	5	Wilbur Boberg-(Happy 81 st birthday)
	9	Doris Brocksmith-(Happy 80 th birthday)
	21	Gertrude Catt-(Happy 92 nd birthday)

Family Devotions

Shortly after our family began having nightly devotions—which isn't easy with a precocious four-year-old daughter and an impish two-year-old son—my daughter asked, "Mommy, when are we gonna get together with Daddy and Austin to talk about God and have family commotions?"

—Carla Crumley-Forest, Jacksonville Beach, FL. "Heart to Heart," Today's Christian Woman

Church Council Minutes

March 8, 2010

Pastor's report-Pastor Mike presented to the council members his monthly pastor's report.

Secretary's report-was read and approved

Treasurer's report-the altar cloths were paid for out of the memorial fund at a cost of \$1,065.98. The Samaritan's Purse fundraisers held at Bethel raised a total of \$5,000. Report approved.

Deacon's report-the report was presented by Debbie Telligman and was approved as written. The youth collected over \$500 for their Souper Bowl. Average monthly attendance was 137.

Elder's report-Plans for the spring revival with Craig Cook may be rescheduled for a later date due to conflicting schedules. The Prayer Over Our Schools Project is still being planned.

Building and Grounds Report-Debbie Telligman reported that Mr. Kidwell has not come to make a repair estimate on the pews; however, discussion was held in regards to the purchase of new seating in the sanctuary. The ceiling fans in the men's and women's bathrooms will be replaced.

A motion was made by Kevin Hammelman and seconded by John Koenig to purchase up to \$7,500 worth of rock for the parking lot behind the preschool area. Discussion was held regarding maintenance and repair for the church's infrastructure. No final decision has been made. References were listed in the 2010 Annual Meeting list of repairs.

Old Business:

Youth Pastor-interviews are taking place.

Quotes for cemetery stones-repairs are awaiting warm weather.

Coming Events:

Wednesday Lenten services

Confirmation and Reunion services-March 28

Revival with Craig Cook-May 7-9

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