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### **FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

What do we want out of this Easter season? That question must be answered by the believer in order to have a successful Easter season. To those lost and in the world, Easter is just another holiday, one where a special meal may be eaten, kids hunt Easter eggs, etc. But for the believer in Jesus Christ, Easter must be more, much more than just food and fun. When we read that familiar passage from John 3:16 we must understand that it is love, God's love towards humanity that makes Easter different for the believer versus the non-believer. It was God's love that allows us to escape sin and death. It is God's love that allows us to have life everlasting. What a gift, a gift that endures for eternity rather than one that lasts until the next meal or holiday. Let us celebrate this coming Easter like we never have before, understanding that it is God's love that allows us to have Easter, not the world.



In His service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Betty Tilly, Lill Clinkenbeard, and Joan Richter for help with the Chimes. News for the May Chimes is due April 18.

The family of Louise M. Rinsch would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, memorials, flowers, phone calls, food, visits, gifts of love, words of support and sympathy.

We would also like to thank Rev. George Varns and Pastor Mike DeCoursey for their words of comfort and inspiration at the funeral and a special thank you to Judy Kiser for playing the organ.

We wish to thank the Women's Guild for providing the delicious bereavement dinner following the funeral service.

Words cannot express how much your thoughtfulness means to us. Your gratitude will always be remembered.

In Christian Love,  
Edith and Edna Rinsch

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## **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2011**

June	VBS
July/August	Mission Committee
Sept./Oct./Nov.	Youth Group
December	Choir

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## Memorials

### **Women's Guild:**

#### **In memory of Louise Rinsch**

*Mustard Seed S. S. Class*

*Lois Wampler*

*Dorothy Spanger*

*John and Jan Spanger*

*Herman & Etta Snyder*

*Sam and Martha Thompson*

*Ralph and Patty Buescher*

*Herman and Nancy Tilly*

*Sharon Dunkerly*

*Bruce and Terri Miller*

*Kent and Brenda Brocksmith*

*Frank and Lenora McCrary*

*Kenny Hankins*

*Kevin & Linda Hammelman*

*Josh and Jenni DeCoursey and family*

*Justin and Julie Stanczak and family*

*Glatha and Glenn Hemme*

*Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard*

*Marjorie & Richard Finke*

*Doris Brocksmith*

*Mary Ann Miller*

*Naomia Pepmeier*

*Darwin Emmel*

*Gertrude Hagemeyer*

*Tom and Joyce Kixmiller*

*John and Marilyn Koenig*

*Fritz Hagemeyer*

*Wilma Chester*

*Janet Tilly*

*Bob and Vera Jones*

## Bethel Sunday school News

Yes, spring is here and the hope of Easter is near! Charles Swindoll says, "There is nothing like Easter to bring hope back to life. Easter has its own anthems. Easter has its own scriptures. And Easter has its own proclamation: 'He is not here, for He has risen just as He said.' Matthew 28:6. A hope transfusion awaits us. It happens every year on Easter Sunday. Alleluia!"

This hope is evident as we gather to discuss ways to reach out to others through our Sunday School. I thank those in each class who prepared a description of their class for the planned brochures and to those who have offered suggestions for outreach.

Thank you also to Carole Albrecht, Theresia Barrett, Doris Brocksmith, Dennis Kahre, Bonnie Organ, and Herman Tilly for their willingness to plan the Sunday School picnic which will be on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember that Treasurer Shelly Trotter still needs someone to assist her for the remainder of 2011 and for the Sunday School year that begins in September!

See you in Sunday School!  
Nancy Tilly

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### Remember

*Whenever you know a desolate hour  
and are steeped in misery,*

*remember Christ was lonely too,*

*In bleak Gethsemane;*

*Whenever you feel that all of the world*

*has turned its back on you,*

*remember that Christ knew what it was*

*to feel abandoned too.*

*Whenever you feel that your burden*

*is greater than you can bear,*

*remember He too heartbreakingly knew*

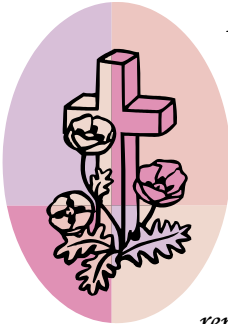
*a moment of dark despair;*

*and remembering these things just bear in mind*

*His victory was finally won*

*when He bowed His head and humbly said,*

*"But Thy will, not Mine, be done!"*



-Author unknown

## Youth Corner

I'd like to first apologize for forgetting to thank everyone for our Welcome to Bethel party back in January. I had written an elaborate thank you for all of you but had missed the Chimes deadline and I just never got it put in. So I just wanted to thank all of you not only for your wonderful gifts but for your love and making us feel so welcome here at Bethel.

Now for youth. It's been an exciting month for Bethel youth as we've gone to the next level by attending our first youth conference. The conference itself was an extreme blessing where two of our youth accepted Jesus for the first time while several others rededicated their lives. The conference taught the kids how to face conflict in their lives and to overcome animosity. Conferences help plant the seed. It's my job and your job to help that seed grow.

Several of our youth spent spring break serving and working for the people in our church. Whether it was picking up sticks in the grove or picking weeds in a garden, our youth took time out of their spring break to serve others. We'd like to thank everyone who donated and supported our youth by giving them work to do.

Youth Bible study has been page-turning as we dig into the creational story and explain why the Big Bang and evolution have no place in our faith. We will finish out this month-long study by visiting the Creation museum in Cincinnati.

It's amazing to see our youth continue to deepen their faith as we grow mentally and spiritually. -God bless, Shayne Spurgeon

## Preschool News

### **News from Mrs. Hammelman:**

Spring greetings from Bethel Preschool! As I write this letter on the final day of Spring Break, it is hard to believe that there are only two months until school lets out for summer! I have no doubt that they will fly by just as quickly that the rest of the year has but I also know that we will enjoy them to the fullest at preschool.

In my last letter I shared that Donuts with Dad was fast approaching. The kids and I counted down on our class calendar until the day finally arrived and what a wonderful morning it was. We celebrated with a sports theme "You Always Win With God!" and explained beforehand to the kids that they (and their Dad, too!) could wear their favorite sport uniform, shirt or jersey. They were very excited about this but I had one little girl raise her hand and ask, "Can my dad just wear plain

clothes? He just likes to wear plain clothes." I told her that was perfectly fine and they fit right in with her in a pretty dress and daddy also looking very nice in his "plain" clothes. (He told me that she came home and announced that Mrs. Hammelman said it was just fine for him to wear his plain clothes to the party and we both had a good laugh at the things these little ones think of to say.)

We also had soccer, basketball, baseball and football players and even a ballerina or two and all of the dads looked very comfortable in their favorite sport shirt - I even had one dad wear his high school football jersey! The kids were so excited for this day and I was so happy to see so many little boys and girls share this special time with their dad or other special guy that had set aside this time for their child. I couldn't have been prouder as the kids got up and recited the "Daddy Poem" and a song that they had worked so hard on in the previous weeks. A special thanks to Mary Ann and Andrea Miller for donating and delivering the donuts and to Pastor Mike for leading us in the ABC Prayer.

We also celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday last month. We read Dr. Seuss books and had lots of fun with rhymes and opposites! Two of our favorite books were "The Foot Book" and "If I Had Duck Feet" - we made a bulletin board for the preschool hallway entitled, "Our Feet Walk with God" - if you know one of Bethel's preschoolers stop by to see if you can find his or her feet! (I hope to have our bulletin boards back up soon!)

The week before Spring Break was even busier than usual it seemed. With the church getting a new heating and air system there is a lot of work going on! In order to get to the preschool area during Spring Break there was a lot of preparation going on the week before but the kids and their parents were great and everything seemed to go pretty smoothly. I mentioned above about our bulletin board being down - we did have to take down most everything in the preschool hallways for right now but I do hope to get them back up soon so we can continue to share all that is going on at Bethel Preschool!

I am thankful for the beautiful weather we had over Spring Break and am happy I was able to spend time with my family and enjoy the sunny days - I hope you were able to do the same. With the Easter season upon us, and the flowers and trees about to bloom, it helps me to remember the beauty of God's love for us and His most precious gift to us, Jesus Christ. How wonderful it is to know that He continues to live in our hearts and our daily lives!



In His Love,  
Mrs. Hammelman

## News from Mrs. Durall:

We ended February with our Donuts with Dad Date. The day we thought we never came when we started looking at the calendar for the month. Then the big day "finally" arrived. The preschoolers all did a terrific job singing and entertaining their dads or special guy. One little boy told us that his dad wanted to do that every Saturday :-). Thanks to the donut donor, deliverer, and helper. We appreciate you greatly!!

We had a great lesson on the promise of the rainbow. Of course, it was raining that day, just no sun to go along with it. I questioned why God gave us the rainbow and the responses were great. One little girl said they are so beautiful, while another added God needed somewhere to put all the colors. We made a magnet to put on our refrigerators at home, however, I learned that many have stainless steel fridges and that wasn't going to work. One little girl said she could put it someplace else; she would just have to ask where first. We hope to look out the window one day soon and see God's beauty.

Our lesson on the "Lost Sheep," and the "Lord is my shepherd," lead us on a hide and seek hunt only to celebrate every lost sheep we find hiding somewhere in the preschool area. We know that God always finds us no matter where we go. We also know we never really want to be lost from Him.

We spent one day in the kitchen making thumbprint cookies that we got to squeeze jelly in after we put our thumbprint in the dough. Some one said the dough was cool and another one added that it was just too sticky. Then we used our sense of smell to determine if the cookies were done baking. Several of the children took their master pieces home to share with mom and dad. One little girl had no idea where the cookies came from when she got home; she just knew to give them away. Thanks to the quilters for letting us get a little noisy and letting us share our cookies with them.

We talked about this past week being spring break and I asked what that meant to any of the preschoolers. One little boy wasn't sure what it was but he knew he was going to China for vacation. (The family really went to Florida--A little closer to home than he thought). One little girl was going to see grandma somewhere south. They are all so funny and all have a story to tell.

I hope they all got to play outside a day or two, I knew it was a nice week for an away from school.



Happy Spring to all.  
Mrs. Durall

## Women's Guild

Bethel Guild will meet on Wednesday, April 6 at 1pm. We will divide up and go visit our shut-ins around the community; come back and have our meeting and share on our visits. Hostesses are Doris Richter and Vera Jones. Remember to bring diapers for NKSM.

Our Lenten Breakfast is April 9 at 9am with Lauren Alexander as our guest speaker. Come for a morning of fellowship, good food and an inspirational message. Babysitting will be available. There will be a sign up sheet in Bethel Fellowship Hall so we'll know how many to prepare for. Ladies from surrounding churches are invited, also.



## Mission News

We thank John Koenig for his Mission Moment on LAM (Life after Meth) and we thank all of you for contributing diapers for our first donation for the Bethel 600 for 2011. North Knox Social Ministries truly appreciates all the supplies that we provide for them.



In April, we will be collecting paper goods...paper towels, toilet paper, and facial tissue. In May, we will fill the basket with bars of soap. We appreciate all of your generous donations and so do all of the recipients.

Life is not easy without toilet paper or tissues to wipe your child's nose.

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## Easter Quotes

The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in." - Peter Marshall

Awake thou wintry earth. Fling off thy sadness. Fair vernal flowers, laugh forth your ancient gladness, Christ is risen! - Thomas Blackburn



*Mark and Diane Telligman  
and  
Lonnie and Tammy Pirtle*

*invite you to join  
the families and friends of*

*Emily Renee Telligman  
and  
Casey Joe Pirtle*

*for the ceremony and celebration  
of their marriage on  
Saturday, the twenty-first of May  
Two thousand eleven  
at five-thirty in the evening*

*Bethel Church  
Freelandville, Indiana*

Reception at the Bicknell French Club  
immediately following the ceremony





# 2011 Men's Retreat

*“Planting Seeds-Praying for a Harvest”*

Friday & Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

at Cecil Meeks and Richard Stewart's Cabin

**Friday, May 20**-Supper at 6pm followed by guest speaker Todd Barnhizer with a campfire afterwards

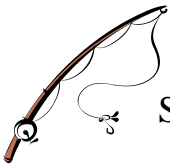
**Saturday, May 21**-Breakfast at 8am followed by guest speaker Matt Hoffman



**Saturday, May 21**-Randy Harvey's Blue Grass Gospel Band at 3pm followed by supper

**Saturday, May 21**-After supper, guest speaker Jon McKinnon. Music and campfire afterwards

Plan to attend Friday and/or Saturday to just relax, fish, and enjoy great food and fellowship



Sign up by May 6 on sign up sheet in Bethel Hall

For men age 16-100

p.s. bring lawn chair

Also, on Friday if you want bring a 2-liter pop and/or snack or chips

## **Parish Records:**

### **Birth:**

Conner Brandon Spanger, son of Brandon and Holly Spanger, was born on Wednesday, March 16. Grandparents are John and Jan Spanger. Great grandparents are Dorothy Spanger and Charles and Evaline Johanningsmeier.

### **Death:**

Louise Rinsch, age 99, passed away on Thursday, March 10. Funeral services were held at Bethel on Monday, March 14 with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

### **Attendance:**

Feb.	20	133
	27	144
Mar.	6	122
	13	121
	20	198

### **Greeters:**

**April 3 and 10**  
Bill and Carole Albrecht  
**April 17 and 24**  
Craig and Tonya Scott

### **Ushers:**

April Frank and Lenora McCrary

### **Nursery Notes:**

April	3	Stacy Page
	10	Debbie Telligman
	17	Tracey Kahre
	24	Bonnie Organ



Nursery care is provided during Sunday school and church service for babies through 5 years of age in the basement of Bethel Hall.

### **Children's Church:**

April	3	Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst/Jesse Organ
	10	Lenora McCrary/Tracey Kahre/Kelci Anderson/ Bridget Brocksmith/Madison Meurer
	17	JoAnne Brocksmith/Chris Horst
	24	Dale Tiek/Bridget/Madison/Nancy Tilly

### **Happy April Birthday to:**

April	2	Dorothy Sams-(Happy 84 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
	5	Wilbur Boberg-(Happy 82 <sup>nd</sup> birthday)
	9	Doris Brocksmith-(Happy 81 <sup>st</sup> birthday)
	12	Betty Tilly-(Happy 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday)

# Bethel Church Council Minutes

## March 14, 2011

**Pastor's report** – The report was approved as written.

**Youth pastor's report** – Shayne reported that even though IBA games have hurt attendance, the youth groups are growing in numbers. Two, possibly three, students have expressed interest in being baptized, which will take place in late March or early April. He shared that the conference in Nashville, TN, was a big success and expressed joy in seeing the youth so actively involved in this faith experience. The middle school prayer group is going well, and he is hoping to begin a similar group at the high school. Shayne is currently meeting with other youth pastors in the North Knox area to organize an area youth group to be called “Common Grounds.” The first event will be held in August at the Fair Grounds pavilion. Middle school, high school, and college age students will be invited to attend, and they hope to have regular meetings on Wednesday evenings with the theme “unity,” a melting pot of the different churches in the area. Shayne shared that he is involved with an on-line group called “Youth Leaders for Christ” where the participants can share ideas and also concerns.

**Secretary's report** – The report was approved as written.

**Treasurer's report** – The report was approved as written.

**Deacon's report** – The report was approved as written.

**Elder's report** – The elders will review the results of the Sunday school survey and then meet with Nancy Tilly and Cheryl Hagemeyer to determine how to use the gathered information. There has been little response to the survey sent to the 20-30 year old age group to determine how to best meet their needs. The idea of starting a safe house as a temporary home for homeless families that was presented at the annual meeting is going to be presented to area churches. Maridell Sargent has written a letter that will be sent to them. The pastors will write a letter to the IBA organizers to express concern that their games are scheduled on Sundays, especially in the morning, which will also be signed by the church board.

**Building and grounds** – Debbie will check with Pieper's Carpet about making flooring repairs in the men's bathroom on the upper floor. When the weather permits, a shingle sheet needs to be replaced on the church

roof, and there is a possibility of repair needed on the flat roof of the educational wing.

**Old Business:**

**HV&AC** - Anthis is proceeding well on the installation of the new heating and air conditioning units, and work on the educational wing will be completed soon. Rod Mullens is donating the use of a portable dumpster to collect the scrap metal if he can receive the metal as payment. The youth had inquired about cutting the metal into the required pieces and selling it, but it was decided, due to the difficulty of the task, that the metal would be given to Rod. The church will then give the amount of the rental to the youth, at the rate of \$200 per month.

**Shelter house** - No additional information has been gathered concerning the shelter house project.

**Mid-Week Lenten services** - Most of the speakers/groups for the Mid-Lenten services have been secured and will be paid \$100 for their services. The offerings from these services will go to missions.

**New Business:**

**Light repair** – It was reported that a light under the balcony is not working and is in need of repair. Kevin Hammelman will look into this problem.

**Grounds clean-up** – The youth will be working several days during their spring break to clean up fallen branches and debris from the church grounds. Several adults also offered their services with this project. If the project is not completed during this time, a work day will be scheduled to complete the project.

**Palm Sunday** – Bibles will be purchased for the three confirmands.

**Landscaping** – Nancy and Herman Tilly volunteered to do the spring maintenance on the landscaping.

**Air Evac** – Pastor Mike shared that he had been contacted by Air Evac concerning their helicopter service for air-lifting accident victims. It was decided that they could provide brochures for the board to peruse.

**Ministries:**

We were reminded to lift up community members in need of prayer.

The next council meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, with John Trotter giving the prayer.

April 2011

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