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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

The Lenten season begins on March 9<sup>th</sup> with our Ash Wednesday service. Let us use this Lenten season as a time of devoted concentration of worship of God and His goodness. Lent should be a time of devotion and preparation for Easter Sunday and all that it means to the believer. Let us make this season a time of devotion to God, a time to take a good strong look at our priorities. We need to ask ourselves where we spend our time, our energy, our resources. The Lenten season can be a time used to refocus our efforts in our worship of God. Perhaps for some of us this season will be a time of training, a time to develop new habits towards our study of Scripture, a time to strengthen our prayer life, a time to strengthen our service to others.

Let us take this time we call Lent to become better disciples for our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In His service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Sharon Kahre, Edna Rinsch, and Reda Boberg for help with the Chimes. News for the April Chimes is due March 21.

The family of Martin Pieper would like to thank the congregation for all the cards, flowers, and prayers during his illness and passing. We are forever grateful for all you have done.

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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

### **Memorial Fund:**

In memory of Martin Pieper  
*Kim and Carol Wampler*  
*Hammelman Nitrate*

*Laverne and Betty Tilly*

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## *A Lenten Reflection*

- Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism—become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred—return good for evil.
- Give up negativism—be positive.
- Give up anger—be more patient.
- Give up pettiness—become mature.
- Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy—pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping—control your tongue.
- Give up sin—turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up—hang in there!



## Bethel Sunday school News

"I believe encouragement is a mission that God himself has put in all of us. As believers, we do not live on an island. We are part of a great universe of people who are loved by God, and his desire is that, as His children, we care about others." So writes Luci Swindoll in a Bible study called Encouraging One Another. She continues..."Encouragement comes from knowing His promises, and the faith that flourishes from believing them. Encouragement comes from fellow believers, as you reach out and touch one another's lives."

These quotes express the feelings of Pastors Mike and Shayne, the Elders and Sunday School Superintendents as we sought to make Sunday school classes available to more people through the survey. Fifty-three families have responded with suggestions and we thank you for this response. In the next weeks we will be sharing some of these findings. Also we will be preparing a Sunday school brochure so that those coming to Bethel for the first time may choose a class most suited to them. This spring would be a wonderful time to bring new life to Bethel Sunday School as we study the Word of God.

Please ask for a volunteer from your Sunday school class to serve on the **committee to plan the picnic** which is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>. Also we continue to pray for a treasurer to help Shelly complete this year and serve during 2012.

See you in Sunday school!

Nancy Tilly

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### Good News/Bad News

Good News: The Elder board accepted the church employee's job description just the way he wrote it.

Bad News: They were so inspired by it; they formed a search committee to find someone capable of filling the position.

Good News: The youth in your church come to your house for a surprise visit.

Bad News: It's in the middle of the night, and they are armed with toilet paper and shaving cream to decorate your house.

Good News: The trustees finally voted to add more church parking.

Bad News: They are going to blacktop the front lawn of the parsonage.

## Youth Corner

Bethel youth groups have been digging into the Bible and talking about what it really means to be a Christian and why we are so special. We have studied the life of Jesus and the many prophecies that he has fulfilled and are now talking about what makes a good Christian. The youth foundation is being set and I can't wait to see what it blossoms into.

March will be the first month for the new addition to our groups. Our 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade kids will start meeting on Tuesday nights at 5:30-6:30 pm. March will also bring a new youth tradition that will take place once a month and that's youth movie night.

God is moving in our youth community and youth leaders from around North Knox have been meeting to see how we can bring unchurched kids to Christ...If you ever feel like you want to help, whether it's bringing snacks for youth activities or giving me a heads up on struggling kids or youth in need feel free to call the office anytime during the week or find me personally.

-God bless,  
Shayne Spurgeon

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## Mission Committee

The Mission Committee plans to have the Bethel 600 from March through August, 2011. This is the list of items to be collected:

March	diapers
April	paper products-toilet paper, paper towels, etc.
May	bars of soap
June	laundry and dish soap
July	personal items
August	school supplies

In August, we will prepare for Preschool Prayer Partners.

There are some other projects planned which will be shared when we have more information. We thank you in advance for all your donations, support, prayers, and help!

# Preschool News

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

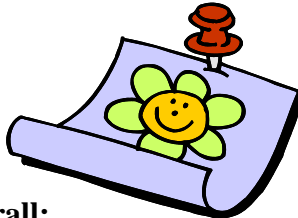
I hope everyone has been able to enjoy some of the warmer weather that has come our way - we sure have loved getting out for some fresh air each day during preschool! The kids can barely contain their excitement as they put on their jackets and practice their zipping and buttoning skills and head out to the playground.

We celebrated Valentine's Day with a party for each class. Thank you to all the mothers who did such a wonderful job planning a fun day full of crafts, games, and yummy snacks. I always know it's a great party when I have a child come up to me and say, "Mrs. Hammelman, this sure is a fun party, isn't it!" We do have a great time.

As always, we have lots of fun at preschool but there is always learning going on in the process! We've been adding lots of new center activities this month to work on skills such as writing, counting, number and letter recognition, problem solving, cooperation, and fine motor skills. The children are learning to work together as they spend time at each center.

By the time you read this we will have had Donuts with Dad. Right now, we are counting down each day to the star on our calendar that marks the special day. We are having fun learning a poem and practicing a song to sing. The kids are so excited to have a special day with their Daddy.

As with each new season, I look forward to all the wonders that God has in store for us in the coming months. Thank you for the continued love, support, and prayers that are continually sent our way.



In His Love,  
Mrs. Hammelman

## **News from Mrs. Durall:**

After what seemed to be a long winter, we are finally starting to enjoy the warmer temperatures. The kids were so excited when we talked about the weather during our meeting time and we decided we could play outside. Although we didn't stay out as long as some of the kids wanted, it was great to get some fresh air.

We learned about Moses when he was a baby and how his mother put him in a basket and let him float on the river. We know she was really protecting him. We had doubts that we could be that brave. We also talked about Noah and how he obeyed God. We know that we should always try to obey God and others. We looked at items that begin with the letter N and found the net, one little boy told me that the net is used for catching people but it had to be a big one.

One of my favorite lessons was on "The Lost Son." We painted paper bags pink and made pig puppets to remind us that we can always be found, just like the prodigal son. We had a great oinking crew. We learned about how brave Queen Esther was when God used her to save the people. We made crowns and got to wear them when we chased after the King. One little girl kept telling me, she was the princess not the queen.

With Valentine's Day, we had many lessons on love and what it means to us. One little boy spelled out L O V E when we asked him what love is. Many answered family members, a heart, and God, while one little boy said love is cheeseburgers. We know to share God's love everyday everywhere and not just on Valentine's Day. One little girl told us that her hands were tired after writing her name on all her friend's valentines. When I told her she did a great job writing her name, she grinned and said "I know it looks good" and somehow forgot all about her hands.

We have decorated and colored surprises for our Dads. We have worked hard on new songs and finally get to bring dad for donuts this Saturday (Feb 26). At the beginning of February, as we looked at the new calendar, one little girl told the class that the big day was so far away but her dad was still so excited. I have learned that many of our dads love donuts more than anything else.

The children love to practice their shapes, colors, writing their names, playing, and praying. They are eager to pray and sometimes we pray the same prayer at snack time as we do at the end of our day. We know God listens and hears us no matter how many times we say the same prayer every day. One little boy tells us, he only needs the ABC prayer to get him through his day :-)

There is a right time for everything: A time to laugh...Ecc 3:1,4 (TLB). Preschoolers bring me joy and make me laugh.

Mrs. Durall

## **Ten reasons not to wash**

A pastor got fed up with all the excuses folks give for not attending church, he offered his own list: “Ten reasons not to wash.”

1. I was forced to as a child.
  2. People who wash are hypocrites-they think they are cleaner than everybody else.
  3. There are so many different kinds of soap; I can't decide which is best.
  4. I used to wash, but I got bored and stopped.
  5. I wash only on special occasions, like Easter and Christmas.
  6. None of my friends wash.
  7. I'll start washing when I get older and dirtier.
  8. I can't spare the time.
  9. The bathroom is never warm enough in winter or cool enough in summer.
  10. People who make soap are only after your money.
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## **Historical Committee**

The Bethel Historical Committee has not produced a calendar this year but we do have older calendars, two Bethel history books, as well as Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding, and Funeral books for sale. These can be purchased in the Bethel church office or you can check with someone on the committee. We are happy to mail these, too.

We appreciate the traditions and history of Bethel church and the community and we continue to maintain records and memorabilia of the church's history. The display of machinery currently on display in our historical case in the sanctuary was shared by John Clinkenbeard. During Lent we will share pictures of Bethel's confirmands along with their names as well as the different ministers that have served at Bethel. These are very interesting

It would be great to add more members to our committee. If you are interested, please contact Maridell Sargent, president; Lill Clinkenbeard, secretary; or Dorothy Spanger, treasurer.

## Women's Guild

The Bethel Guild met the second Wednesday of March due to the weather. We had several present for our memorial service. We have a lot of good memorial books in our library for all to read.

Our March meeting is March 2<sup>nd</sup> and it's a day that we'll clean the kitchen starting at nine. Lunch will be served by our hostesses Kara Johanningsmeier and Dorothy Spanger. We are to bring canned soup or fruit for NKSM.

Just a reminder that our Lenten Breakfast will be on April 9 at 9am. Our guest speaker will be Lauren Alexander. Come and enjoy a morning of good food and an inspirational message with singing and fellowship.

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"Many thanks to the Ladies' Quilting Club  
for the new choir robes."



## Mission News

This is an e-mail that I received from my good friends Jim and Yvonne Porter who are missionaries in Thailand about an adventure they had on returning to Thailand after a visit home. –Wendy Wilson

Thought you might enjoy the funny saga of our return to Thailand. Good news, all went overall smoothly, luggage even weighed in 2 lbs under requirement! Marshmallows and pans made it with no trouble! It was the 1 can of refried beans that got us stopped at EVERY check point! They opened the bag and brought me for questions every airport..... BEANS just Beans, they may cause gas, but do not contain gas :-)

-**INDY**- my bag is pulled from the line and placed for the unpacking check, he grabs the beans and asked me, "is this yours?" so I say, "well, really they belong to our whole girls Bible study in Thailand, we are making nachos together when I get there" He did smile and send me on my way.

-**NY**- held the can up to his head and shook really hard, asking me what is this? (wanted to ask him if he could read the ENGLISH, but I kept my manners) I simply answered, "BEANS" (wanted to say be careful, they might implode when you shake them so hard)

-**Germany**- held the can and waved a wand over it several times, asked me, "you eat this?" I explained burritos to him, he smiled and was funny

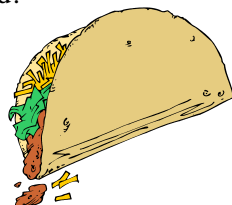
-**Singapore**- held up to my face and asked, "is this metal?" I told him "only on the outside, it is BEANS on the inside!" He grunted, gave them back and waved me on

-**Thailand Customs**- ran the bag through the check point twice and just looked at what I think was the bean bag on the scanner.

Jim laughed and kept reminding me that those are My BEANS! We will not travel with a can of beans again! It did become quite hilarious :-)

Think of us when you eat that yummy Mexican food!

Be careful mailing us BEANS!



## **Parish Records:**

### **Birth:**

Molly Diane Telligman, daughter of Keith and Erica Telligman, was born on Thursday, February 3. Grandparents are Mark & Diane Telligman and Kenny and Pam Auberry. Great grandparents are Joyce Telligman & Gene & Carolyn Williams. Molly was welcomed home by big brother, Levi.

### **Death:**

Martin Pieper, age 89, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Funeral services were held at Bethel on Saturday, Feb. 5 with burial in Bethel cemetery.

### **Attendance:**

Jan.	30	153
Feb.	6	140
	13	165

### **Greeters:**

**March 6 and 13**

Randy and Ramona Hammelman

**March 20 and 27**

Dale and Jane Tiek

### **Ushers:**

March	Justin and Traci French
March 20	Youth



### **Nursery Notes:**

March	6	Cally Miller
	13	Theresia Barrett
	20	Virginia Koenig
	27	Ramona Hammelman

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:**

March	6	Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst/Jesse Organ
	13	Cally Miller/Kelci Anderson/Bridget Brocksmith/Madison Meurer
	20	Micah Morgan/Chris Horst
	27	Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly

### **Happy March Birthday to:**

March	4	Anna Mae Koenig-(Happy 86 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
	6	Darwin Emmel-(Happy 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
	17	Louise Rinsch-(Happy 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
	20	Jack Perkins-(Happy 86 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
	23	Carl Johanningsmeier-(Happy 82 <sup>nd</sup> birthday)

# **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

## **February 7, 2011**

**Pastor's report**-The report was approved as presented.

**Youth pastor's report**-Shayne reported that the Super Bowl party for the youth went well. The middle school group is already growing on Sunday and Wednesday nights. The high school group has not been doing as well but Shayne has some ideas and is trying a few things to jump start this group. He has been developing a good relationship with kids at the high school. A lot of church and unchurched kids have signed up for the Middle school conference which will be at the end of February. About 6-7 area youth ministers have formed a group and are meeting once a month. The Thursday morning prayer meetings at the junior high have greatly increased to about 30-40 kids each week.

**Treasurer's report**-The report was approved.

**Deacon's report**-The report was approved.

**Elder's report**-The elders met with Sunday school superintendents about the results from the recent survey that was sent out. Thirty-seven have been returned so far. The elders have agreed to support Nancy Tilly and Cheryl Hagemeyer with any decisions they make.

**Building and grounds report**-The recent ice storm took down a power line in front of the church and Eric Snyder repaired it. Lots of limbs fell during the storm as well. Bill Resler replaced a battery in mower. John Koenig was thanked for his help with removing snow during a recent snow fall. Eric Snyder repaired a dead circuit. There is still a problem with sewer gas smell. It has been improving in the church office; an air purifier may be placed in men's room at the church. A cedar tree fell in the cemetery. Gordon and Shayne offered to take care of it.

**Old Business:**

**Employee contracts**-Contracts were signed.

**Strate Acres**-Approval was given to grant power of attorney to Charlie Buescher to sign up for program to certify acres. Andy Miller will help Kevin Hammelman with repairing broken tiles. The board will handle forward contract if needed.

**Furnace**-Anthis will begin work on the new heating and cooling system on February 9 starting on the upper floor of the educational wing. Work in the preschool area will be done during spring break. Everything will be cleaned up before weekends. Anthis will be paid monthly for completed work. A motion was made and carried to accept bids from Anthis and Skill Electric for the new system. A down payment of \$40,812 for equipment was given to Anthis.

**Shelter house**-Sites at Sandborn and Montgomery are going to be looked at to see how other youth areas have been renovated.

### **New Business:**

**New board members**-Mary Ann Miller and Gordon Clinkenbeard were welcomed as new council members.

**Mid-week Lenten services**-The Worship Committee will work on setting up this year's Lenten services.

**Council dinner**-The dinner will be at Prairie Acres at 6pm on Friday, March 4.

### **Missions:**

**Emergency housing**-A general steering committee has been put together to look into the possibility of starting a temporary shelter emergency house. The committee will work with Maridell Sargent to see what they can do to get things going on this project.

**LAM**-A fundraising dinner for LAM will be held on February 10 at the Baptist church in Vincennes. Doors open at 6pm and dinner is at 6:30pm.

Next council meeting will be held on March 14.

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If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.”

-Anne Bradstreet



“The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring.”

-Bern Williams

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