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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

We are fortunate to live in a part of the country where we can enjoy the changing of the seasons. With fall upon us, we look with anticipation for the changing of the leave, brisk mornings and all that the season has for us. However, in the backs of our minds is the reality that after fall comes winter. Winter, the cold temps, snow and worst of all, ice. Seasons come and seasons go, with all their good points and bad points, but the fact remains they same that God never changes.

Hebrews 13 reminds us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever. Life is fleeting with all of its ups and downs but the believer can be assured that our God never changes. In the midst of uncertainty that is something one can hold on to for eternity.

In His service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## Youth Corner

I want to share two stories with you that I have recently used in a youth lesson.

### Story 1: Margaret's Story

A young woman names Margaret spent decades battling depression and anxiety that were traced back to a horrible day in school when a teacher, frustrated with her tardiness, made her stand in front of the room and invited all the students to come up to the board and write something bad about her on the chalkboard. The kids were ruthless. They wrote things like "Margaret is ugly!" "Margaret smells", and "Margaret is stupid". All twenty-five students went up to the board and wrote these hurtful things. This event inflicted wounds that Margaret found difficult to heal. She battled depression, discouragement, and constant anger. Finally she went to a psychologist for help. She spent two years meeting weekly with the counselor, but finally they reached the end of their sessions

The counselor said, "Margaret I know this will be difficult, but just to make sure you're ready to move on, I am going to ask you to do something. I want you to go back to your schoolroom and detail the events of that day. Take your time. Describe each of the children as they approach the blackboard, remember what they wrote and how you felt-do this for all twenty-five students.

In a way, this would be easy for Margaret. For forty years she had remembered every detail. And yet, to go through the nightmare one more time would take every bit of strength she had. After a long silence, she began the painful description. One by one, she described each of the students vividly, as though she had just seen them, stopping periodically to regain her composure, forcing herself to face each of those students one more time.

Finally she was done, and the tears would not stop, could not stop. Margaret cried a long time before she realized someone was whispering her name. "Margaret, Margaret, Margaret." She looked up to see her counselor staring into her eyes, saying her name over and over again. Margaret stopped crying for a moment.

"Margaret, you left out one person."

"I certainly did not! I have lived with this story for forty years. I know every student by heart"

"No, Margaret, you did forget someone. See, he's sitting in the back of the classroom. He's standing up, walking toward your teacher, Ms. Garner. She is handing him a piece of chalk and he's taking it. Margaret, he's taking it! Now he's walking over to the blackboard and picking up an eraser. He is erasing every one of the sentences the students wrote. They are gone! Margaret, they are gone! Do you recognize him yet? Yes, his name is Jesus. Look, he's writing new sentences on the board. 'Margaret is loved Margaret is beautiful Margaret is gentle and kind. Margaret is strong. Margaret has great courage.'"

And Margaret began to weep. But very quickly, the weeping turned into a smile, and then into laughter, and then into tears of joy. (Source: SermonCentral.com From Mike Yaconelli, Messy Spirituality, pp 55-56)

Story 2: Luke19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a ‘sinner.’”

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost.”

You might be asking, “What do these stories have in common?”

A counselor came into Margaret’s painful past and got to rewrite her story for her: “You think you have never been good enough, but that’s not what the God of the universe thinks.”

In the story from the Bible, Jesus went out of His way to pursue a man names Zacchaeus. In Jesus’ culture, one group of people was hated more than any others: the tax collectors. They were Jews who basically worked for the Roman government to rip off money from their own people. Did you notice the people didn’t even want to say his name? They just called him “sinner”! But Jesus stood up for this hated man and called him “a son of Abraham.” That was the greatest compliment you could give to a Jew!

You get it, right? Jesus went into this man’s hurt, and He retold his story. It inspired Zacchaeus so much that he went on to change his whole life. God gives us the privilege of being able to do the same thing – to help someone rewrite their story based on the truth of God’s love for them. These stories and these facts are not just for the youth at Bethel but for everyone in the faith...I challenge you this week, go, go and help someone rewrite their story. You don’t have to look far to find hurting people in need of Christ!

Your Youth Pastor,  
Shayne Spurgeon

## **Notes of Thanks**

The family of Fritz Hagemeyer would like to thank the congregation for all of the cards, phone calls, emails, flowers, monetary gifts and especially the many prayers during his illness and passing. A special thanks to Pastor Mike, Edith and Edna Rinsch and for the wonderful meal served by the Guild ladies. Our family has been so blessed to have a strong and loving

church family. Love and prayers to all. ~ Fritz's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren (44 believers in Christ).

Dear Bethel Church Family,

We serve an awesome God and He does answer prayers. I want to thank each of you for all the wonderful prayers you prayed for me over the past weeks while I was in the hospital and after coming home. Also, thank you for all the wonderful cards, visits and phone calls. We have a truly wonderful church family and I appreciate each of you. I especially want to thank Pastor Mike for all of his visits and prayers. I give glory and praise to God for healing and know He was in full control.

In God's Love and Grace,  
John Koenig

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## Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2011

Oct./Nov.	Youth Group
December	Choir

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## Sunday School News

*"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

"Look at the marquee," were Pastor Mike's words to us as we approached the time to set up for Worship and the Sunday School Picnic on September 18<sup>th</sup>. It was gray and rainy, but the marquee said, "**TRUST IN GOD**". So we began to ready the shelter house and grove for these events. Pastor Mike's sermon on learning to trust God in **all things**, even whether to worship and eat inside or outside, was most timely! It was cool at first, but soon the sun was shining... approximately 140 people had eaten delicious food prepared by Carla's Catering, kids were fishing in the Fish Pond and bouncing in the inflatable, some were playing football, and others were listening to the melodic voices and instruments by "Sacred Calling." It was a wonderful day, and once more a lesson was learned...**TRUST GOD!**

**Thank you** to the Picnic Committee: Carole Albrecht, Theresia Barrett, Dennis Kahre, Bonnie Organ, Maridell Sargent, and Herman Tilly for their time, energy, and for being great decision makers! **Thanks also** to the Bethel families who provided the

varied and delectable **desserts**. Leftover cookies, etc. were shared with the staff at the Freelandville Community Home.

On Promotion Sunday, Reegan Hammelman, and Abram Telligman took a big step in moving from the Kindergarten Department to the Primary Department. Our thanks to their teachers, Stacy Kahre, Brenda Maddox, and Darlene Resler for being their faithful guides through these first years in Sunday School.

And, so a new year is beginning for our Sunday School. Cheryl Hagemeyer will be the superintendent, with Randy Hammelman as her assistant. Dennis Kahre will be the treasurer, and we are still looking for an assistant for him. **Thank you to Shelly Trotter** for her faithfulness for the past 2 years in serving as Sunday School treasurer and to Cheryl and Randy as they begin these new positions.

Since August 21<sup>st</sup> a new class for young adults has been meeting in the social rooms. We welcome them to our Sunday School and offer our support in any way.

Other transitions are anticipated. Rooms used for high school and junior high classes are now one large room. Some classrooms had become storage areas, when closets were needed to be used for heating and air conditioning units. As these areas are cleaned and items stored, some classes may have new residences on Sunday morning. This process of surveying our needs, writing descriptions of our classes, and forming a new class has taken several months, but the hope is that the needs of Bethel's families will be met. Please be in prayer for any changes.

Finally, I would like to thank each person who positively responded when asked to help in many ways this past year. Teaching classes, playing the piano, decorating for Christmas, planning the Children's Christmas Program, counting the collections, and helping with the annual picnic are all times when I asked for help and received it ten-fold! My thanks to Bethel's faithful congregation!

See you in Sunday School!

Nancy Tilly

## **Guild**

Guild will meet October 5 at 1 pm, and we will go visit shut-ins, and then come back to share and have refreshments. Hostesses are Helen Harbin and Shirley Brouhard. We are to bring Hamburger Helper or any box food for North Knox Social Ministries.

We thank those that brought produce for Harvest Home. It all made the day special. Thanks to those that took part in service and to Clay Cullen for telling us of his mission trip to Sri Lanka.

Lill Clinkenbeard

## **Preschool News**

Greetings from the jungle. We are off to a great start at preschool on Tuesday/Thursdays. We had a few tears the first couple of days and some ask when mom or grandma was coming to pick up, but we quickly changed those tears from I am missing mom to I want to stay at preschool longer. We have enjoyed the great weather allowing us to play outside on the playground or under the tree.

The preschoolers love to paint, but always want to question why they need a shirt to put on over there clothes. We love to make messes and then go through the washing machine to get cleaned up. We have started talking about all the many colors and shapes that God gave us. Our first lesson was on creation and what came in the order that God had planned. We made creation wheels with lots of paint and lots more stickers, but oh so cute.

When we started talking about Grandparents and our special day, one little girl volunteered to share with us that her grandma and grandpa spoil her way too much. When questioned why, she answered because they give her way too much candy. We enjoyed a great day with our grandparents. I am proud of each and every preschooler. Maybe we didn't sing very loud or even at all, but we all stayed on stage during our songs. The preschoolers got to play the bean bag song and then take their special guests to our area to play games, work puzzles, or practice some of our skills. I enjoy watching the interaction that takes place between the children and their grandparents. We had over 90 guests between the two classes. A big thanks to all those who helped by decorating or donating cookies. I truly appreciate the willing hands at Bethel to help when needed.

We started looking at the letter A of the alphabet when we looked at all the animals that went into the ark. We are thankful Noah listened to God and saved the animals. We also covered the letter A with applejacks cereal--after we ate most of what was suppose to go on the paper. We had an apple tasting test with a sour green one being the favorite for some.

Come on down and look at our art work or pictures hanging in the hallway. You can always come during class and sing a song or play a silly game with us. We are excited about fall and all the changes that come.

Fall blessings to all,  
Beth Durall

September was a very busy month at preschool as we spent lots of time enjoying the outdoor weather and learning about how much God loves each one of us! The Spiritual Bond packets began this month and are always so thoughtfully put together for each child. This is such a blessing as God's love is shared with our preschool classes. Thank you!!

Of course, one of the best things about last month was Grandparent's Day! We spent a lot of time getting ready for the special day and how very wonderful it turned out to be. I was so proud of the kids as they said their special poem and sang a song for their Grandmas and Grandpas. A tasty brunch buffet was enjoyed by everyone followed by a craft and a tour of the preschool. It was a very special day and I loved seeing the special bonds between each child and their grandparents. Stop by the preschool hallway to see the fall tree craft projects that were completed by the children and their grandparents as well as photos taken of them during Grandparent's Day. © I so appreciate the many kind comments from the grandparents who attended and must thank them for making this such a memorable time for their grandchild. Also, many thanks go out to the Preschool Board for donating so much delicious food, Darlene Resler and Nikki Cabello for helping to prepare and serve food and, of course, Miss Jennifer for taking pictures and helping out in so many other ways. How wonderful it was to have so much love and support go into such a special day!

We also had fun making scented finger paint to decorate our fall tree out in the preschool hallway and had several pets visit us for Show-and-Tell time. We began working on the letters of the alphabet too! So far, we have worked on the letters M, F and A. We have read about Moses and Abraham, made Family Trees, and even made Magnificent Muffins! The children loved being cooks for a day as we talked about how the Bible is a lot like a recipe in that if we read it and follow God's recipe for our life it will turn out just as magnificent our yummy muffins did!

A special thank you to all the volunteers who came in this month to help in the classroom - your time is such a wonderful gift to the children. I love hearing the conversations they have with each of you. I hope you feel as blessed by your time at the preschool as we do to have you with us.

I'm looking forward to a beautiful October as the signs of autumn continue to surround us with our Heavenly Father's love and blessings.

In His Love,  
Mrs. Hammelman

## MISSIONS

Thank you all for the donations of shoes for Water project! We have several boxes filled already and several more shoes are coming. We will continue this until at least the second week in October. So tell your friends and neighbors and keep the shoes coming.

The Prayer Partners' Packets are ready and are being distributed every Sunday after church until they are all handed out. Please consider taking one or two. This is truly a special mission for our church to support our little people in our Preschool. Mrs. Hammelman and Mrs. Durall appreciate the interaction with the children and the gifts that you provide for them. The children are excited and pleased to receive mail and to know that there are "big" people who care about them!

We also want to thank everyone for their contributions to the Bethel 600! You have no idea how much the North Knox Social Ministries appreciates the variety and abundance of items that you provide for them during the year! AND you can't begin to know how much it means to people to receive "everyday" items for their children and/or family that they cannot afford to purchase. Blessing to you all for caring and sharing!!!

We will be collecting potholders again in October for George and Julie Holmes. They go to Albania every year and take potholders with the beads on them to spread the Word of God to the women in the villages. There will be boxes in the church halls to collect them. They were so pleased with all that you sent last year! Also if you have left over garden seed, still in the original packets, George and Julie take hundreds of packets with them for the villages.

Maridell Sargent

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING – Thursday, October 6 – 7:00 in the Social Room** – Each Sunday school class needs to have at least 1 representative to attend the meeting regarding class locations and nursery workers. We need your input to ensure that everyone has a classroom and a teacher each Sunday.

In Christ, Cheryl Hagemeyer, S. S. Superintendent



## Cemetery Fund

In January, 1976, the Bethel Irrevocable Cemetery Trust Fund was started with the income devoted to the exclusive use and benefit of the Bethel cemetery.

The Cemetery Trust Fund is managed very well by a Trust Board of Bethel church members as the trustees. The principal currently has approximately \$245,000 in the account. The trust stipulates that it provide a safe and steady flow of income, which is being invested now in various Certificates of Deposits (CDs), and in a Bond Fund at Edward Jones. The interest from the Trust is helping to pay the maintenance costs, but with CD rates being what they are, this interest is not sufficient to cover expenses.

The cemetery is being excellently maintained by our groundskeeper and payment for this maintenance comes from the Cemetery Fund, not the Cemetery Trust Fund. As of August 31, 2011, the Cemetery Fund has a negative balance of \$4,025. Anyone wishing to contribute may make checks to the BETHEL CEMETERY FUND, and send it to Bethel Church, 13673 E. St. Hwy. 58, Edwardsport, IN 47512.

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes September 12, 2011**

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

**Youth Pastor's Report** – Pastor Shayne reported that the number of youth attending the meetings continues to increase. The following youth events are being planned:

Canned Food Drive – September – November

Trick Now, Give Us Treats – September–November

High School Lock-in – Mid October

Youth Sunday – October 30

Fall Carnival/Chili Cook-off – October 30

Middle School Retreat at Indian Creek Baptist Camp –  
November 11-12

Hog Roast – Date to be announced

**Secretary's Report** – It was approved as written with the correction made that the cost of the roof repair to the sanctuary flat roof was \$2,950.

**Treasurer's Report** – The report was approved as written. The following dispersals from the Ministry Fund were approved: NK Social Ministries, \$500; Nurses' Fund, \$500; Lighthouse Mission, \$1,303.25 (special collection); and Christian Radio, \$500. Due to receiving less interest from the Cemetery Trust Fund investments, the income is not sufficient to cover the expenses of maintaining the cemetery. Various options for financing the maintenance were discussed.

**Deacon's Report** – The report was approved as written. The average attendance for August was 143, and the offering received was \$13,078.13.

**Elder's Report** – The need to relocate some Sunday school classrooms and the organizing of nursery helpers during Sunday school was discussed.

**Building and Grounds** – It was reported that an acceptable settlement with the insurance company to cover expenses incurred from a spring storm has not been reached. Kevin will continue to communicate with them concerning this matter.

**Old Business** – The installation of the security system is nearly complete and is in operation. The heating and air conditioning system installation is also near completion, with the October 1 being the target date.

**New Business** – Kevin will contact Pieper's Carpet concerning the replacement of the carpet on the outside aisles of the sanctuary where gaps were left after the removal of the old radiators. He will also get a quote for replacing the carpet in Bethel Hall and down the stairway leading to the social room. During the special congregation meeting on September 11, it was approved to proceed with the installation of a metal roof on the sanctuary and internal repairs due to storm damage. It was also approved to accept an anonymous gift of two retractable screens and a computer system to be installed in the sanctuary. VU has requested to borrow the lectern for a special event September 22-26. They will transport the lectern, and it will be insured by VU. This request was approved.

**Coming Events:**

Worship in the Grove – September 18

Harvest Home – September 25

Worldwide Communion – October 2

## KNOX COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

### Chili Supper and Auction

Knox County Habitat for Humanity will be holding a Chili Supper and Auction on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Community United Methodist Church, 1548 S. Hart St. Rd., Vincennes. The supper is at 5:00 pm, and a freewill offering will be accepted. The Auction will begin at 6:30 pm. Co-sponsor is Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

### Memorial Fund Donations:

*In memory of Frederick "Fritz" Hagemeyer*

*Bill & Carol Albrecht*

*Kevin Anderson*

*Bill & JoAnn Brocksmith*

*John Brocksmith*

*Ruth Brocksmith*

*Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard*

*John & Lill Clinkenbeard*

*Pastor Mike & Karen DeCoursey*

*Wayne & Vera Dunkerly*

*Dick & Marge Finke*

*Edgar D. & Linda Hammelman*

*Kevin & Linda Hammelman*

*Roger & Chris Johanningsmeier*

*Mark & Amy Kissel*

*Max & Sara Kixmiller*

*Sonny & Pam Kixmiller*

*Dan & Dorothy Kocker*

*Joe & Virginia Koenig*

*Mike & Pam Loheider*

*Ronnie & Brenda Maddox*

*Andy & Andrea Miller*

*Bruce Miller Family*

*Dallas & Shirley Miller*

*Mary Ann Miller*

*Frank & Lenora McCrary*

*Brian & Bonnie Organ*

*Terry & Gayle Perkins*

*Bill & Darlene Resler*

*David & Nancy Rinsch*

*Edith & Edna Rinsch*

*Lucille Robbins*

*Charley & Leslie Robison*

*Rowe & Maridell Sargent*

*Brad Summers Family*

*John & Kathy Telligman*

*Libby Telligman*

*Mark & Diane Telligman*

*Steve & Deb Telligman*

*Nancy Tewell*

*Herman & Nancy Tilly*

*Susie Walters*

*Anne Williams*

*Gene & Carolyn Williams*

*Steve & Kathy Wolfe*

*Doris Brocksmith*

*Bob & Susan Hunt Family*

*CFCO*

*Bethel Historical Fund*

**Organ Fund:** Gertrude Hagemeyer

**Cemetery Fund:**

Garland Richter Family

**Parish Records:**

**Death:**

Frederick V. "Fritz" Hagemeyer, age 87, passed away on Tuesday, August 16. Funeral services were held at Bethel on Friday, August 20, with burial in Bethel cemetery.

**Attendance:**

Aug. 21        158  
Aug. 28        152  
Sept. 4         153  
Sept. 11       159  
Sept. 18       140

**Greeters:**

Oct. 2 & 9 – Laverne & Betty Tilly  
Oct. 16 & 23 – Max & Sara Kixmiller  
Oct. 30 & Nov. 6 – Sam & Cally Miller

**Ushers:** Kevin & Linda Hammelman

**Nursery Notes:**

Oct.        2    Ramona Hammelman  
              9    Tracey Kahre  
              16    Debbie Telligman  
              23    Stacy Page  
              30    Hallie Durall

**Children's Church:**

Oct.        2    Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst  
              9    Lenora McCrary/Tracey Kahre/Kelci Anderson  
              16    JoAnne Brocksmith/Chris Horst  
              23    Dale Tiek/Nancy Tilly  
              30    No Children's Church

**October birthdays:**

Oct.        4    Helen Smith (Happy 91<sup>st</sup>)  
              14    Ruth Sager (Happy 89<sup>th</sup>)  
              27    Lois Repass (Happy 80<sup>th</sup>)

**Chimes news will be due on October 17<sup>th</sup>.**

*October 2011*

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