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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

Lenten season is here and Easter is just around the corner. The question is, should we give up something for Lent, or perhaps trust the Lord in leading us to do something for Him that we have never done before. Perhaps invite an unchurched neighbor to church, take the sick a meal or just hug someone who is suffering the loss of a loved one.

Whether we give up something or take on something, it still requires action on our part. We are reminded from Matthew 25:40 that whenever we reach out to the less fortunate, we are working for the Kingdom of God.

Let us then use this Lenten season to examine ourselves, to become aware of those in need and reach out as never before. Who knows, we may be entertaining angels in disguise.

In His service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## **Youth Corner**

Dear Youth and Parents,

Bethel H.S. Youth Group will be going on a very special trip this summer. This trip will test our Youth Group mentally, physically, and most of all spiritually. The Bible gives us several examples of life changing experiences on top of mountains, from Moses on Mount Sinai, to Jesus with some of his disciples on the mount of transfiguration; mountains have been a place away from the sinful world, a place to experience God.

It is for this reason that Bethel Youth Group has decided to visit their own mountains in Jackson Hole, WY, to discover God first hand in the mountains of the Tetons. The trip will include several Bible lessons every day, and some amazing activities such as hiking, kayaking, mountain biking, and so much more. Each day will have a theme, the activities and Bible lessons for that day will all go with that theme, which will cause the Bible to come to life for our youth in an amazing way.....the Bible will have meaning.

This is going to be a huge trip that's going to take a little more money than most of our trips and conferences; it is for that reason that Bethel Youth will be doing fundraisers every month until then. The Fundraisers will be everything from donation dinners, car washes, to hire a youth weekend. Please help support our youth by attending or taking part in these Fundraisers. If you just want to donate to the cause.....well, I won't be stopping you....thank you so much for your continued support of Bethel Youth.

Thank you, and God Bless,  
Shayne Spurgeon

## **NOTES OF THANKS**

We would like to thank whoever donated the "Chicken Soup" books to the library. Also, thanks to Jo Anne Brocksmith for the books she donated. Come and check out the books in the Library!

Sharon Kahre

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## **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2012**

**March/April/May – (Lent, Spring, Easter) – Christian Partners**

**June – Bible School**

**July/August – Mission Committee**

**September/October/November – (Fall) – Mustard Seed**

**December – (Christmas) – Faithful Footprints**

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### **Memorials**

In memory of Jack Perkins:

Cemetery Fund – Joan Richter

In memory of Helen Smith:

Organ Fund – Gertrude Hagemeyer

Donation in honor of George Burton Hall and Maxine Kirchoff Hall  
– Mary Frances Hall

In memory of Ray Hall:

Bethel Historical Committee

Dorothy Spanger

Steve and Deb Telligman

### **Guild**

Bethel Guild will meet Wednesday, March 7 at 9 am for a morning to clean the kitchen. We'll have lunch served by our hostesses Shirley Brouhard and Reda Boberg. The meeting will be after we get our cleaning done. Bring cans of soup, fruits, or vegetables for North Knox Social Ministries. Remember out Lenten Breakfast on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 am – the speaker will be Shirley Bright.

Lill Clinkenbeard

*An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The employer was sorry to see his good worker go, and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.*

*When the carpenter finished his work, the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "My gift to you."*

*The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.*

*So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But, we cannot go back. You are the carpenter. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. "Life is a do-it-yourself project," someone has said. Your attitudes and the choices you make today build the "house" you live in tomorrow.*

*Build wisely!*

## **Sunday School**

We see the face of Jesus shining through each Sunday School class as new material is being used and new faces are joining us. We continue to make changes in classroom locations to ensure that everyone is comfortable and has the opportunity to grow. We fellowship, it brings praise to God, Satan is left behind, and we come restored with God's grace.

Plans are starting to be made for the Sunday School picnic in September.

Invite a friend to join us in Sunday school to meet our friend, Jesus.

### *Sunday School Nursery Workers for March*

*March 4<sup>th</sup> – Krista Telligman and Carlole Albrecht*

*March 11<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Hagemeyer and Kate Hammelman*

*March 18<sup>th</sup> – Brandy Williams and Lana Dike*

*March 25<sup>th</sup> – Diane Telligman and Nancy Rinsch*

Cheryl Hagemeyer

## Preschool News

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy some of the days of sunshine that have come our way – we sure love the days we are able to get a few minutes outside 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 take a walk or play on 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. We had a wonderful month as we celebrated the love we have for Jesus, our family, our friends and the love we receive in return! I hope you were able to browse through the preschool hallway and enjoy some of the children's quotes about their friends and what they loved about them. And, I have to say a giant thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers whose time and love help make every month special! Thank you to Miss Doris (Brocksmit) who spent a morning cutting out little traced handprints of all of our preschoolers so that we could make a big heart for our bulletin board, Miss Sharon (Kahre) and Miss Liz (Telligman) who have helped so much with name writing, Miss Debbie who had lots of fun with colored pencils this month, Miss Mary Ann who helped keep everything running smoothly when Miss Jennifer was sick, Miss Lenora for her fun energy and special attention she gives to the children, and Miss Tracey "T.T." who spoils the kids with treats and helps make Show and Tell extra special. We missed Miss Nancy this month - the kids said a special prayer that her doctor appointments would go well and that she would be back very soon. We are all so very blessed by the time and love that each of you so generously give each month to Bethel Preschool.

We have lots of fun at preschool but there is always learning going on in the process! ☺ One of our favorite projects last month was creating art with glue! We had fun mixing food coloring into Elmer's glue – the kids were amazed at the bright colors, "Mrs. Hammelman, you and Miss Jennifer are incredible!!" It was a fun day as they worked their fine motor skills squeezing the glue bottles and creative thinking as they created their artwork. 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



Wow—Chimes news are due again. I truly feel like I just wrote them. We have sure had a fun, busy, messy month. We have painted, colored, cut, dot to dot pages, and even went to cooking school, which the kids love to do.

We had a great lesson on Baby Moses and how God protected him when he was in the basket on the river. We were very thankful no alligators were in the river. We know that God always watches over us no matter what we are doing, or where we are, or how small we are.

During our letter N week – it was national peanut butter day. So we headed to the kitchen to see if we could follow directions and make No-Bake Nutter Butter Bars. We were so excited to play in peanut butter that we could actually eat (last time we had to feed God’s birds and were not suppose to lick the peanut butter off of our spoons) They all did a great job listening and following instructions and the treats were yummy :-)

We learned about a “really Old Man”, according to one little boy who could not remember Noah’s name. We know he obeyed (which was our letter O talk) God and followed God’s directions. We use the story several times and it is good to see the children retell the story in many different ways.

We played a game about opposites and the kids had to move around the room to find the other half of on, off, over, etc. We like to play your funny little games and no books was a little girls statement about not wanting to read a book that day. She was just tired of books she said. We try to read at least one every day, but on that particular day, we were really running behind and did not get to a story—she thought that was cool.

“The Lost Son” was a great book that introduces us to lots of letter p things. We learned that a prodigal son was a hard word to say and remember what it means. We painted a pretty paper pink pig puppet to help us remember we never want to be lost from Jesus. I heard the puppet was a big play toy for a few days at home, until it was more like a shredded mess for one preschooler. She and her mom had to make more pigs at home.

We had a great Valentine’s Day party with lots of crafts, games, and songs to keep us busy. We love it when our parents come to help and we get to introduce them to our friends. We know we are to share God’s love everyday of the year and not just on that one day in February.

One other lesson we had this month was on Queen Esther and how God used her to help his people. We made crowns so we could pretend we were the queens and kings from our story. One little girl was in tears when I kept calling her and all her friends queens. I finally asked her what was the matter, and she said, “but...I just want to be the princess and not the queen.”

I love to hear the kids pray for everything from the food they eat to a sick friend or grandma and their favorite toy from a McDonald’s happy meal. Sometimes our good bye prayer is the same as our snack prayer. I know they all love God and are speaking from the heart whenever they talk to God :-)

We are excited about our date with dads on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. We have worked hard on our songs and surprises. We are ready for a donut or two and maybe 12, according to one hungry boy.

Blessing to all,  
Mrs. Durall



# **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

## **February 13, 2012**

**Senior Pastor's Report** – Pastor Mike presented to the council his monthly report. In addition to counseling and visits to members of Bethel and the surrounding community during the month of January, Pastor Mike conducted Sunday Service at the Freelandville Community Home; prepared lesson for and taught Confirmation classes; conducted one graveside service; had three visits for counseling needs; and attended the Life After Meth dinner. Pastor Mike is also continuing with the thirteen-week Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University classes. The report was accepted as written.

**Youth Pastor's Report** – Pastor Shayne gave his monthly report to the council. Pastor Shayne reported the Middle School Youth will be attending a conference at the end of February. The High School Youth will be attending the "D2S" conference over Spring Break. Pastor Shayne has started a once every month High School Movie Night outreach program. Plans are continuing to be under way for VBS. There are plans for a March 4th soup cook-off similar to this past autumn's chili cook-off. The Youth Group has between 30-60 members depending on the sports in season. Pastor Shayne also reported that there are plans to take a youth group to Jackson Hole, Wyoming this summer. He said he would like to start planning a big trip every other year with the youth.

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

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

**Deacon's Report** – The average attendance for Sunday Worship Service for January was 138. The offering for January was \$18,816.45. \$315.14 was received from Atlas Gas. \$111.12 was received from the Brocksmith Mission. \$805.00 was contributed



into Memorial Funds. \$2000.00 was dispersed to local ministries from the Ministry Budget. The report was approved as written.

**Elder's Report** – The Elders discussed the needs within the congregation and of those within the community.

**Building & Grounds** – A new ceiling fan was placed in the Choir Room. Dale Tiek is currently working on the new Chapel. The water fountain in Bethel Hall was replaced. Lowering of the hallway ceiling on the main level of the church behind the choir was discussed and approved. Wolfe Construction is looking into fixing flat roof on Bethel Hall. Wolfe Construction is currently replacing ceiling in the Guild Room. Pieper's Carpet will be replacing tile in the men's restroom. Anthis was notified of freezing in a water drain line of the furnace in the High School Youth Room. There was discussion about replacing the cemetery flag.

**Old Business** – 2012 committee assignments were completed. A new non-pictorial directory was discussed with updated names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

**New Business** – Council is looking into new insurance bids. Employee's dinner was discussed with Prairie Acres chosen as the primary destination with an approximate date of February 25th chosen. Ash Wednesday communion was discussed along with Lenten Services every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Special Gifts Committee met about purchasing a new television for Social Room. The recommendation was made to purchase a drop-down screen, with 2 blu-ray players. Discussion was made about the leftover air conditioners. Bethel Church will provide child care for the Lightbearer's Women's Conference.

**Coming Events:**

February 13-14 – Preschool Valentine Parties

February 22, 29; March 7, 14, 21, 28 – Lenten Services

February 25 – Preschool "Donuts with Dad"

April 1 – Palm Sunday, Rite of Confirmation, Confirmation Reunion

In an effort to compile a non-pictorial directory, please fill out the information below for *each* family member. You may either return it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Lenten services**

February 22 – Ash Wednesday, Pastor Mike – Communion

February 29 – Peter Haskins, LAM project

March 7 – Jarrod Chattin

March 14 – Clay and Brandi Harting

March 21 – Scott Shipman

March 28 – Darrel Bobe

April 5 – Maundy Thursday – Communion



All services will begin at 7:00 pm.

## The Wind

March is traditionally a windy month. Below are some fairly familiar biblical passages in which the wind is mentioned. Can you fill in the missing words?

1. “He who troubles his household will \_\_\_\_\_ the wind...”
2. “The wind \_\_\_\_\_ where it wills....”
3. “And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the \_\_\_\_\_ rush of a might wind....”
4. “Who has gathered the wind in his \_\_\_\_\_?”
5. “For the \_\_\_\_\_ the wind, and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ the whirlwind.”
6. “..... carried about with every wind of \_\_\_\_\_”
7. “What did you go out . . . to behold? A \_\_\_\_\_ shaken by the wind?”
8. “...for he who doubts is like a wave of the \_\_\_\_\_ that is driven and tossed by the wind.”
9. “Then he rose and \_\_\_\_\_ the winds and the sea.”
10. “. . . and bringeth forth the the wind out of his \_\_\_\_\_ .”

*Answers:*

1. *inherit, Proverbs 11:29*
2. *blows, John 3:8*
3. *rush, Acts 2:2*
4. *fists, Proverbs 30:4*
5. *sow, reap, Hosea 8:7*
6. *doctrine, Ephesians 4:14*
7. *reed, Luke 7:24*
8. *sea, James 1:6*
9. *rebuked, Matthew 8:26*
10. *treasures, Jeremiah 51:16*

# Parish Records:

## Attendance:

Jan 22            116  
Jan. 29            127  
Feb. 5             149  
Feb. 12            149  
Feb. 19            152

## Greeters:

March 6 & 13     Randy & Ramona  
   Hammelman  
March 20 & 27     Dale & Jane Tiek

## Ushers:

## Nursery Notes (Worship):

Mar.    6     Ashley Durall/Tracey Kahre  
          13     Stacy Page/Hallie Durall  
          20     Debbie Telligman/Virginia Koenig  
          27     Beth Durall/Andrea Miller

## Children's Church:

Mar.    6     Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst  
          13     Lenora McCrary/Tracy Kahre/Kelci Anderson  
          20     JoAnn Brocksmith/Chris Horst  
          27     Dale Tiek/Nancy Tilly

## March birthdays:

4            Anna Mae Koenig (Happy 87<sup>th</sup>)  
6            Darwin Emmel (Happy 81<sup>st</sup>)  
23          Carl Johanningsmeier (Happy 83<sup>rd</sup>)

**Chimes news will be due on March 19th.**



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