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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

With Easter just around the corner let us take time to reflect what the season is all about. While we reflect on the crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of our Lord, let us take the time to realize that while we remember the events of Easter, do we really take the time to worship God in His holiness?

When we think of holiness, do we really know just what holiness is, the absence of sin, being in a state of total righteousness, all of the time, since the beginning of time that is who God is. This is who turn His back on His Son as He hung on the cross. Why? Not because Jesus was sinful, for He knew no sin, but rather that Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the world, you sin and my sin, that is what God could not stand to see. For God is a Holy God and as we worship Him, we must realize that fact. The only way to become righteous is by the blood of our Savior, shed on our behalf.

I urge all of us to really think this Easter what has been done on our behalf, something that we could not do for ourselves. A Holy God sent His Son to be the sacrifice for our sin, that we might be made righteous. Rather mind boggling, isn't it? Rejoice and grab hold of what has been done for us by a Holy God as we have never before grabbed hold of.

In His Service
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH CORNER

I wrote this after watching the News one night. All the news had to offer was negativity and excuses for the problems of the world today. They were trying to find answers to problems with worldly solutions. The world needs to wake up and turn to God, and this is why I wrote this.....

“Wake up”

To the people of this world who search and search for an answer but find none, wake up. Stop looking. What you need is truth, the only place to find the true truth is in the Lord God and in his son, Jesus, whose blood was spilt, his innocent body torn, ripped for you. For those of you who are searching, wake up....you have been told of the true Lord, you have seen his followers, but yet you still search....you don't want what the truth has to offer because the truth means you have to change, the truth doesn't fit your ways.....wake up – it is only the truth that will set you free. You say you live your own life, that you are free, you are not. You are a slave to this world, held down by the shackles of sin, caught up in your prison of lies and deceit, you are whipped by the fires of hell which look appetizing and full of pleasure, but lead to only death. It is time; turn to the one who knows no sin, who knows no wrong, who is the light. He is the great I Am, fall down, throw the chains of Satan off and embrace a life of love. Wake up – join us in our revolution, in his revolution,

wake up the search is over! For all the ones who are in pain and searching to an end to their suffering....open your eyes! Why can't you see the loving God that is right before your eyes ready to heal our troubled lands, and mend our troubled lives. Stretch forth your hand and drink of the waters of life that have been given to you freely, so that you will thirst no more.

Knock, that door shall be opened, for He waits on the other side, waiting ever so patiently for you to accept the gift of salvation for you to accept Him who accepted you....blemishes and all, He calls to you, He yearns for you, He died for you.....wake up, trouble world, stop wandering aimlessly through the desserts of life, come back to the garden, eat of the fruits of His salvation....come to the Holy One who created you in his own image, his own spotless, flawless image for God so loved you that everything you do through Him has life, has purpose, has meaning. Come to the Father....wake up....He is here....wake up, your search is over...wake up!!

Don't look for excuses; turn to the only answer.....God.

God Bless,
Shayne Spurgeon
Youth Minister

5th and 6th Grade Sunday School Class

I Timothy 6:18

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

The 5th and 6th grade Sunday School Class has been discussing how to use their resources wisely. They will be having a fundraiser called Donations For Donuts. There will be donuts and milk available between Sunday School and Church on April 21 in the Social Room. Come and Enjoy! All donations will go to North Knox Nurses' Fund.

MISSIONS

Please remember to send your Prayer Partner an Easter card. There is one in your packet that you received. Their gifts will be distributed through the Preschool.

Effective immediately we will begin collecting kits or items for the relief kits for VU CCF. This is a group led by Scott Shipman of VU. They are oftentimes one of the first mission groups on the ground after a disaster strikes in the States. The list follows below. The last Sunday to collect items for this project will be April 14th. You may either prepare an entire kit or just bring some of the items needed for a kit. If you prepare a kit, make sure it is in a box and the kit name is on the box, or you can place items for the various kits in the shopping cart. The kits/items will be delivered to VU on the Mon/Tues after the 14th and anyone is invited to help put the kits together Wed. Apr 17th beginning at 4PM at VU.

We will also begin collecting “Vitamins for Victoria”, for Victoria Brocksmith, granddaughter of Rowe and Maridell Sargent. Victoria is participating in a mission trip to Guatemala in May, and will be distributing them to people in need. Victoria will be speaking to our church about her upcoming trip on Sunday, April 14th and we would like to be able to present her with the vitamins at that time. They need to be hard multi-vitamins, no chewable or gummy type vitamins, and we have a basket up front you can place the vitamins in.

The Mission Committee is also excited to introduce “It’s a Guy Thing”. The name says it all ... it is for all guys (high school freshman on up). The first breakfast fellowship will be the first Sunday in June during the Sunday school hour, beginning promptly at 9AM. The men will be served a delicious breakfast and be introduced to the first of four dynamic speakers, the others being in July, August and September. Men, you don’t want to miss this...and ladies, you don’t want them to miss it, so be looking for further information as we get closer to the date, but mark your calendars and plan to be there!!

Thank you, Bethel, for being the hands and feet of Jesus to others through mission work!!!

Male Health Kit:

Hand towel & washcloth
Comb
Toothbrush & toothpaste
(4-7 oz.)
Nail file
New bath-size bar soap
Band-aids (6)
After-shave lotion or
shaving cream
Deodorant
Shampoo & conditioner
(travel size)
Razor
Facial tissues (travel size)

Female Health Kit:

Hand towel & washcloth
Comb
Toothbrush & toothpaste
(4-7 oz.)
Nail file
New bath-size bar soap
Band-aids (6)
Lotion or shaving cream
Deodorant
Shampoo & conditioner
(travel size)
Razor
Facial tissues (travel size)
Feminine sanitary
napkins (6)

Kids Activity Kit:

Coloring book & Crayons
Small toy for either a
boy or a girl
Activity books/stickers
Small stuffed animal or baby doll

Family Medicine Cabinet Kits:

Adult pain reliever – Acetaminophen, Aspirin, Ibuprofen
Children’s pain reliever – Chewable Tylenol
Adult multiple vitamins – One A Day
Children’s multiple vitamins – Flintstones
Antacid – Tums, Rolaids, Maalox
Hydrogen Peroxide – plastic bottle
Antibiotic or first-aid cream – Neosporin, Triple Antibiotic Ointment

PRESCHOOL

Spring greetings from Bethel Preschool! As I write this letter during our 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. It is easily one of the most anticipated days of the year! The kids and I counted down on our class calendar until the day finally arrived and what a great morning it was. We celebrated with a Sports theme and had fun wearing our favorite team shirts and jerseys. 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 boisterously sang, "You, You, You" and "I'm in the Lord's Army". A special thanks to Mary Ann Miller for donating the donuts, Nancy Rinsch for delivering them that morning, Linda Kixmiller for donating the drinks, the Preschool Board for their never-ending support, and to Pastor Mike for joining us that morning! You all help special days like this possible!!

Last month was such a busy month! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading 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! We also had "Silly Sock" Friday and had so much fun wearing crazy and silly socks. The kids loved it so much they took their shoes off and we had preschool in our socks that day! We also enjoyed another favorite, "Green Eggs and Ham" and were so "egg-cited" to find out that Mr. Chuck (Borgmeier) has a chicken that actually lays green eggs! He was so kind to save enough green eggs that each preschooler got to take one home. They had so many questions about why they were green and if the insides were too. I told them they would each get to find out at home and could report back to everyone. We decided to be brave and let each one carry their egg out to their parents as they left as I announced, "They are

real! Be careful!!” Just then I watched one little guy walking out without his egg and asked where it was. He grinned, held up his folder and replied, “In my folder!!” Oh my! And, we had a few parents who thought they were hard-boiled and let their child play with their egg as a pet – most of these did not have the best of endings but overall it was such a fun experience! Thank you, Mr. Chuck!! ☺

We had fun learning about rainbows and the promise God made to us when he sent the very first rainbow during R week. We got to make fun rainbow crafts to hang in our hallway and to send home. We also read a cute book about a leprechaun trying to make a perfect rainbow as we got ready for St. Patrick’s Day with a fun leprechaun hat project. And, finally, we read more stories about Jesus and the reason we celebrate Easter. We made beautiful watercolor crosses and an Easter craft sharing that, “Jesus is Risen!” to hang in the preschool hallway.

I am getting anxious for warmer weather but am blessed beyond measure. Spring Break brought new memories and I am happy I was able to spend time with my family and enjoy time together – 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



What a fast month--I think they come around faster all the time, but it sure was a fun month!! We started off with a visitor, "Doctor Momma", who happens to be Sam's mom or Dr. Goodwin. She taught us about keeping our teeth clean and healthy to avoiding "Sugar Bugs." The kids had a great time playing with her big teeth and even bigger toothbrush. We thank her for taking the time to come and join us. She even played games and did a craft with us. It was a perfect way to introduce the Letter T. We also read "The Little Engine That Could" and learned about the train who tried to say "I can't, but then changed it to "I think I can," and then to "I thought I could." We know that Jesus keeps us on track and as long as we have Him, we always say, "I thought I could" no matter what comes our way.

For the letter U, we had a great lesson on how we are always under God's care no matter where we go. Just like an umbrella protects us in the rain, God is always our protector. One little boy asked, "How big do you think God's umbrella is for everybody to fit under it?" I told the kids I thought God's umbrella was as big as our world. "Hmmm--that would be very very huge."

We talked about all the vegetables, during letter v week that God gave us to keep us healthy. "I don't like any vegetables, but I like to eat corn and green beans," was how one of my boys put it. I guess vegetables were just too much, but when we broke them down individually, we learned that several kids liked a lot of the wide variety of very colorful vegetables. We also made a vase full of love and got to pick one person to give it to. The kids picked mom, a neighbor, and a few dads got vases too. We did a lesson on If Jesus came to visit us, what would we do. Many kids would play their favorite games, others would cook for Him, and one little boy would be good and not ask any questions because he would be too scared. We all learned that we just need to give Him our hearts and that makes Jesus happy.

The kids had been asking when they could go to the kitchen for cooking class. We didn't venture down there due to the new flooring being installed. They had many questions about where the old flooring was going and what was happening to the carpet. One little girl was worried about how we would get our milk for snacks. We finally took an adventure, once the flooring was complete. We read "Warthogs in the Kitchen: A Messy Counting Book," for letter

w. "Wow! How did you make this roomer bigger?" "We could eat on the floor now." "This is cool!" Those were a few of the comments when we walked into the kitchen for our very own cooking class to make cupcakes. "We have to be careful and not drop anything on the new floor," according to one little girl. The cone cupcakes were great and we didn't make a mess like the warthogs. We talked about sharing as we made the snacks, so then we went looking for friends to share with. There were more quilters than we had cones, but we were happy to share what we had.

We talked about Jesus and the many miracles He performed, like when He walked on the water. We read the story and made a craft. One little boy questioned how Jesus could do that. I tried to explain that Jesus could do things that nobody else could. He insisted that I teach him that trick :-). We also made a craft that each child was walking with Jesus. We had a hard time deciding what Jesus' foot would look like. Some thought it would be long and skinny; others thought it would be short and wide with no arch because he walked all the time. So we used a couple different foot templates for our craft. Then we painted each child's foot beside the big one to present Jesus' foot. Come down and look around at our art work.

In the middle of talking about our letters, we also took time to do several Dr. Seuss activities helping to celebrate his birthday and Read Across America, a program promoting good reading. We read books and made crafts while learning that Dr. Seuss wrote about a lot of silly crazy things. We counted ten apples and put them on top of our picture. We made fish globes so we could sit and look at a book until the glitter settled back in the bottom of our jar. We also had two visitors--Thing 1 and Thing 2 (Miss Trudy McCormick and Miss Jennifer Shaw). "They were great!" "That was a fun funny day!" Thing 1 and Things 2 inspired a great craft, played silly games and made us laugh. The kids ALL loved the things and we thank them for coming to preschool.

We also started Easter lessons. Since we are on spring break this week, we talked about Palm Sunday and how the people waving branches as Jesus entered the city. The kids all did a super job cutting paper to make our own palm branches. We look forward to a small vacation before coming back to talk about Jesus dying on the cross for each of us and His resurrection, which we celebrate because we know He lives.

During prayer time one day, one little boy was very eager to pray. So I let him go first and ask if he needed help. He said no.

We waited for him to say something, and started to speak for him, when he said, "Dear God, I am not sure what I am praying for, but I am praying today." He then looked like he was embarrassed. I told him sometimes we don't know what to say, but God knows and that is okay. He replied "Oh Good."

We celebrated our dads (and other special guys) and brought them to preschool for donuts. We worked hard at singing very quietly for them, but had a great time telling our friends all about our special guests. The dads had a big discussion on what team was the best (or their favorite). We enjoyed many different kinds of donuts and just hanging out for awhile. It was nice to see a great crowd. THANKS to all who helped in anyway--donated drinks and donuts, picking up the donuts, or just praying for us.

Happy Spring!!
Love in Christ, Mrs. Durall

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2013

April/May (Spring) – Mustard Seed

June – Bible School

July/August – Christian Generations

September/October/November (Fall) – Choir

December – (Christmas) – Mission Committee

Thank You's

Thank you, Bethel Family, for your prayers, cards, and words of kindness during the recent passing of our Grandpa Isenberg. It is nice to be part of such a caring and kind church family.

Love in Christ,
Clint Beth, Hallie, and Ashley Durall

Dear Bethel Church Family,

God is so Good, and the Bethel Church family is wonderful. I want thank everyone for their prayers. A special thanks to Pastor Mike for his visits and prayers. It is great to belong to such a caring church family.

In Christian love,
Doris Brocksmith

MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Marge Horst:
Michael & Claudia Milam*

GUILD

We want to thank the Margaret Koenig Family for the memorial gifts they had for their mother for Bethel Guild. We appreciate is so much. Margaret was a faithful Guild member and will be truly missed by all.

Due to getting new flooring and painting in the kitchen, our March meeting was cancelled. We thank the Council for having this work done in the kitchen. It is a big improvement. Come on down and take a look.

We had our annual Lenten breakfast on Saturday, March 16th. It was a sunny morning, and we had a large group of ladies from several churches for a morning of fellowship, good food, and an inspirations program. Janet Clinkenbeard's message "I Am Redeemed" was enjoyed by all present. We thank all who came and those who helped make the morning so meaningful.

Our April meeting will be April 3rd at 1:00. We will go visit shut-ins and come back to share. Hostesses will be Doris Brocksmith and Gertrude Hagemeyer. Please bring diapers or can goods for NKSM.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Children's Church

Our prayers have been answered for preschool Children's Church teachers. A big thanks goes to Liberty Lemberg and Amber Spurgeon for volunteering to teach the 2nd and 3rd Sundays. We are blessed to have people in our church to step up and serve the Lord. Thanks so much and God Bless You.

Bonnie Organ

Success is not about being like somebody else, but about being the best you can be, and all God made you to be.

Words of the Risen Lord

We are familiar with "The Seven Last Words of Christ" spoken from the Cross. Below are eight words of the Risen Lord. Can you name the people to whom these words were addressed?

1. He told this person, "Do not hold me."
2. On the Emmaus Road, he called this person "foolish."
3. He said to this person, "Put out your hand, and place it in my side."
4. He asked this person, "Do you love me?"
5. His words, "teach all nations," were addressed to whom? KJV
6. He told this person, "Feed my sheep."
7. He asked this on, "Why do you persecute me?"
8. He told this person, at Patmos, to write down his words.

Answers:

1. Mary Magdalene, John 20:1, 17
2. Cleopas, Luke 24:13, 18, 25
3. Thomas, John 20:27
4. Simon Peter, John 21:15
5. the disciples, Matthew 28:16-19
6. Simon Peter, John 21:17
7. Saul, Acts 9:4
8. John, Revelation 1:9-11

Sunday School News

Genesis 1:14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years."

April is upon us! What a great time of the year! I love to see the grass greening up and the trees start to bud. What a wonderful time to rededicate our lives to our Savior Jesus Christ! There is always so much happening this time of the year, with all the tractors and planters heading back and forth to the fields and folks getting a chance to work outside around their houses. Just remember to be careful out there and don't forget to stop, look around and enjoy what God has provided for us. What an amazing God we have! I thank God for this wonderful community that we have and all the great people that make it all work.

Love for each and everyone,
Randy Hammelman
Sunday School Supt.

Bethel Church Council Minutes

March 11, 2013

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Shayne reported that the ATF trip with the middle school students was awesome and shared that one girl accepted Christ during one of the services. The high school youth will be attending the "Dare-2-Share" conference March 22-24 in St. Louis. He is beginning a new Bible study with both the middle and high school students. He is also beginning the "Higher Youth" mission project in which the students will be available for work projects; anyone needing assistance with a project should call the church office to schedule a time. He also asked for suggestions for summer mission projects. Both groups will be going on a mini one day trip to King's Island for a Christian concert in late June. The Bethel **S**peaking, **W**alking, and **A**ctively **T**eaching team (comprised of a group of high school evangelical-minded students) is meeting to prepare pamphlets and CDs to distribute in public areas. He shared that the **K**ids **F**or **C**hrist group is going well and is planning a trip to the Creation Museum in Cincinnati this spring.

Pastor Mike's Report: Pastor's Mike's report included conducting three baptisms and the service at the Freelandville Community Home, hospital visits, home visits with the elders, wedding and general counseling sessions, speaking at the LAM certificate ceremony, preparing the three confirmands for Confirmation on Palm Sunday, and preparing for the Easter events.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were approved: Heart to Heart, \$850 and the Women's Lightbearer's Conference, \$200.

Deacon' Report: The monthly offering for February was \$16,152.85. February income included: Preschool, \$3,670.39; Cemetery Fund, \$784.31; Mission Fund, \$679.00;

Atlas Gas, \$538.76; Interest Income, \$398.22; Memorial Income, \$390.00; Bethel Youth Income, \$50.00; Rental Income, \$50.00; and, Organ Repair Fund, \$10.

Buildings and Grounds: Gord Clinkenbeard reported that the basement kitchen project is nearly complete and that one of the water leaks has been corrected with the other one being postponed until warmer weather, There are breaker problems in the kitchen, which will be investigated. John Spanger shared that the tile holes on the Strate ground will be fixed when weather permits. The broken chairs in the social room have been repaired, and the burned out bulb in the light that shines on the tower will be replaced.

Elder's Report: A visitation schedule for the elders and Pastor Mike has been completed.

Old Business: The total cost of replacing the kitchen floor was \$4,320, of which the Women's Guild contributed \$1,000, which is greatly appreciated. Bids are being prepared for replacing the flooring on the front and Bethel Hall steps.

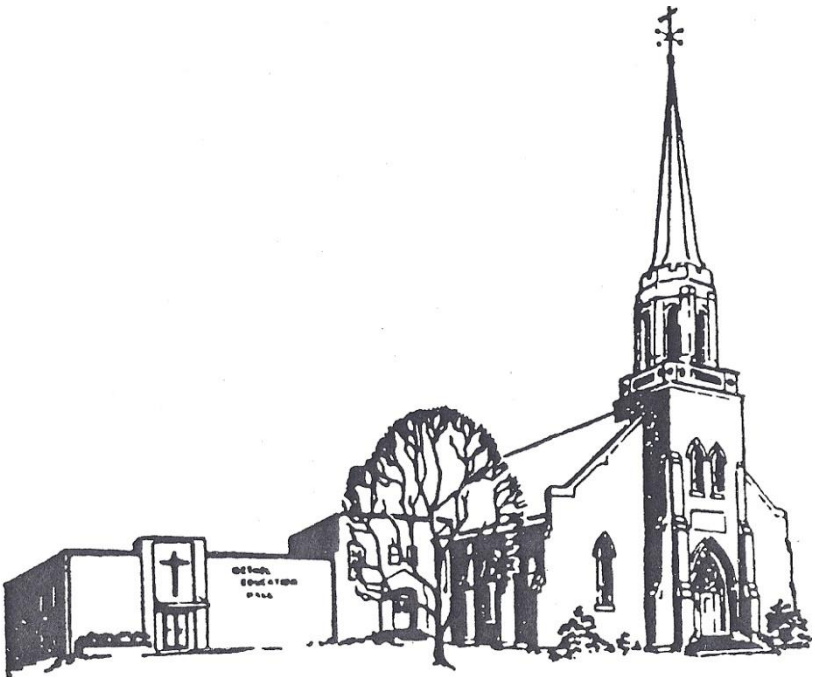
New Business: Pastor Mike shared that letters have been sent to area churches to see if they would be interested in participating in the Journey to Jerusalem in 2014. A bid has been sought for replacing the remaining original windows in the education building. The motion was made by Bill Resler, seconded by Garland Richter, and passed by the council to reaffirm Bethel's position against gay marriage. A work day to clean up the grove was discussed and will be scheduled when weather permits.

Coming Events:

- March 16 – Lenten Breakfast
- March 17 – Council Dinner
- March 22-24 – HS Youth “Dare-2-Share” Trip
- March 24 – Palm Sunday, Confirmation
- March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service, Communion
- March 29 – Nursing Home – Good Friday Service
- March 31 – Easter, Communion

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