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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

We read from Matthew 4:19 that Jesus called the first disciples. In fact, He said "follow Me and I will make you fishers of men". Let us take a moment to digest the importance of His words. First in the command to follow me, Jesus was not talking about following another man; He was speaking of who He was, God's son, who needed to be followed if men were going to be caught rather than fish. We all know that fish are fickle and sometimes are hard to catch. But compared to man, they are rather easy to get on the line. Jesus is saying to these fishermen that the only way to catch men for the kingdom of God is to follow Him.

Why Him? Because in John 14:6, Jesus said that He is the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father, but through Him. So when we take our eyes off of Him, we lose our way and come home without a catch. Jesus, in essence, is saying that the only way to catch men is to follow Him and Him alone. Following anyone else results in an empty catch.

And that is what we as believers are commanded to do, be fishers of men, but only by following Jesus. Are you doing this in your walk with Him?

In His Service
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

MISSIONS

Thank you for your donation of toilet paper during the month of May. Unfortunately, the race car ran out of gas right before the finish line. We collected approximately 450 rolls of toilet paper and the NKSM was so very appreciative of each and every roll. At the writing of this article and 3 weeks of collecting soap for June, we have 117 bars. We have 2 more Sundays to collect. Please add “soap” to your shopping list and help us finish this month strong.

Looking ahead, July’s collection item will be school supplies and we do have specific items being requested for K-6 graders this year: They include backpacks, Elmer’s glue, glue sticks, watercolors, markers, colored pencils and 1” 3 ring white binders. You can also make a monetary donation to the NKSM and put “school supplies” in the memo section of your check if you wish. We will print this list in the bulletins during the month of July.

The mission committee was so blessed to see the turnout for “It’s a Guy Thing”. Breakfast was served to almost 60 men and we have heard positive comments about the meal and the speaker. The 2nd session will be held on July 7th at 9 am in the church social room. We hope to see everyone back and also those who couldn’t attend the first session. “Grace is More Than a Girl’s Name” should prove to be an interesting topic.

Again, thank you Bethel, for your continued support to our mission projects!!!!

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2013

July/August – Christian Generations
September/October/November (Fall) – Choir
December – (Christmas) – Mission Committee

You can never appreciate the shade of a tree unless you sweat in the sun. -- Author Unknown

Hospitable People

1. What girl was hospitable to a stranger, giving him a drink of water and watering his camels?
2. What priest with seven daughters welcomed a stranger who had appeared at a well?
3. What man on the island of Melita showed hospitality to shipwrecked strangers?
4. Who welcomed three strangers, inviting them to rest in the shade of a tree?
5. Who was told to go to Zarephath to receive a hospitable welcome from a widow?
6. Who said, "The stranger did not lodge in the street, but I opened my door to the travelers"?
7. Who welcomed two angels, inviting them to wash their feet and spend the night?
8. Who showed hospitality to a man because of a former friendship with the man's father?
9. What prominent woman showed hospitality to a prophet who stopped in at her home from time to time?
10. What man living in a rented house welcomed all who visited him?

GUILD

The July Guild meeting will be at 2:00 pm on the 10th, and we will be going to the Community Home to celebrate birthdays.

We hope everyone will come and enjoy visiting with the residents.

Lill Clinkenbeard



Sunday School News

Bethel Church Family,

It has been an interesting summer so far with the weather hasn't it? But that is all by design from our heavenly father!

Give thanks for each day and wake up with a positive attitude that you can do anything that you set your mind to.

No matter how big or how small your goal is give God your plan and he'll help you through it.

I was truly blessed this past Father's Day Sunday! Having my children perform their songs for me in front of the congregation meant so much to me and really surprised me too! I am so proud to be a father and have the opportunity to raise my children in this church and this community. Thank you all for the part you play in not only my children's lives but in all the children's lives that you come in contact with!

Men, keep an eye out for the next Men's Breakfast coming in July. It should be another great time, so don't forget to bring a friend.

Give God the glory!
Randy Hammelman

Hospitable People: Answers

1. Rebekah (Gen. 24:45,46)
2. Reuel (Exod. 2:16-20)
3. Publius (Acts 27:44; 28:7)
4. Abram (Gen. 18:1-4)
5. Elijah (1 Kings 17:8, 9)
6. Job (Job 31:32)
7. Lot (Gen. 19:1, 2)
8. David to Mephibosheth (11 Sam. 9:7-13)
9. Shunammite woman (11 Kings 4:8-10)
10. Paul (Acts 28:30)

Bethel Church Council Minutes June 10, 2013

Bethel Youth Pastor's Report: Due to Pastor Shayne being at church camp there was no Youth Pastor's report.

Pastor Mike's Report: Pastor Mike's report included home and hospital visits, pre-marital and counseling, and conducting other counseling sessions. He shared that there will be weddings at Bethel June 22nd and 29th.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were made: Knox County Habitat for Humanity, \$500; **C**ampus **C**hristian **F**ellowship, \$500; Bethel Guild, \$500; and Gideons, \$400. It was shared that \$3,333 was collected in the special offering for **CCF** to be used on their mission trips to areas affected by recent storms.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for May was 157.5, and the offering was \$16,422. May income included: Atlas Gas, \$273.57; Interest Income, \$521.44; Preschool, \$3,670.39; Brocksmith Mission Fund, \$110.16; and Cemetery Fund, \$150.

Buildings and Grounds: Gord Clinkenbeard shared that the antique pew has been repaired by Joe Robison and returned to the hall leading into the education wing. Bill Resler

volunteered to meet with Ebony Chancellor-Grimm concerning sweeper needs.

Elder's Report: John Koenig reported that the month's visitation schedule with Pastor Mike and the elders was finalized. He also shared that due to Pastor Mike being on vacation the Sunday when he usually has the service at the Freelandville Community Home, the elders and spouses provided a musical service, which was enjoyed by the residents. Joe and Virginia Koenig wish to purchase a set of Advent banners with the memorial money given in memory of Anna Mae Koenig, which was approved by the council.

Old Business: Bids for replacing or repairing the pews in the sanctuary will be presented at the annual meeting in January. John Koenig was thanked for building the retaining wall around the Noah's Ark playground equipment, and John Spanger was thanked for hauling the pea gravel that will be placed in the enclosed area when the ground is solid enough for using the necessary equipment. Bethel received a letter from our insurance company inquiring if we want to include terrorist coverage in our policy. Gord Clinkenbeard moved that we not include this coverage, which was seconded by Garland Richter and passed unanimously. A church Ice Cream Social will be held June 23rd, beginning at 6:00; Pastor Mike will post a sign-up sheet in Bethel Hall for those wishing to bring ice cream or desserts. Church work day has been tentatively set for August 3rd. John Koenig will make arrangements for having the steps in front of the church and Bethel Hall recovered. Council members will have to remove the carpet prior to the installation. Bill Resler continues to pursue getting bids for the screen and projector for the sanctuary.

New Business: It was decided that we will have an auction at the annual Sunday School Picnic in September, and Pastor Mike will contact Superintendent Randy Hammelman to set the date.

Coming Events:

June 23 – Ice Cream Social

August 3 – Church Work Day



I love all the fun
that summertime brings—
excepting, of course
just one or two things:
Except for the ticks
and spiders and bees.
Except for the pollen
from grasses and trees.
Except for the sunburn
and rashes from heat,
and sidewalks so hot
they burn up your feet.
Except for sour grapes
and melons with seeds,
and slithery snakes
that hide in the weeds.
Except for mosquitoes
that suck on your skin,
and all of the flies
that let themselves in.
Except for the warm nights
when I sleep in a cot.
Except for the weather
that's humid and hot.
Except for the smog,
the dust, and the grime...

But other than that,
I love summertime. ~ Janice Kuharski

Parish Records:

Attendance:

May 26 154
June 2 164
June 9 201
June 16 162

Greeters:

July 7 & 14 – Dale and Jane Tiek
July 21 & 28 – Bruce and Terri Miller

Ushers: Randy & Theresia Barrett

Nursery (Sunday School):

July 7 Lana Dike/Holly Spanger
14 Cheryl Hagemeyer/ Nancy Rinsch
21 Krista Telligman/Mary Ann Miller
28 Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht

Nursery Notes (Worship):

July 7 Virginia Koenig/ Stacy Page
14 Ramona & Reeva Hammelman
21 Tracy Kahre/Hailley Kahre
28 Debbie Telligman/Cally Miller

Children's Church:

July 7 Bonnie Organ/Jesse Organ, Hallie Durall
14 Lenora McCrary/Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg
21 JoAnn Brocksmith/Amber Spurgeon
28 Dale Tiek/Nancy Tilly

July birthdays:

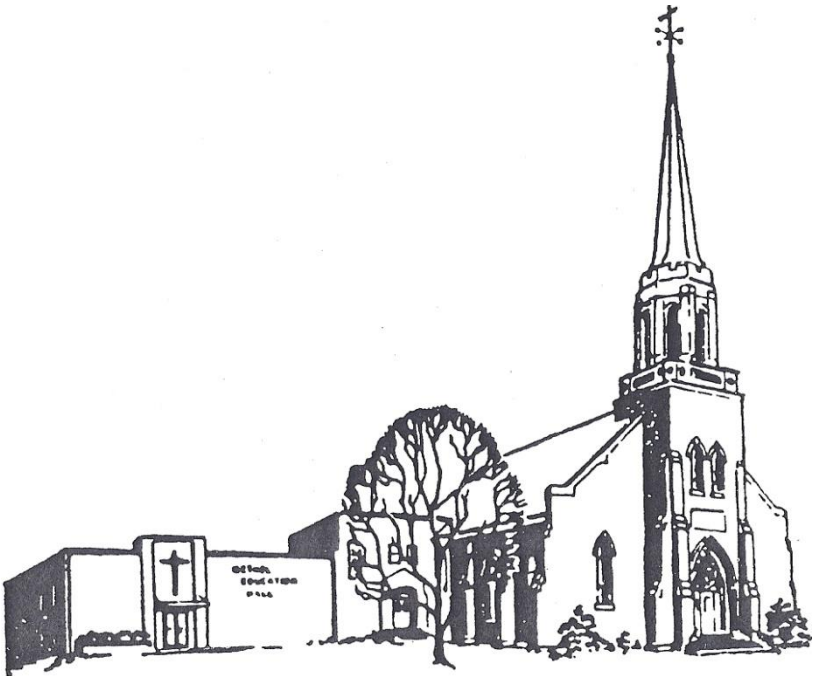
July 2 Laverne Tilly (83rd)
8 Beverly Schuckman (84th)
12 Lois Wampler (86th)
14 Leroy Pieper (82nd)
15 Stella Pieper (86th)
18 Lorene Huffman (88th)
23 Harold Wagner (94th)
24 Helen Stoelting (86th)
24 Joyce Telligman (82nd)
29 Hyla Richter (81st)

Chimes news will be due on July 15th.

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