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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

Webster's defines a privilege as a special advantage, right or benefit granted to or enjoyed by an individual. With that being stated, we can then see that it is a privilege to not only be in the family of God, but also to serve in that family. The privilege was given to us, we did not earn it, but it is there for us to take advantage of.

What are our privileges then? The right to come before God's throne in prayer, redemption, eternal life and service are just a few.

What do we mean when we say the word service? Are we talking about work, or are we talking about service? I feel the two are different. Work to me is something done out of obligation while service is something done out of gratitude. We should indeed be grateful for what has been done on our behalf, something that we ourselves could not have done.

So, perhaps the next time you are asked to serve, don't think of it as work, but rather a privilege to serve our Lord.

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## MISSIONS

Thank you for your donation of school supplies to NKSM last month. Several children were blessed with awesome backpacks and school supplies. The Social Ministries also keeps extra supplies on hand so the teachers can request supplies for the children throughout the school year when the need to replenish occurs.

Thank you also for the donation of shoes for Joe the Shoe man. Rowe and Maridell ended up with 2 large boxes of shoes to deliver to Joe.

The mission committee was so blessed to once again serve approximately 45 men at the third session of “It’s a Guy Thing”. Speaker Todd Donovan spoke on Spiritual Leadership and focusing on Christ and not our circumstances. Chris Abel, a talented guitar player also led worship in song.

The final session will be held on September 8th at 9AM in the church social room. The speaker will be Scott Shipman and his topic is “It’s Your Serve”. Scott’s enthusiasm for the Lord’s service is contagious and we want to finish out these sessions strong, so plan now to attend. You will be blessed!!

September’s NKSM collection items will be peanut butter and soup. Our NKSM representatives say the last time they distributed food; the shelves were emptied of these items, so please give generously.

Thanks, Bethel, for your mission-minded hearts!!

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### **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2013**

**September/October/November (Fall) – Choir**  
**December – (Christmas) – Mission Committee**

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## THANK YOU'S

We would like to thank Ramona Hammelman for all her hard work and dedication she gave over the past few years as the 4-5 year old preschool teacher. We hate to see her go, but wish her well in her new teaching position at North Knox Intermediate. We also at this time would like to welcome Liberty Lemberg as the new 4-5 year old preschool teacher. We are looking forward to all the exciting “adventures” she has planned for the kids this year. And, a welcome back to Beth Durall in her 9<sup>th</sup> year as the 3-4 year old preschool teacher. Thanks again, ladies, for all you have done and will be undertaking!!

Bethel Preschool Board

*To the congregation of Bethel Church,*

Thank you so much for your generous giving to the Lord through my ministry! Your continued partnership in reaching young people with the message of Jesus is such a blessing. I can't wait to see how the Lord works! I'll keep you updated on the ministry, and how you can pray. I thank the Lord for you, and ask His blessing on you, and your ministries, too!

Thank you!

Laura Maddock

*To the Bethel Church Family,*

Thank you so much for those of you who donated money for the past Chrysalis weekend. Amber Spurgeon requested, and you answered God's request, too!! It helps so much – Thanks again!

So of you probably came and helped serve there, too, and thank you much for that, too! Your financial and/or physical help was so very helpful.

God Bless!

*Head Cook of Flight 41  
Kathy Mathias*

## **GUILD**

Bethel Women's Guild will meet on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting at 1 pm, and visit some of our shut-ins. Then come back and share, plus a meeting and refreshments with our hostesses, Vera Jones and Janet Tilly. Please bring toilet paper for North Knox Social Ministries.

We want to especially thank members for the food brought for the 4 funeral luncheons this past month. This is our mission for the families.

Remember September 22 is our annual Harvest Home with guest speaker Ray Tromley. You won't want to miss his message to us. Also bring produce for Harvest Home Saturday by 1, so we can arrange our altar.

Lill Clinkenbeard

## **Sunday School News**

Well, the school year is in full swing and the kids are back into their routine. I hope that all the parents are back into their routines as well.

I know summer is a busy time trying to squeeze everything in, so maybe now you can catch your breath just a little. Make sure that you don't forget to get back into coming to Sunday School and getting the kids back into their SS classes.

Don't forget to keep Sept. 29th marked on your calendar for Worship in the Grove along with the picnic and auction to follow! We always have such a great time at this, so don't forget to come out and have some fun. Bring an item to be auctioned off or anything else you might think of.

I know the desserts that I bought last year from Mary Ann were a great purchase and have been soooo delicious!

If you are willing to help out in any way in Sunday School classes or anything else involved with Sunday School just let me know.

Let's make Bethel strong together!

Randy Hammelman  
Sunday School Supt.

## **PRESCHOOL**

Welcome to the Bethel Preschool Kingdom: a castle full of love, fun, fun and learning....God's style. We are excited to get the preschool year started. We welcomed 46 princesses and knights to our castle. The first day for each class went well. We had a few tears from a couple of new students and many questions of why things were changed from last year of those returning. The kids had a great time playing dress up and putting on the Armor of God, painting with our hands to make a cross, and making new friends. We are looking forward to a fantastic year where will learn of God's Strong love for each of us.

Blessings to all!!

In Christ's Love,  
Mrs. Lemberg and Mrs. Durall

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes August 12, 2013**

**Pastor Mike's Report:** Pastor Mike's report included conducting three funerals, home and hospital visits, leading a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, counseling sessions, and planning for youth activities to begin after Labor Day. He has also met with other area pastors to plan "Fifth Quarter" events that will be held for all area high school youth at the Freelandville Community Center following home football games. He shared that confirmation will begin after Labor Day.

**Secretary's Report:** Two corrections were made to July's secretary's report. Due to a misunderstanding with the company, the tombstone was not repaired but will be done in the near future. Also, due to a scheduling conflict, the date for worship in the grove and the Sunday school picnic has been changed to September 29.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were made: North Knox Social Ministries, \$1,000; Bethel Pre-School, \$1,000; and, Christian Radio, \$700.

**Deacon's Report:** The average attendance for July was 135, and the offering was \$16,117.52. July income included: Atlas Gas, \$568.70; Interest, \$142.22; Mission Misc., \$125.00; Distress Fund, \$500.00; General Donations, \$301.00; Memorial Fund, \$50; and, Cemetery Fund, \$1,000.00.

**Buildings and Grounds:** It was reported that all the replacement windows are in place and the exterior doors for Bethel Hall and the basement ramp area have been ordered. Bill Resler is still waiting for bids for the projector and screen for the sanctuary. Jim Strange has made the necessary repairs on the mower, and he was thanked for the excellent care he provides for the church grounds. John Koenig thanked everyone for all their help with completing the work day projects.

**Elder's Report:** The visitation schedule for the elders and Pastor Mike was finalized.

**Old Business:** It was reported that the front steps have been recovered, and the contractor is in the process of completing the process on the Bethel Hall steps.

**New Business:** It was shared that Victoria Brocksmitth will be giving a report on her recent mission trip during a Mission Moment on August 18. The formation of a search committee for a youth pastor was discussed and will complete soon.

**Coming Events:**

September 22 – Harvest Home

September 20 – Worship in the Grove and SS picnic

## **Memorial Fund:**

In memory of Marilyn Johanningsmeier:

Janet Tilly  
Bill and Jean Schroeder  
Mike and Pam Loheider  
Wallace and Kathryn Linneweber  
Kevin and Linda Hammelman  
Gertrude Hagemeyer  
Dallas and Shirley Miller  
Anonymous

In memory of Stella Pieper:

Gertrude Hagemeyer

In memory of Helen Stoelting

Lucille Robbins  
Old National Bank  
University of Indianapolis

## **Parish Records:**

### **Deaths:**

Stella Pieper, age 86, passed away on Friday, July 19. The funeral was held on Tuesday, July 23, with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Marilyn Johanningsmeier, age 81, passed away on Thursday, July 22. The funeral was held on Saturday, July 27, with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Helen Stoelting passed away on Tuesday, July 30. The funeral was held on Saturday, August 3, with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Harold Wagner passed away on Sunday, August 18. The funeral was held on Thursday, August 22, with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

**Births:**

Brennen Richard Tiek arrived on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 22 ½ inches long. Parents are Collin and Amy Tiek. Bethel grandparents are Dale and Jane Tiek, and great-grandmother is Doris Jane Brocksmith.

**Attendance:**

July 21 139  
 July 28 123  
 Aug. 4 133  
 Aug. 11 133  
 Aug. 18

**Greeters:**

Sept. 1 & 8 – Justin and Traci French  
 Sept. 15 & 22 – Evan and Krista Telligman  
 Sept. 29 & Oct. 6 – Brandon & Holly Spanger

**Ushers:** Bill and Carole Albrecht

**Nursery (Sunday School):**

Sept. 1 Lana Dike/Mary Ann Miller  
 8 Cheryl Hagemeyer/ Holly Spanger  
 15 Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht  
 22 Diane Telligman/Nancy Rinsch  
 29 Tambria Leonard/Lisa Richter

**Nursery Notes (Worship):**

Sept. 1 Stacy Page/Virginia Koenig  
 8 Theresia Barrett/Brianna Ainsworth  
 15 Ramona and Reeva Hammelman  
 22 Tracey Kahre/Hailley Kahre  
 29 Debbie Telligman/Cally Miller

**Children's Church:**

Sept. 1 Bonnie Organ/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall  
 8 Lenora McCrary/Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg  
 15 Jo Ann Brocksmith/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman  
 22 Dale Tiek/Nancy Tilly  
 29 No Children's Church

**September birthdays:**

Sept. 8 Marjorie Putnam (90th)

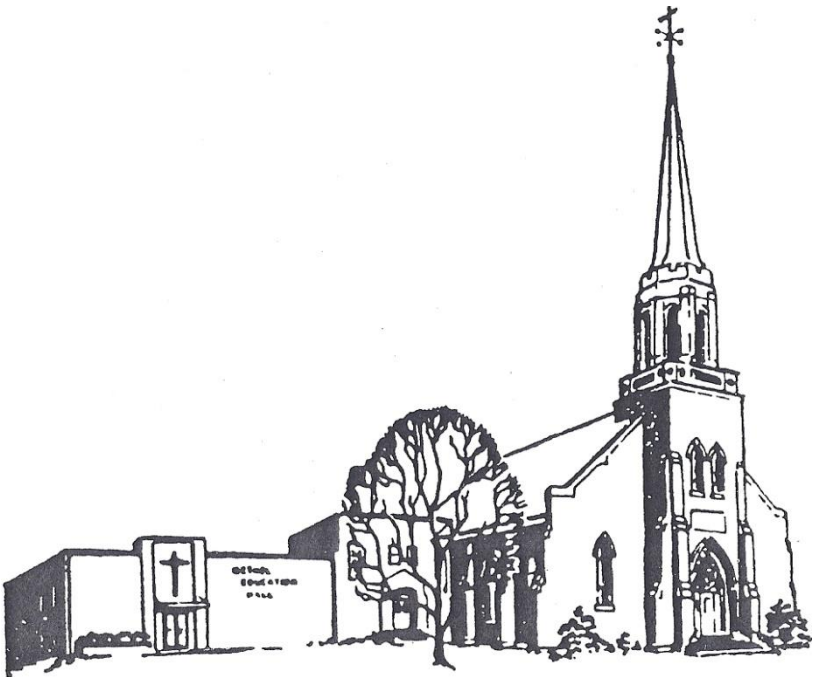
*Chimes news will be due on September 16th.*



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