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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

What do you enjoy doing for the church? Have you ever asked yourself that question? I believe every believer has something to offer church. Sometimes we sell ourselves short and say we have nothing to offer, that we have no talents to offer, etc. If this is the case, I invite you to read from the following verses of scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 1 Corinthians 12:28, and Romans 12:6-8. In these passages are lists of spiritual gifts, gifts available to all who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Not all possess each gift and some are gifted differently than others. The point is that all of us have at least one gift and it is left up to us to ask the Holy Spirit what that gift is and how it may be used for God's glory.

To be used for God's glory. That has been the problem with spiritual gifts down through the ages. Too many people bask in their gifts for their glory instead of allowing that gift to be used to strengthen the church, edify other believers and to bring witness for Christ.

I encourage you to identify your gift, and then use it for what it was intended for, the Glory of God.

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

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## **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2014**

**March/April/May (Spring) – Faithful Footprints**

**June – Bible School**

**July/August – Mustard Seed**

**September – Preschool**

**October/November – Mission Committee**

**December – (Christmas) – Christian Partners**

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### **GUILD**

Due to the cold weather, we cancelled Guild in February. We hope everyone stayed warm and read a good book!

We will have our March Guild meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> with a work morning cleaning the kitchen at 9:30. We will have a lunch at noon, and at 1:30 have our February meeting with our Memorial program for our 7 deceased members. Doris Richter will be in charge of the program.

Hostesses for March are Doris Richter, Nancy Tilly, Doris Brocksmith, and Lill Clinkenbeard.

Bring peanut butter and soup for North Knox Social Ministries, also last month's items, tooth brushes and tooth paste.

Our Annual Lenten Breakfast will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Come for a morning of good fellowship, great food, and an inspirational program.

Lill Clinkenbeard

### **Missions**

Glory be to God! By HIS mighty power at work within us, HE is able to accomplish infinitely more than we could ever dare to ask or dream! Ephesians 3:20. The 2014 Mission Committee believes that God is going to accomplish more this year at Bethel than our minds can even dream!

We thank the council and the people of Bethel for having a heart for missions! We are inspired by your generous spirit and we know that God has a big plan for us! We met briefly to discuss the 2014 budget. We are planning to have a longer meeting time to plan our 2014 calendar year.

If God has given you a dream or an idea and you feel that it is something that God is calling Bethel to do for our community, our country or our world please let us know. We will pray about it and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us. Remember, nothing is too big for our great God!

We are planning to add a prayer wall to the chapel. It will be a place where you can post prayer requests or praises and where you can come to pray over the concerns of others. More details to follow.

Pray big, dream big, think big and trust God to provide. He will supply our every need from His glorious riches which have been given to us in Christ Jesus! Philippians 4:19

## **PRESCHOOL**

Wow! February seemed to just fly by as we kept busy, busy, busy in the MWF preschool classes! We were barely able to be sad that the weather was keeping us from getting to go outside and play. We were extra excited to finally have a day that was warm enough to allow us to practice zipping up our coats and get outside to run and play! ☺

During V week we were very excited to have special visitor! Mr. Chuck (Borgmeier) brought in his violin to show to the preschoolers and tell them about it and how he had come to begin playing the instrument. They loved hearing the songs he played! You can imagine how excited one little preschooler was when he played the Happy Birthday song and it was actually his birthday! Thank you, Mr. Chuck, for taking the time to come in and share with our preschoolers that it is never too late to learn something new!

We also celebrated Valentine's Day with a party for each class. The mothers 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! We read lots of stories about love

and kindness and made lots of heart crafts. 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 love about each other. We were also able to show our appreciation and love for our prayer partners by sending postcards. The children had so much fun stamping the front of their card and then signing their name using their very best handwriting (they knew these were special postcards for very special people) and then mailing them in our preschool mailbox so that they could be taken to the post office. We really appreciate our prayer partners! ☺

By the time you read this we will have had Donuts with Dad. Right now, we are counting down each day to the special day marked on our calendar. We are having fun deciding which songs to sing and making a small keepsake. The kids are so excited to have a special day with their Daddy.

I am looking forward to some warmer days and more blessed moments God has in store for us during our preschool days. Thank you for the continued love, support, and prayers that are continually sent our way.

Love,  
Mrs. Lemberg

SNOW!!!! NO MORE!!!! is our prayer these days. We are really wanting to be in preschool everyday on Tuesday and Thursdays!! And the first day it is sunny and 50 degrees--we are going outside to enjoy God's world, burn off some energy, and try to get rid of our cabin fever.

We have spent a lot of time learning about God's strong love for each of us and how we don't have to wait for one special day (Valentine's) to share that love with others. We need to show love every day. When I ask the kids how they show love, I heard many great answers like helping mom in the kitchen and picking up my toys. One little boy answered singing to Jesus!! We made a craft and were learning how to fold paper like an accordion. One little boy finally said "do you mean like a spring?" I answered yes kind of. And he looked at me and said, "Well why you didn't just say that in the beginning!" They truly make me smile everyday:-) We had great Valentine Parties with lots of good sugary snacks and fun games.

For letter N, we talked about God giving each of us a special name and all the numbers He could possibly imagine. The kids all tried to think of a number higher than their friend. I8 was the biggest number on kid could come up with at the time and the next one says 4050. Letter O was fun as we made an orange octopus in the ocean as the kids got to cut and paint all in one day. Some have been to the ocean before and tried to tell us how

neat or cool it was to swim or just sit and look at the ocean. One little girl decided we should just walk to the ocean and see it that day. We also talked about the Owl and how we don't see many of those every day. We tried to see how many letter o's it takes to make the creature and we finally ended up with 7, although a couple had a hard time seeing the letter after it was turned into an eye. We learned that God has given us lots of opposites and some are harder to learn than others. One little boy told me he likes in and out, but not left or right. (That was one week we actually were in class both days.)

The prodigal son is a favorite story of mine as we learn we never want to leave or stray away from God. He is always there to protect us. We made pretty pink pig puppets from a paper bag for a play--wow lots of letter p's in that and we giggled a lot as we tried to say it fast. Then we got to paint (a preschool favorite) a letter P and watch it become a puzzle. I had helpers cutting the letter puzzle for us and then we had to glue it to another piece of paper in our puzzle form. One little girl questioned why we cut the puzzle pieces only to glue them back together--she thought it would have just been easier to leave it alone.

Letter Q was shared with letter P and the Valentine Party, but we still managed to quack a lot and loud as we talked about the different sounds the animals make. We love the idea that God gave us all ways to communicate even if it is a lot of quacking ducks. Queen Esther was supposed to be our lesson, but we went with plan b for the week, and will do that later.

At the time of writing this, we are looking forward to our Donuts with Dad which is Sat. Feb 22. We have tried to learn a new song and poem for our special date, but with the weather we may have to sing our old favorite or change our plans. Old song or new, whichever we do, I know it will be a fun filled day!!

I have heard many prayers that have touched my heart from the preschoolers. We love to pray for our pets and food most of the time and sometimes we say the same prayer 5 or 6 times during our short class time, but we know God hears us all day long every day and we make Him smile when we tell Him our joys and sadness.

Thanks to all of you for your support and prayers for us. You are all a blessing and truly appreciated for all you do for each preschooler.

Mrs. Durall

## **Thank You**

Hudson Taylor, missionary to China once said: "God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply". As we prepare for our medical

mission trip to the Dominican Republic we see how very true that is! If we do what God has called us to do and if we do it in a way that brings glory to Him and not to us, He will supply! Thank you Bethel for being part of that!

We have been overwhelmed, touched and humbled by the generosity of God's people. We have felt your prayers, received your generous donations and watched the vitamin shopping cart get filled! You all have become an important part of this mission trip.

We would ask that you would continue to pray for the trip March 5-12<sup>th</sup>. We know that God is going before us to prepare the way. We know that He is calling us, not just to meet the physical needs of the people coming to the clinics, but also to see their spiritual needs. Pray that He will give us eyes to see and hearts to help.

Again, thank you for all that you do to show the love of Jesus!

Nurses (and a carpenter) On A Mission

Dale & Jane

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

### **February 10, 2014**

**Pastor Mike's Report:** Pastor Mike's report included conducting a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, youth meetings, and teaching the Confirmation class. He also shared that Brenda Maddox had taken some youth to the Winter Jam concert, and he presented the council with an accounting of youth expenses.

**Secretary's Report:** Both the January and annual meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written. The following missions allocations were approved: NK Social Ministries, \$500; Nurses Fund, \$500; **L**ife **A**fter **M**eth, \$1,500; Heart to Heart, \$150; and, Ablaze (an upcoming Jr. & Sr. High Christian Conference at NKHS, March 28-29), \$500.

**Deacons' Report:** The average attendance for January was 128, and the offering was \$14,434. Income included: Atlas Gas, \$444.94; Facility Use, \$50; Preschool, \$3,634.84; Brocksmith Mission, \$112.08; Mission Misc., \$800; Memorial Fund, \$25; Cemetery Fund, \$200; and Cemetery Fund Trust, \$592.27.

**Building and Grounds:** Gord Clinkenbeard reported that the furnace on the third floor has been repaired, and a leak was discovered in the one floor near the preschool area, which will be repaired by Anthis. Bill Resler volunteered to look into having the

lock on the right front door repaired so that it can be locked during extremely windy conditions to prevent it from blowing open.

**Elders' Report:** Mary Ann Miller distributed calendars showing scheduled church events and instruction sheets for preparing and serving communion. She explained that scheduled visitations with Pastor Mike and an elder have been delayed until better weather.

**Old Business:** John Spanger reported that the youth pastor search committee is gathering information on a potential candidate. It was shared that the window replacement project will begin when weather permits and Tiek Construction is available. Also, the search continues for suitable grip strips for the front and Bethel Hall exterior steps. Rowe Sargent volunteered to get the appropriate permits, etc., needed for the installation of a sewage system at the shelter house, and Bill Resler shared that he may have a lead on cabinetry for the kitchen area. Gord Clinkenbeard reported that the employee contracts were ready to be signed and that Jeff Kixmiller will install the previously purchased projection screen in the social room. Bill Resler volunteered to take care of having the copying machine in the Sunday school office repaired.

**New Business:** The vitamin collection for VU's Nursing Students' mission trip has gone well, and the youth will assist Jane and Dale Tiek in prepackaging them into bags of 30 prior to the trip in March. A discussion of possibly affiliating with the Evangelical Association was held. This is not a denomination but rather a way for non-denominational churches to network, share ideas, and also receive assistance with pastoral searches. There is a suggested annual fee of \$2 per church member, but this membership/fee ratio is not mandatory. Also, any congregation may withdraw membership at any time. Bill Resler made the motion, seconded by Joe Koenig, and passed unanimously that the council recommend to the congregation that Bethel Church join the Evangelical Association with a \$500 donation. A congregation meeting will be held following the church service on March 2 to address this issue.

**Coming Events:**

February 22 – Donuts with Dad  
Council Dinner

March 5 – Ash Wednesday Service

## **Parish Records:**

**Births:** Brandon and Holly Spanger welcomed baby Heidi Christine on Monday, February 10. She weighed 8 lb. 4 oz., and was 21 inches long. She is also welcomed by big brother, Conner. Bethel grandparents are John and Jan Spanger, and great-grandparents are Dorothy Spanger, Charles and Evaline Johanningsmeier.

### **Attendance:**

Jan. 26 102  
Feb. 2 106  
Feb. 9 106  
Feb. 16 126

### **Greeters:**

March 2 and 9 – Joe & Virginia Koenig  
March 16 and 23 – Sam & Cally Miller  
March 30 – Bill & Carole Albrecht  
**Ushers:** Kevin & Linda Hammelman

### **Nursery (Sunday School):**

March 2 Lana Dike/ Kate Hammelman  
9 Brandy Williams/Holly Spanger  
16 Krista Telligman/Nancy Rinsch  
23 Diane Telligman/Mary Ann Miller  
30 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lisa Richter

### **Nursery Notes (Worship):**

March 2 Tracey and Hailley Kahre  
9 Cally Miller/Ashley Durall  
16 Brenda Maddox/Kelci Anderson  
23 Bonnie and Jesse Organ  
30 Stacy and Brianna Page

### **Children's Church:**

March 2 Bonnie Organ/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall  
9 Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg  
16 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman  
23 Dale Tiek/Jenny Clinkenbeard  
30 No Children's Church

### **March birthdays:**

March 6 Darwin Emmel (83<sup>rd</sup>)  
23 Carl Johanningsmeier (85<sup>th</sup>)

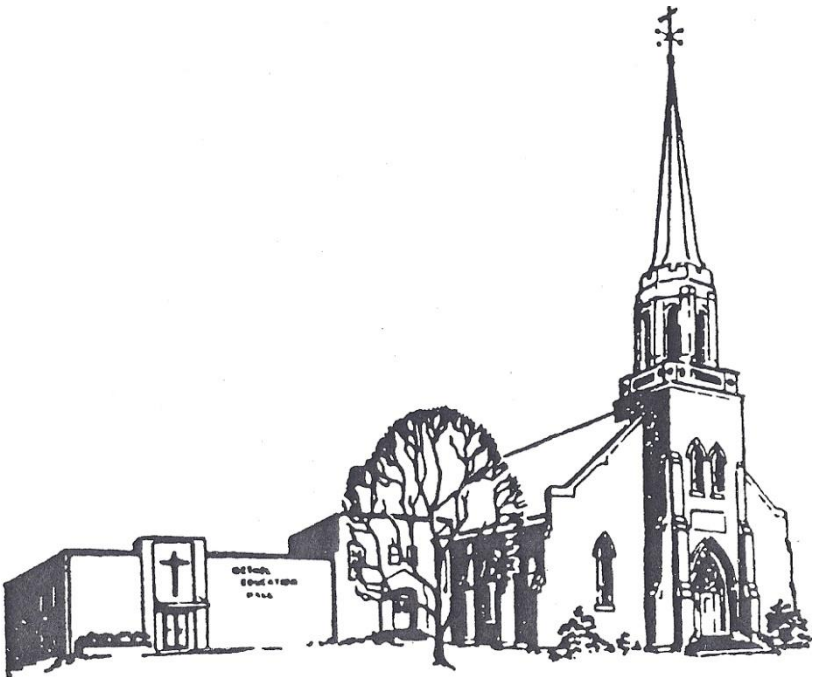
*Chimes news will be due on March 17th.*



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