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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

What does Easter mean to you? Unfortunately, for many, and when I say many, I am including the church, Easter has become just another Sunday. Perhaps a Sunday celebrated with family and friends, a special meal, and for the young ones an Easter egg hunt, though what "Easter eggs" has to do with Easter I have yet to figure out. Easter in Western civilization has largely been replaced by "Christmas", Christmas in quotation marks because what we do at Christmas deviates largely from what Christmas really is about. Let us look briefly at how we have allowed ourselves to be cheated at Easter.

To put Easter in proper perspective, we must focus on the tomb, the empty tomb and all it represents. We must realize that while the tomb represents the resurrection of our Lord, the bigger picture of the empty tomb states the fact that death has been conquered, defeated, and destroyed. For me, that is better than anything this world has to offer, my sin debt has been paid in full, by one who did not owe it, and all I must do to reap this reward is to believe, follow and believe.

Easter, may this year's celebration truly be a celebration. A time not only to celebrate the empty tomb, but also celebrate the fact that death's hold on us has been defeated by what Christ did on the cross.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

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

GUILD

Cleaning the kitchen was a good time for fellowship at our March meeting. We enjoyed a lunch of soup and sandwiches with 18 present. In the afternoon, we had our memorial service, conducted by Doris Richter, Chairman, for our seven deceased members. We told of many memories we had during the years with these ladies. We have 7 good books donated in their memory for all to read. The books will be in the Guild Library in the Guild room for you to read. After the meeting, we enjoyed dessert and coffee.

Our April meeting will be April 2 at 1:30 pm. Program will be “Women of the Bible”, with Nancy Tilly as Program Chairman. Hostesses will be Sharon Kahre and Terri Miller. Please bring diapers for North Knox Social Ministries.

Our Annual Lenten Breakfast will be April 12 at 9 am. Our speakers will be Tammy (Root) Morrison and Tracy Reel. The message is “Send Me”, and the scripture is Matthew 25:40. Hope to see you there.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Mark your calendars for April 6! That evening there will be a church-wide pitch in dinner followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for ALL Bethel youth, up to and including Senior High. The Church will provide drinks and table service. There is a signup sheet in Bethel Hall for the dinner. Dinner begins at 5:30, followed by the Egg Hunt. Hope to see you then.

CONFIRMATION REUNION

This is a time we reflect back to our confirmation, and what being a member of Bethel is all about. All Bethel confirmands are recognized along with those who joined Bethel by letter of transfer or by Confession or Affirmation of Faith, honoring the Classes of 1939, 1964, and 1989.

1939 Confirmation Class

Minister: Rev. Daniel Bierbaum

Song: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Marilyn Ruth Brocksmith Tomey*	Richard F. Albrecht*
Mary Joan Fuller Jones*	Paul Wilbert Berger*
Nelda Frederica Held Horn*	Ralph Victor Buescher*
Carolyn June Kirchoff Richter*	William Earl Grabbe*
Bertha Marie Linneweber Conrad	Gilbert Ray Horst*
Margaret Marie Schaefer Koenig*	Paul Louis Kixmiller
Paula Frieda Schluessler	Albert Schaefer, Jr.
Selma Carroll Illyes*	Gerald Paul Richter*
Marjorie Struckmeier Borgmeier*	Max Edward Telligman*

1964 Confirmation Class
Minister: Rev. George W. Varns
Song: "Living For Jesus" (pg. 413)

Kenneth Lee Begeman*	Jeffrey Wayne Miller
Paul Richard Clinkenbeard	Sue Ellen Linneweber Dunn
Judith Ann Davis Williams	Carolyn Jean Perkins
Janis Elaine Finke Workman	Fredric Warren Robbins
Stanley Kent Harbin	Howard Ernest Roberts
Mark David Jones	Linda May Sams Young
Jeffrey Lynn Kixmiller	Marilyn Sue Tilly Cullen
April Celeste Trotter Sims	

1989 Confirmation Class
Pastor Herb Schafale
Song: "I Would Be True"

Jonathan Curtis Boberg	Salli Yvonne Horst
Eric John Clinkenbeard*	Janet Kay Isenberg Ramseyer
Macala Ruth Dubbs	Brandy M. Jones Minnich
Justin John French	Clint Kixmiller
Daniel Adam Hartsburg	Brett Steven Telligman

2014 Confirmation Class
Pastor Mike DeCoursey
Song: "I Love You, Lord"

Reeva Hammelman	Rylee Hammelman
	Juliann Miller

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 Superhero theme and had fun wearing our favorite superhero shirts and costumes. 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, "I'm in the Lord's Army" and one of their favorites, "Birdies." A special thanks to Mary Ann Miller for donating the donuts, Nicole Ricketts for delivering them that morning, Sharon Dunkerly and Kathy Murphy for donating the drinks, and the Preschool Board for their never-ending support. 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 – 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!!" The kids loved their green eggs! 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 read the story of Noah. We got to make fun rainbow crafts to hang in our hallway. We also had a preschool mom, Rebecca Duckworth, teach us a song to help us remember the colors of the rainbow! 😊

Thank you to Earl Linneweber for bringing us pecans! It was fun to see what the pecans look like whole and how they look and taste when they are cracked open. 😊

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!

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg



Wow what a fast month it has been. We ended February with our "Donuts with Dad" (or papaw or other fill in). The kids were so excited to show off their special date. Many of the preschoolers and dads came dressed alike in their super hero t-shirts or capes. We had

a great turn out and a lot of fun. Thanks to everyone who donated drinks or donuts, picked up the donuts and delivered them. We truly appreciate your support.

Rainbows were our lesson for letter R. We learned about God's promise and hoped to see a rainbow when we looked outside, but the ground was covered in snow--so we are still looking out our window for a rainbow. I magically colored pasta and let the kids glue it in the rainbow colors. One little girl wanted to know where I bought purple macaroni. I told her I did that at home. She was amazed that I could do that but very sad she couldn't eat my colored macaroni--she thought it would give the macaroni and cheese a grape taste if I would just let her lick it.

Letter S we pretended we were on the beach as we glued sand, shells, and sun to our craft. Then we made "sheep go to sleep" as we talked about our story "The Lost Sheep." We found many places in the social room to hide and pretend that our sheep were asleep, but it was too noisy to really sleep. The preschoolers decided it wouldn't be fun to be lost from God so we always need to "watch out for Him," according to one little boy.

Jesus keeps me track was a great discussion for the letter T. We had to build our track with popsicle sticks and then assemble our shapes train on the track. We read "The Little Engine That Could." We read the famous saying "I cannot, I cannot," which is something the preschoolers are not allowed to say in my class. They have to say I think I can, but I might need a little help is a lot like our class sayings and we have to keep positive.

We celebrated Dr. Seuss and Read Across America by looking at several books written by Dr. Seuss. We read "Ten Apples on Top." Then we found apples to put on top our heads for a craft and great picture. We had THING 1 and THING 2 came and visit for silly games. A big thanks to Miss Trudy McCormick and Miss Jennifer Shaw for helping us have fun and sharing their crazy talent!!!! We made water globes (couldn't use the s word for snow globes because we are over that and didn't want to bring more back) with fish and lots of glitter inside after we read "One Fish Two Fish."

Letter U was all about an umbrella and how it protects us in the rain, but we also learned that God is our umbrella and protects us all the time. We are happy to be Under God's Care.

We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day--just a little early since we are on spring break this week. We all dress in green and ate green snacks. Then we found a trail of shamrocks and tried to chase "Lucky" around the church. He was sneaky and we never saw him but we were happy to find all the goodies he left for us to help us remember the color green.

A big thanks to Mr. Earl Linneweber, who picked up pecans and cracked them for us to enjoy. They were a great snack. He also gave us each one pecan uncracked to take home. One little boy couldn't wait to show his dad the new Bcan he had in his pocket. Hopefully he remembered it was their before mom did the laundry.

We were happy this month to enjoy the grass and wind as we went on a walk and played outside for a few minutes. We are looking forward to getting outside a lot more as we know spring is almost here to stay. We are looking forward to Easter and learning all we can about how Jesus died for each of us. It is hard to believe we are down to just two months of the school year and we are going to enjoy every day.

Mrs. Durall

Thank You

Dear Bethel Friends and Family,

Thank you! Thank you! For all of your very generous donations for the Nurses Fund! Many people who have needed help with food, gas, electric and water bills, prescriptions, dental bills, doctor bills and gas vouchers, plus clothing purchases have received assistance.

Some of the young single mothers have been really desperate this year – no water – no food – no electricity – no diapers.

But – because of you and your giving, - all of the above received help!

Thank you!! God bless you all!!

The Nurses Fund
Maridell

Special Congregational Meeting
Bethel Church
March 9, 2014

A special congregational meeting was held following the worship service on March 9, 2014, to decide if Bethel Church wants to become a member of the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches. President Gord Clinkenbeard called the meeting to order and shared information about this association. He noted that it is not a denomination but rather a voluntary association of churches, ministers, and believers networking together to further the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are no rules or regulations for its members; rather it serves as a support and resource for its members and can also assist with pastoral searches. Regional conferences are held and are a time for its members to join together to fellowship, worship, and become refreshed in their faith. Even though a membership fee of \$2.00 per member per year is suggested, this is at the discretion of each church since many churches have members who are not actively involved. Bethel Church council suggested contributing \$500.00 as their membership fee, adding that a church may withdraw from the association at any time. Following a question and answer period, Bruce Miller moved that Bethel Church associate with the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches. John Koenig seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Gord Clinkenbeard also shared that Bethel is still in search of a fourth elder and requested that anyone who would be willing to serve in that capacity contact him or Pastor Mike. Having no other business, Ed Hagemeyer moved and Garland Richter seconded that the meeting be adjourned, which also passed unanimously.

Bethel Church Council Minutes

March 10, 2014

Pastor Mike's Report: Pastor Mike's report included hospital visits, teaching Confirmation classes, and assisting with the youth meetings, including counting and packaging vitamins for the mission trip to the Dominican Republic during one of their meetings. He reported that there had been no youth expenses. An all church pitch-in dinner is being planned for April 6th at 5:30 after which an Easter egg hunt will be held for the children. The church will furnish the drinks, and a food sign-up will be posted in Bethel Hall. He also shared the list of Lenten service speakers and requested a week's vacation beginning March 21.

Secretary's Report: Both the February and special congregational minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were approved: NK Social Missions, \$500; Heart to Heart, \$500; and, Campus Christian Fellowship, \$500.

Deacons' Report: The average attendance was 107, and the offering was \$17,171.00. Income included: Atlas Gas, \$498.42; Facility Use, \$50.00; Interest Income, \$81.94; Preschool, \$3,634.84; Brocksmith Mission Fund, \$108.96; and, Youth Fund, \$245.00 (Unused funds returned from money allocated for the youth's trip to the Winter Jam in Evansville).

Building and Grounds: Gord Clinkenbeard reported that a new exterior water hydrant is needed on the church office building and the light outside the exterior ramp door in the social room is not working properly. Bill Resler shared that the front exterior doors of the church have been repaired so that they can be locked when necessary and that the copier in the Sunday school office has also been repaired. It was noted that the bricks on the exterior wall between the original church building and the Sunday school addition needs to be tuck pointed; Bill Resler volunteered to locate someone to do this repair. It was also noted that the down spout on the southeast corner of the church is clogged; Garland Richter will take care

of this problem. Bill Resler is going to try to locate a brighter bulb for the eternal flame in the sanctuary.

Elders' Report: Mary Ann Miller reported that scheduled visitations with Pastor Mike and an elder are resuming.

Old Business: John Spanger shared that the Youth Pastor Search Committee has received another potential candidate and is in the process of gathering information. The new windows in the church are being replaced, and it was noted that six windows in the church office building also need to be replaced, for which a bid will be sought. Bill Resler reported that he is waiting for a second bid for the renovation of the shelter house, and Gord Clinkenbeard shared that all but one of the employee contracts had been signed and returned.

New Business: It was noted that the church will begin collecting vitamins for Maridell Sargent and Victoria Brocksmith to take on their mission trip to Honduras in June. Council members will meet on March 17th at 5:00 PM to construct a place in the cemetery to permanently display the broken off, old tombstones. Gord Clinkenbeard volunteered to represent the council on the Preschool Board, adding that the teachers reported that they are having a great year and would like to meet with the council in July when their new board members begin their term. At this time other church employees will also be asked to meet with the council to see if there are any concerns. It was noted that a fourth elder is still needed; anyone interested in this position should contact Pastor Mike or Gord Clinkenbeard. Vacation Bible School will be scheduled in early summer, and a director is needed. Anyone interested in accepting this role needs to contact Pastor Mike.

Coming Events:

Each Wednesday evening, 7:00 – Lenten Services

Parish Records:

BIRTHS: Brandee and Bill Davis welcomed twins on Saturday, March 8th. Brixton Arthur weighed 6 lb. 6 oz. and Brinxley Arabelle weighed 4 lb. 12 oz. Bethel grandparents are Terry and Gayle Perkins.

Attendance:

Feb. 23 95
Mar. 2 No Church
Mar. 9 125
Mar. 16 132

Greeters:

April 6 – Bill and Carole Albrecht
April 13 & 20 – Frank & Lenora McCrary
April 27 – Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard
Ushers: Randy & Theresia Barrett

Nursery (Sunday School):

April 6 Lana Dike/ Brandy Williams
13 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Nancy Rinsch
20 Krista Telligman/Kate Hammelman
27 Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht

Nursery Notes (Worship):

April 6 Tiffany Granderson/Beth Durall
13 Bonnie and Jesse Organ
20 Hallie and Ashley Durall
27 Virginia Koenig/Theresia Barrett

Children's Church:

April 6 Bonnie Organ/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
13 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
20 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
27 Brenda Maddox/Jenny Clinkenbeard

April birthdays:

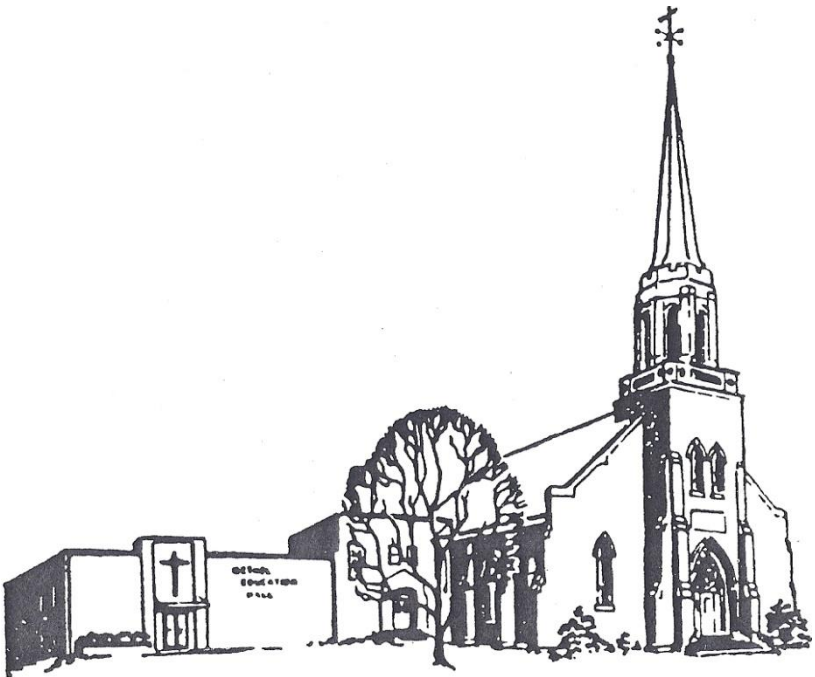
April 2 Dorothy Sams (87th)
5 Wilbur Boberg (85th)
6 Marilyn Fender (82nd)
9 Doris Brocksmith (84th)
12 Betty Tilly (83rd)
25 Nancy Kixmiller (80th)

Chimes news will be due on April 21st.

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