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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Lenten season is here and Easter just around the corner. The question is, should we give up something for Lent, or perhaps trust the Lord in leading us to do something for Him that we have never done before. Perhaps invite an unchurched neighbor to church, take the sick a meal or just hug someone who is suffering the loss of a loved one.

Whether we give up something or take on something it still requires action on our part. We are reminded from Matthew 25:40 that whenever we reach out to the less fortunate, we are working for the Kingdom of God.

Let us then use this Lenten season to examine ourselves, to become aware of those in need and reach out as never before. Who knows, we may be entertaining angels in disguise.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

Isaiah 53:4-6

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

If we have been healed by His Stripes why do we still live
like we are sick?

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2015

March/April/May (Spring) – Choir

June – Bible School

July/August – Mission Committee

September – Preschool

October/November – Nancy Tilly

December – Faithful Footprints

GUILD

Eighteen ladies met in February for the memorial program. We gave books in memory of our loved ones – “Christmas Is Not Your Birthday” for Betty Tilly, “Wish You Well” for Ruth Sager, and “Thunder Dog” for Vera Dunkerly. Come and read one, they are in the library in the Guild room.

March 4 at 9:30 am, we will clean the kitchen. Lunch will be served at 11:30. Hostesses will be Doris Richter and Lill Clinkenbeard. A short meeting will be held after we get our cleaning done. Please bring peanut butter or soup for NKSM.

Our Lenten Breakfast will be March 28 at 9 am in the Social Room. Come for a morning of good food, good fellowship and an inspirational program. We hope to see you.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Preschool

We have been very busy, but having fun, this month celebrating God's Love and sharing that love with others. We learned that we should do this every day, not just on Valentine's Day.

Letter N was a fun new activity as we read a book called "Nuts to You" and talked about a friendly little squirrel. We have learned that we have to love everything God has given us even the outdoor creations. We made a snack for the squirrels as we popped popcorn, counted nine peanuts and shelled our own corn. The kids loved trying to see who could get the most corn off the quickest. Some really caught on quickly while others thought using your hands for shelling corn was very hard. I heard one little boy say, "the combine goes faster than this."

Lights on, lights off, move behind me, move in front of me was how we started talking about letter O as we found all kinds of opposites to discuss. The kids were excited when they thought of things on their own, like wet and dry, or over and under. One little girl was very proud when she said shoes and socks are opposites. I tried to

tell her they go together and are not opposites, but she said she liked saying that better than on and off or yes and no.

Our "owl always love you" craft turned out very cute as we painted our hands and we had to pick someone special to give it to. As we discussed the Owl and what they do, one little boy said, "we never get to see them because they are nocturnal." I questioned what nocturnal really meant. His reply was, "He only comes out at night, silly!" We are learning that God made everything unique and special.

Please pray was all we needed to know for letter p, but we definitely found many p things to talk about and discuss. We were very fortunate in the am class to have Police Officer Nick (Hatfield) come and tell us about his job and show us his patrol car. It was "cool" to climb in the front seat and play with buttons that made really loud sounds. We even tried on his police hat, which was really big, noted one preschooler. He brought in coloring books and stickers.

My afternoon class welcomed Police Chief Paul Jones and his big new fancy truck. Again, we enjoyed climbing in the truck and seeing things up close. He let us try on the heavy vest and gave us information sheets to fill out if something were to happen to us and bookmarks. A Big thanks to both men who serve our community. We learned that policeman are protecting us as well as being our friends and made a police car and hat craft.

We read "The Prodigal Son," and about his job with smelly pigs. We made our own paper plate pretty pink pig puppet to help us remember that things aren't always better somewhere else.

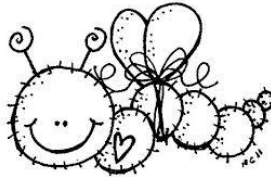
Letter Q was very loud as we all tried quacking like ducks for a long time. We also read "Queen Esther helps God's People" and learned that we should try to be like her and help others no matter what.

One cold day my afternoon class heard a noise outside so we went on an adventure to see what was going on in the parking lot. We found Mr. Keith (Telligman) moving gravel with his "dump

tractor". We didn't even have on coats, but we stood outside and watched him for a little while. By the way Keith, you took 15 seconds to unload one load, but the next one was only 13 seconds, just in case you were wondering.

We had exciting Valentine's Day parties. We love to do different activities that the parents pick and it is always fun to have parents visit us for the day.

Every day is one step closer to spring. We are looking forward to getting outside and enjoying God's outdoor world again.
In Christ's Love, Mrs. Durall



February, we have had a lot of fun with Valentine's Day activities and I used this opportunity to talk to the preschoolers about loving/ being kind to one another. Our memory verse for the month: "A happy heart makes the face cheerful but heartache crushes the spirit." Proverbs 15:13. We talked about what makes them happy and what makes them sad. We also talked about how God wants us to be kind to one another. Of course I was asked "what does kind mean?" I replied "it means to be nice." They of course knew what that meant.

Our first letter of the month was O. We painted shoe boxes brown and turned them into Owls, these boxes were used to put our valentine goodies in. We also painted paper plates Orange, cut them into an O, and took them home to find things that started with O and brought them back for show and tell.

P week was perfect and exciting...we were thrilled to have a police officer visit preschool. He came and shared with us how police officers can help us. He also shared with us different things he wears and carries with him, he brought us coloring books and badges. His visit wouldn't have been complete without going outside to see his car and have him sound his sirens! Some of the preschoolers thought this was so exciting but we had a few that we're little scared. In my class we learned that police officers are here to protect and help us. In honor of his visit we made police cars out of shapes and police hats. We also used this opportunity to talk about the two colors that start with P and made a pink and purple penguin with polka dots. We ended P week by having a popcorn party. I brought in my hot air popper and they had fun watching the popcorn pop or "grow" as one little boy put it.

Q week was also the week of our Valentines party so we included some Valentines crafts in during this week. However in honor of Q week we painted with a quill. The kids found this to be very difficult and also found it hard to believe that long ago pens and pencils didn't exist. We also each decorated our own piece of card stock and formed. Quilt on the wall in our preschool room. Thursday was our Valentine's Day party we had cupcakes, candy, and made Valentines bears. The kids really enjoyed it and the parents did a wonderful job planning this party!

Please visit our preschool room and the hallway and check out our crafts! We are always trying to learn while having fun. We will be learning about the letter R next and also will be celebrating donuts with dads this Saturday!

Mrs. Granderson



Wow! February seemed to just fly by as we kept busy, busy, busy in the MWF preschool classes! We barely had time to be sad on the days that the weather kept us from getting to go outside and play. We were extra excited on the days that it 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! 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. 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

Thank You

Dear Bethel Friends and Family,

Thank you! Thank you! Your generous gifts to the Nurses' Fund during this Christmas season were truly overwhelming! Charlene reported a need and you responded. Other needs were recorded and you gave. You have touched the lives of many people in a kind, caring and Christian way. Because you cared and shared there is still some money to help in some of the future months when the giving is slim. You received several hugs (given to me) from people who received help. You all are truly appreciated!

Thank you, again! And hugs to all!

The Nurses' Fund
Charlene and Maridell

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In memory of Vera Dunkerly:

Donald and Nancy Bubenzer

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Gertrude Hagemeyer

Mike & Jean Johanningsmeier

Tom & Joyce Kixmiller

Steve & Debbie Telligman

Linda Waldroup

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met and reviewed the 2014 activities. We discussed vitamins for Santa Domingo, helping Scott Shipman at Helping His Hands, reserving a table at the Heart to Heart Banquet, prayer partners for Preschool, plus some possibilities for other activities. We also support the school back packs, the Nurses' Fund, and North Knox Social Ministries. There will be more to follow.

Bethel Church Council Minutes February 9, 2015

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a service at the Freelandville Community Home, teaching confirmation classes, hospital visits, conducting a funeral, weekly staff meetings, and conducting pre-marital counseling with two couples.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet continues to make school lunch visits to NKHS and attends many sporting events. He reported that he and the youth attending the Strength to Stand

conference in Pigeon Forge had a great three days of worship. He felt the conference had a great impact on everyone attending. He shared that the Super Bowl party was well attended and he conducted a Bible study during the half time. Pastor Mike reported that he is serving on a Walk to Emmaus March 5-8.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Buildings and Grounds: Bill Resler is working on fixing broken church pews. Pastor Mike reported that the ceiling lights in the office have been replaced with LED lights.

Elder's Report: John Spanger reported that Pastor Mike and the elders will start visitation beginning on February 17th. Pastor Mike is looking at different materials to use for Bible Study.

Old Business: A bid was submitted and approved to replace the windows in the church office. Garland Richter will ask Dale Tiek to submit a bid to replace three windows in the church. It was decided to wait until March to remove trees along the driveway to the cemetery. Karen DeCoursey continues to work on getting bids for the new projector in the sanctuary.

New Business: The motion was made by Pam Loheider, seconded by Garland Richter and passed unanimously to donate \$500.00 to the Youth ABLAZE Conference to be held at North Knox High School on April 3rd and 4th. The motion was made by Garland Richter, seconded by John Spanger, and passed unanimously to donate \$1000.00 to the Heart to Heart Banquet to be held on March 3rd. Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the speakers in the church van need replaced. Garland Richter made the motion, seconded by Joe Koenig, and passed unanimously to have the speakers replaced. Pastor Mike Leydet offered to check into programming the thermostats in the church. Making a new Bethel Pictorial directory was discussed (the last one was 2007), and Pastor Mike will check with Ford's Photography for available dates. There have been several Emmaus formations at Bethel. Emmaus pays \$100 for rent, and it was decided that half of the rent would go to Ebony Chancellor-Grimm for custodial duties. Bethel continues to support

the North Knox Back Pack project. A donation box is located in Bethel Hall. The following mission allocations were made: NK Social Ministries - \$1000; Nurses' Fund - \$1000; Dale & Jane Tiek Mission trip - \$1000.

Upcoming Events:

February 18 – Ash Wednesday, Communion

February 21 – Donuts with Dad

February 25 – Lenten Service with “Red Letter”

Occupations

Jesus said the laborer “is worthy of his hire” (Luke 10:7, KJV). This quiz is about occupations in the Bible. Can you identify the work assigned to the following people?

1. Joseph supported Mary and Jesus as a _____.
2. The apostles Andrew and Peter worked as _____.
3. Mary thought the risen Lord was the _____.
4. Jesus' parable was about an importunate widow and a _____.
5. Amos, the prophet, was among the _____ of Tekoa. KJV
6. A _____ found “one pearl of great value.”
7. Philip converted a _____ named Simon.
8. Aquila, Priscilla, and Paul were all _____.
9. Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, was a _____.
10. The gospel was trouble for Demetrius, a _____.

Answers:

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| 1. Carpenter, Matt. 13:54-55 | 6. Merchant, Matt. 13:45 |
| 2. fishermen, Matt. 4:18 | 7. Magician, Acts 8:9,12 |
| 3. gardener, John 20:15 | 8. Tentmakers, Acts 18:1-3 |
| 4. judge, Luke 18:1-8 | 9. Prophetess, Luke 2:36 |
| 5. herdmen, Amos 1:1 | 10. Silversmith, Acts 19:24 |

Parish Records:

Deaths: Marjorie Finke, age 95, died on Feb. 4. Funeral services were on Feb. 9, followed by burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Attendance:

Jan. 25 120
Feb. 1 157
Feb. 8 127
Feb. 15 151

Greeters:

March 1 & 8 – Dan & Linda Kixmiller
March 15 & 22 – Joe & Virginia Koenig
March 29 & Apr. 5 – Sam & Cally Miller

Ushers: Mark & Deanna Sargent

Nursery (Sunday School):

Mar. 1 Lana Dike/Kate Hammelman
 8 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Holly Spanger
 15 Krista Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 22 Diane Telligman/Mary Ann Miller
 29 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Mar. 1 Kelci Anderson/Tori French
 8 Ashley Durall/Cally Miller
 15 Brenda Maddox/Jesse Organ
 22 Tiffany Granderson/Brianna Answorth
 29 Stacy and Brianna Page

Children's Church:

Mar. 1 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
 8 Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg
 15 Bonnie Organ/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
 22 Dale Tiek/Jenny Clinkenbeard
 29 No Children's Church

March birthdays:

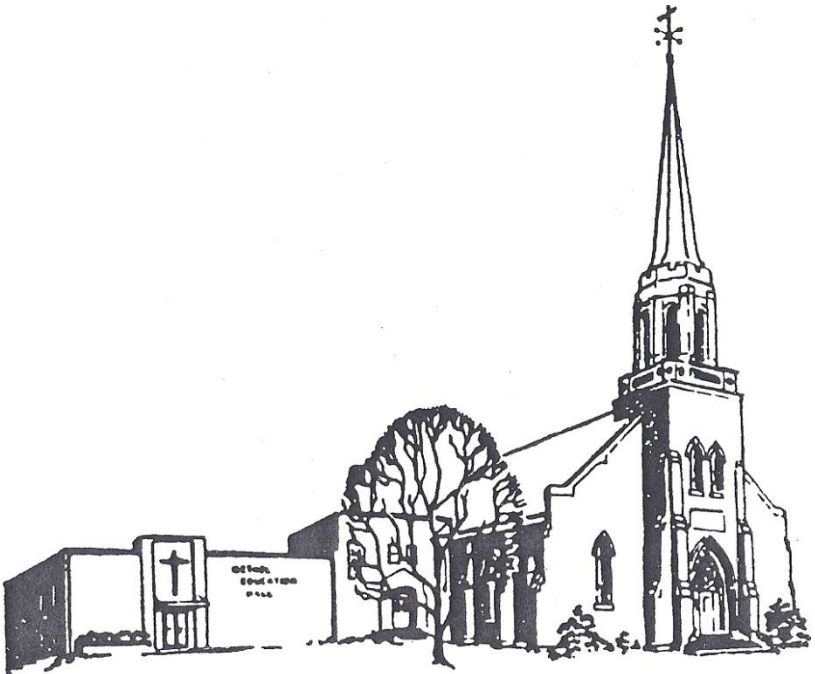
Mar. 6 Darwin Emmel (84th)
 23 Carl Johanningsmeier (86th)

Chimes news will be due on March 16th.

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