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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13:13 that we need to abide in faith, hope and love, with love being the most important of the three. As we move through this season of Easter let us never forget the love God has showed us through His Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate our risen Lord let us reflect on the goodness of God and how He allowed His Son to be our atoning sacrifice on Calvary's Cross. With that in mind let us look for opportunities to share the "Good News" with those less fortunate, who have never experienced what is had by having a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ. May we all become ambassadors for Christ in word and in deed.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

I was on Facebook and saw an article advertised that said “14 celebrities you didn’t know were Christian”. I kind of chuckled at first but then it hit me. How many people do we see every day that don’t know we are Christians? Who do we see on a regular basis who are not Christians and they don’t know that we are either?

Let’s go beyond that a step. Do we care? Do we care that people don’t know that we serve the King of Majesty? Or are we happier to take the easy way out and fly under the radar? Isn’t life a lot easier if we can just blend in with the world? Yes, yes it is, but is that way of life worth living?

Let’s take it one more step. Do we care? Do we care that people are dying every second and going to Hell? Do we care that people we say we love have never seen us live out the truth of redemption? Church it is time to rise up and live out our calling. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

As we approach Easter and think about His Sacrifice I will ask again; are we living out our calling?

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

Due to the bad weather, Bethel Guild was cancelled in March. We will clean the kitchen another time.

Our April meeting will be Wednesday, April Fools' Day. Nancy Tilly will lead us in Bible Study. Hostesses will be Bev Schuckman and Reda Boberg. Bring diapers for North Knox Social Ministries, and soup or peanut butter if you got it for our March meeting.

We are planning our Lenten breakfast for March 28 at 9:00 am. Guest speaker will be Jane Tiek. We hope we'll have a nice group of ladies.

Happy Easter!!

Lill Clinkenbeard

Preschool

Spring.... oh how we love it. The past month was a very fast one as we missed several days due to the snow but we're so happy it's all melted and we can go outside to play, and hear the birds singing.

Letter R was all about rainbows and God's promise. We love to see all the beautiful colors that God gave us in the rainbow. We made our rainbows with colored pasta. Several of the kids wanted

to eat purple macaroni. I explained that this was for our craft and wouldn't taste good. One little boy says, "Well at least let me try it to tell you is not good."

Letter s was a silly week, because we still had snow on the ground we brought the snow inside to play with, we colored it with liquid watercolors and we watched it melt. Then we got to go to the "sea" where there we found sun, sand, and seashells. We also talked about God's son, Jesus.

Letter T was about a train track and how Jesus keeps us on the right track. In honor of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America we welcomed Thing one, Thing two, and The Cat in the Hat where we got to play games and do fun things with them but we also talked about exploring books, either reading them or just looking at pictures.

At the time of this writing, we are enjoying spring break. I look forward to coming back and having many Easter lessons.

Jesus is our Savior. Amen.

Mrs. Durall



We had several snow days to finish out February and to kick off March. We are very glad that Spring is on its way and look forward to getting outside to enjoy it.

During R week we learned about how the Rainbow is a promise from God. We made our very own rainbow out of colored macaroni

and several of the kids wanted to know if they could eat it. I told them it probably wouldn't taste very good, one little boy said "like macaroni and cheese!" I told him it definitely would not taste like macaroni and cheese! We also made a rectangular, robot, out of recycled items. We were able to talk about the shape of the rectangle and about what items that we throw away can be recycled. Also during R week we were excited to have Ms. Melissa (Keevan's mom) join us and bring rainbow pudding for snack and make rainbow marshmallows, the kids really enjoyed this special experience.

Following the letter R was letter S of course, it just so happened that we had snow on the ground during letter S week so we got to bring some inside and play with it. We also made a fun sand, seashells, and sun project and a lot of the kids shared some of their vacation experiences with me. You can see our star student projects in the hall way with the stickers on the shapes, this was a great activity for our fine motor skills and challenging at times to get the stickers off the page.

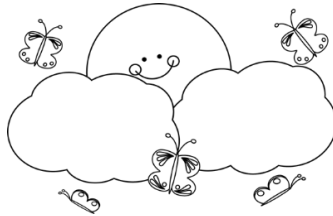
S week also happened to be Dr. Seuss week and we had a snow day so we had to postpone Dr. Seuss another week and talk about him during T week. Mrs. Durall Mrs. Jennifer and I had fun with celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with the kids and dressed up. Mrs Durall was Cat in the Hat, Mrs. Jennifer and I were thing one and thing two. The kids were a little unsure when they came to preschool and I was all dressed up but they had fun with it. We were able to go downstairs and play some fun games with Mrs. Durall's class and make our very own cat in the hat face to wear.

During T week we were able to talk a lot about patterns and numbers with our "Ten apples up on top" project. This required the kids to make a pattern with their apples and to not only count to ten but also practice writing their numbers 1-10. They are on display in my room and I invite you to come take a look. We also painted triangles with Q-tips. When I asked one little girl if she

knew what a Q-tip was she said "yeah, like a stick with a cotton ball on the end!"

Other things that we have had going on this month is our Doughnuts with dad project and celebration which was fun. Doughnuts with Dad's was on March 7th and it was fun to see all of our preschooler's enjoying some time with Dad. A big thank you to everyone who donated items to make this possible, I know the preschooler's really enjoyed it! We are currently on spring break and when we return we will be talking about spring and Easter!!

Mrs. Granderson



Spring greetings from Bethel Preschool! As I write this during our Spring Break, it is hard to believe that there are only two months left until school lets out for summer! I have no doubt they will fly by just as quickly as the rest of the year but I also know that we will enjoy them to the fullest at preschool. ☺

After having to postpone Donuts with Dad due to snow and ice, we were finally able to enjoy it! The kids and I counted down the days on our class calendar until the day arrived and what a great morning it was! We celebrated our dads with a sports theme, the kids said a special poem for their dads and then joined in with the T/TH classes and sang, "I'm In the Lord's Army." I was so proud of each of them! A really fun time was had by all and it was great to see the children beaming with smiles as they shared a special morning with their dad. ☺ A special thanks to Mary Ann Miller for donating the donuts, Nicole Ricketts for delivering them that morning, Sharon Dunkerly and Brooke Boyles for donating the milk and the Preschool Board for their never-ending support! You all help special days like this be possible!

March was such a busy month! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading lots of Dr. Seuss books and had a lot of fun with rhymes and opposites! We wore red in honor of Thing 1 and Thing 2 and we lucky enough to have them stop by our classroom for a special visit! We had a blast playing games and doing our center activities with Thing 1 (Trudy McCormick) and Thing 2 (Jennifer Shaw). Thank you so much for visiting us!! We also celebrated by wearing silly socks, we loved it so much we took our shoes off and had preschool in our socks for the day! One of our favorite books was "Green Eggs and Ham." The kids 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. Several of the kids returned to school saying they had cooked their eggs and much to their delight they did like green eggs!! Thank you, Mr. Chuck!

During R week we had fun learning about rainbows and the promise God made to us when he sent the very first rainbow. We read the story of Noah and made a rainbow craft to hang in the preschool hallway.

I have been enjoying the warmer weather and the memories that are being made with my family over Spring Break. I hope you were able to do the same. 😊 I am excited to celebrate the Easter season at preschool, it is such a blessing to be able to share the beauty of God's love with the children.

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

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.

1940 Confirmation Class

Minister: Rev. A. H. Wegener

Song: "Jesus Calls Us"

Marianne Berry Meister	Tharan Esco Hankins*
Miriam Anna Johanningsmeier*	Howard Richard Koch*
Helen Mae Lichte Harbin	Robert Maurice McCord*
Rachel Emilie Schaefer Brown	Frederick Edward Nierste*
Diana Ruth Strate*	Herbert Wayne Koenig*
Helen Mae Winter*	
Adult Confirmation: H. C. Meyer Koch*	
Adult Baptism: Paul K. Smith*	

1965 Confirmation Class

Minister: George Varns

Song: "O' Jesus I Have Promised"

John Burton Brocksmith	Victor Wayne Linneweber
Joe Alan Bubenzer	Donald Leroy Pieper
Pamela K. Dunkerly Loheider	William Paul Posey
Rebecca Ann Hagemeyer Isenberg*	Carla June Richter Woods
Earl Eugene Horst	Phillip Steven Rinsch*
Robert Wayne Horst	Steven Douglas Schuckman
Roger Dale Johanningsmeier	Toby Jacqueline Trotter Williams*
Jacqueline Sue Kirchoff Coppock	

1990 Confirmation Class

Minister: Herb Schafale

Song: "I Surrender All"

Brandi Lanae Chattin Knoy

Channon Michelle Daymude

Jason Edgar Hammelman

Miranda Erle Horst Wise

Kari Lynn Johanningsmeier Preston

Adult Confirmation: Carla Ann Hislip

Sally Lee Plummer

Ryan Dale Johanningsmeier

Matthew Ryan Koenig

Forrest Wayne Sandefer

Danielle D'Lee Thomas Vieck

Thank You

Bethel Church,

Thank you so much for allowing our family to use the Church and dining hall for my dad's funeral. Also, thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement that was sent. I am so thankful.

Love,
Beverly Burch

Thank you everyone for my nice birthday cards. I have enjoyed each one, and I thank you for remembering me.

God bless you all.

Doris Richter

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Vera Dunkerly:

John & Vickie Held

Anita Van Allen

In memory of Charles Johanningsmeier:

John & Vickie Held

Anita Van Allen

In memory of Marjorie Finke:
Larry & Rosalie Klemann
Lori, Cole & Zack Kirchoff
Helen Mackey
Earl & Chris Horst

In memory of Paul Finke:
Earl & Chris Horst

In memory of Carolyn Volle
Ernest W. Volle family

Bethel Church Council Minutes **March 9, 2015**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike shared that he has already performed six funerals this year. He will officiate the upcoming Anderson/Johanningsmeier wedding on the March 21st. After Easter he will begin a 6 week Bible Study by Dr. David Jeremiah. A meal will be available to eat during the study and a sign-up sheet will be forthcoming. He and Karen will be taking a week's vacation from March 21st to March 28th.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet passed out the goals for Bethel Youth. There were 9 goals listed backed up by specific scripture references. As part of the organizing committee for the Armor Bearers men's conference at North Knox High School the end of February, he said they were well pleased with how the event went and plan for future events. The youth will have a mission trip on June 21st to work on Love Packages.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Mission disbursements were as follows for the month: Helping His Hands, \$1000; Life After Meth, \$1020; Nurses' Fund, \$500; and Social Ministries, \$500.

Building and Grounds: Bill Resler said he can fix the broken pews without removing them from the sanctuary. Joe Koenig checked with

Progressive Laundry in Vincennes about cleaning the flags and they will do this free of charge.

Elder's Report: Two home visits were made in February. Both scheduled communions were cancelled due to inclement weather. The next communion is scheduled for Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2015.

Old Business: \$2500 has been donated toward the new projector system at this time. The remainder of the funds will come from special gifts. The projector should be in within 30 days. There is a work day scheduled for March 21st at 8AM to cut down trees around the cemetery.

New Business: Rod Harbin presented a plaque to the council for appreciation of Bethel's participation in the Marines Toys for Tots program. He also inquired about putting a stone in the cemetery in remembrance of Rev. Limper's son, who was killed in WWI. Rowe Sargent made the motion to do so and it was seconded by Dan Kixmiller. An elevator from the Old Indian Prairie Church was to be given to the church, but it was decided it wouldn't work due to size constraints. If adapted to work then it could possible become a liability issue. It may be possible to get a chair lift like is already available in some other churches.

Upcoming Events: March 13 – Council and Staff Appreciation Dinner
March 21 – Work Day (morning)
March 29 – Confirmation Reunion
April 2 – Communion, Maundy Thursday
April 5 – Communion, Easter Sunday

Parish Records:

Deaths: Wayne Albrecht, age 62, died on February 13, 2015.

Funeral service was on February 18, followed by burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Attendance:

Feb. 22 137
Mar. 1 No service
Mar. 8 131
Mar. 15 179

Greeters:

April 5 – Sam & Cally Miller
April 12 & 19 – Bill & Carole Albrecht
April 26 & May 3 – Frank & Lenora McCrary

Ushers: Brandy and Michael Toney

Nursery (Sunday School):

Apr. 5 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
12 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
19 Krista Telligman/Kate Hammelman
26 Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Apr. 5 Hallie and Ashley Durall
12 Emilee and Bonnie Organ
19 Tracey and Hailey Kahre
26 Jenny Clinkenbeard/Brianna Ainsworth

Children's Church:

Apr. 5 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
12 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
19 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
26 Brenda Maddox/Jenny Clinkenbeard

April birthdays:

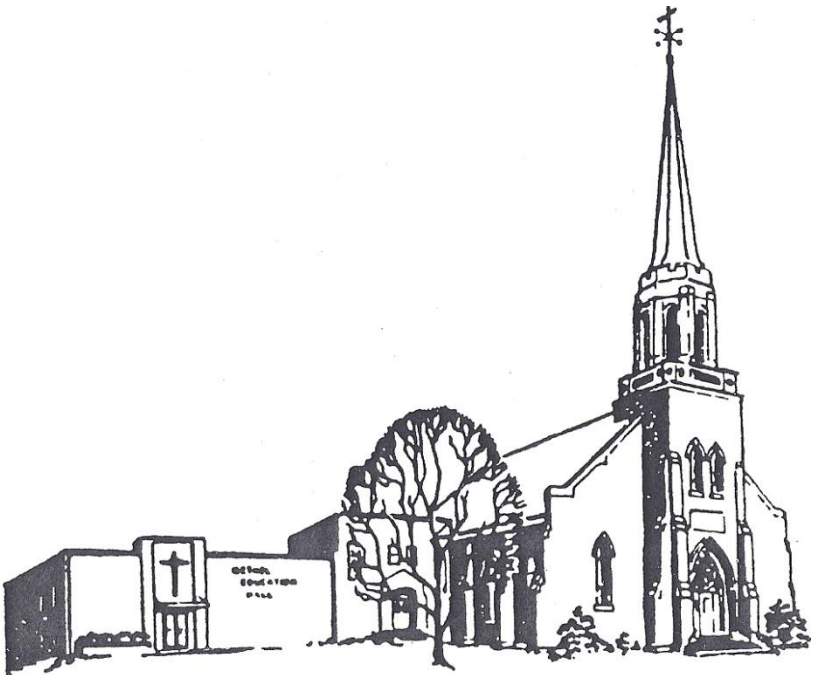
Apr. 2 Dorthy Sams (88th)
5 Wilbur Boberg (86th)
6 Marilyn Fender (83rd)
9 Doris Brocksmith (85th)
25 Nancy Kixmiller (81st)

Chimes news will be due on April 20th.

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