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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

We read from Proverbs 22:9 that in order to be blessed, we must be generous. Looking at Bethel's missions giving, one should realize that we have been generous and in turn I believe we have been blessed as a church. Look out at almost any Sunday and realize how we have been blessed. Babies abound with more to come. Youth everywhere and continuing to grow in number, but that doesn't tell the whole story, our numbers are increasing and with that increase our giving has increased, and with that increase our mission efforts have increased.

But that is not the whole story, for we have not included what Sunday school classes do towards mission efforts or perhaps more importantly those individuals who meet various mission needs anonymously.

I believe what we are witnessing is scripture in action. God has promised blessings to those who are generous. Make note that while those blessings are not spelled out in detail, they are promised nonetheless. I believe that what we are witnessing with our increase in young families may be one of the blessings we read from this

section in Proverbs. Or to put it another way, by being generous in our giving and mission efforts we are investing in the future of Bethel Church but more importantly in God's kingdom.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

Isaiah 53:1-4

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?

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2016

March/April/May – Christian Generations

June – Bible School

July/August – Faithful Families

September – Preschool

October/November – Assigned

December – Mustard Seed

Preschool

What fun we have had in the month of February so far! We started the month off talking about Ground hog day! We had fun telling a story about a little ground hog in his hole. Then we had the opportunity to do a fun activity making a shadow of our own hand print. Our first letter of the month was X. There is really not a lot of stuff to do with the letter X but we did make a Xylophone craft and practice writing the letter X. We did an ice eXperiment! To see what melted ice the fastest. Miss Nicole brought in stuff for us to make ice cream in a coffee can and that was also another fun ice eXperiment!

We spent some time talking about friendship and loving others because God loved us first. We then got to draw a name of a preschool friend out of a hat and say something nice about that friend and make them a heart! These are on display for a bit longer in the preschool hallway, come check them out, they are really cute to see/read the preschooler's comments about their friends!

With Valentine's Day being this month we talked about the letter Vv. We practiced writing the letter Vv and painted Valentine's Day hearts. We made a class chart about things that we love. This gave the preschoolers an opportunity to see the words "I" and "love" repeated in the chart and they were able to "read" them by the time our chart was complete. After talking about some things that we love such as Church, God, Family, friends, and hot dogs of course! 😊 We made an "I love" book to take home and share with our families.

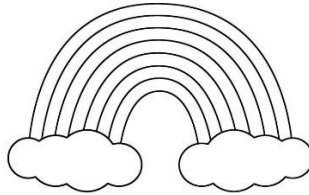
We were able to incorporate some math in Vv week and have some fun with conversation heart candy. We each counted, added and subtracted with our candy and even got to graph to see which color had the most and the least and so on! Of course we had to eat a few too! The most exciting part of Vv week was our special guest Chuck B. came and played the Violin for the letter and each

preschooler had the chance to play it too! It is always such a treat to have a special guest at preschool!

We ended two weeks of talking about the letter Vv, Valentines, love, and friendship with our Valentine's Day party. It is always so much fun for the preschoolers to have their parent in class to help! We played games, ate too much candy/cookies, and of course made crafts! Thanks to some awesome preschool parents for planning another great party!

We are looking forward to Donuts with Dad on February 27th and we will begin talking about how special our dads are and making special crafts for them!

Love,
Mrs. Granderson



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. Our class would like to say big thank you to Pastor Mike Leydet for building and allowing us to use the youth group's Gaga ball game. The preschoolers love it and it helps us be able to play and get some energy out when we are stuck inside on cold and snowy days!!

We started February off by learning about Groundhog's day and also the letter X. We talked about our own shadows and even made a shadow of our own hands! We talked about the letter X and had several children bring in pictures of X-rays for show and tell. As one child was showing the x-ray and pointing out the bones you could see, I noticed another little boy had a confused look on his face and when I asked him what was wrong he said, "I thought there

was chicken in there?!” It is so fun to hear all of the curiosity and wonder their little minds think of! 😊

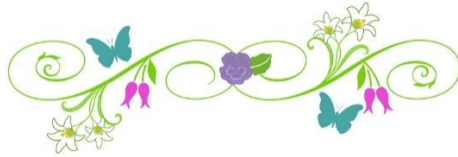
During V week we were very excited to have special visitor! Mr. Chuck (Borgmeier) brought in his violin to show to the preschoolers and tell them about it and how he had come to begin playing the instrument. They loved hearing the songs he played! You can imagine how excited one little preschooler was 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 parents 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.

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



Wow. . . it has been a fast month. We talked a lot about God's love for us, and how we should share that same love with others. We learned that we don't have to wait until Valentine's Day, which is one time a year. We should show love every day of the year to everybody. We talked about how we show love to others and one responded by saying she shows love when she sits quietly on the counter and watches mommy make noodles. One little boy says he prays for his neighbor. We had fun at our Valentine Parties where we shared love with our friends.

Letter o was learning about God's creatures in the ocean. We made an orange octopus and practiced our cutting skills. We talked about obeying and what that means from the Bible's stand point. We also made an owl craft and then got to pick someone special to give it to. It read "owl always love you" and the kids were amazed that our handprints could be turned into owl's wings.

"The Prodigal Son" is always a favorite as we learn about the letter p. We never want to be lost from God, and are thankful we can always rely on Him. We made pretty pink pigs out of paper bags and had a puppet show. Several kids didn't know what a puppet show was, so of course it was fun to watch our friends try and hide on our makeup stage and hear them talk. We talked about prayer being the best p word ever. We snuck up stairs to play in Mrs. Granderson's pepperoni pizza center. (Thanks for letting us play!) We love to work puzzles, and try to be the person with the last piece to finish. (This is the only time we don't rush to be first).

Letter Q, we learned that Queen Esther helped God's people. We also learned that sometimes we have to be quick and quiet as we played our games for the day. Quack, Quack, Quack, (times 11)

was a noisy time as we learned that God made ducks for us to watch, feed and mimic.

God gave us rainbows and a promise was our lesson as we studied letter r. We glued "roni" (macaroni) in different colors on our rainbows. The little boy said "I never knew there was red roni. My mom doesn't shop where you do. Where did you go?" I explained that I colored the macaroni using red dye. He told me that was just weird. We talked about recycling and how we need to do our part to help God take care of his earth. So instead of throwing out our boxes, we turned them into Rosie or Robert Robots on red paper using many different rectangle shapes.

We are learning new songs for our special day with dad, which is coming up February 27. We are excited and counting down the days until we have a date with dad for donuts. We are ready to talk about Easter and all the events leading up to Jesus Lives! We continue to learn and grow daily, and have fun along the way.

Happy Spring! Happy Easter!
Mrs. Durall

The Preschool is looking for donations for additional preschool graduation caps and gowns for our large graduating class and to replace some of the existing caps and gowns that we have.

People who are interested in making a donation may do so in memory of someone, if they wish. Any donation would be appreciated.

Carpenters on a Mission 2016

“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.

That scripture was certainly true for us in the Dominican Republic. God called a team and He called a church body to help build a church in the Dominican Republic. He gave us the power that we needed (even kept us from having sore muscles) and **HE** was able to do so much more than we ever dreamed.

From the dream, to the planning, to the actual mission trip itself we were blessed by our church family’s support. You encouraged us, prayed for us and supported us financially. And for that we will be eternally grateful.

We worked hard: chopping trees, leveling the ground, bucket-lining dirt, sand, concrete blocks and cement. We cut rebar, laid blocks and poured concrete. Most importantly, we worked “mano a mano” (hand in hand) with our Dominican brothers & sisters. We saw children of all ages working together to build “their” church. We worshipped with those that we worked alongside of and we lead worship at the new church site. Pastor Mike Leydet gave the first message at the site where we worked. We attempted to sing in Spanish.

We went to the House of Light- an orphanage for children with special needs and we were all moved by the incredible care and love they receive. Because of your generosity we were able to bless them financially.

The staff of Foundation for Peace was wonderful and we made new friends. The food was great (lots of rice and beans).

God brought the team together and we became very close. We all share memories that will be with us for a lifetime.

Please continue to pray for more teams to come to continue building the church. Pray for Foundation for Peace and its work. Pray for the staff of Foundation for Peace. Pray for the children and staff at the House of Light.

Thank You

During a time like this, we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us . . . your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. Love you all.

Leona Moody and family

Dale & Jane would like to thank the Carpenters on a Mission team for the unexpected and undeserved gift! We love Billy Graham's Cove and are looking forward to a special get away. It was a blessing to lead such a humble, hard-working team. We were so proud of each one of you. We believe that God called each one of you and we know that He will one day say to each one of you "well done, good and faithful servant." Thank you and God bless you!

GUILD

We welcomed several guests at our February Memorial meeting with Doris Richter in charge. We enjoyed sharing memories of our 4 deceased ladies. We gave a book to the library in memory of each lady. Hostesses served delicious refreshments to 23 ladies.

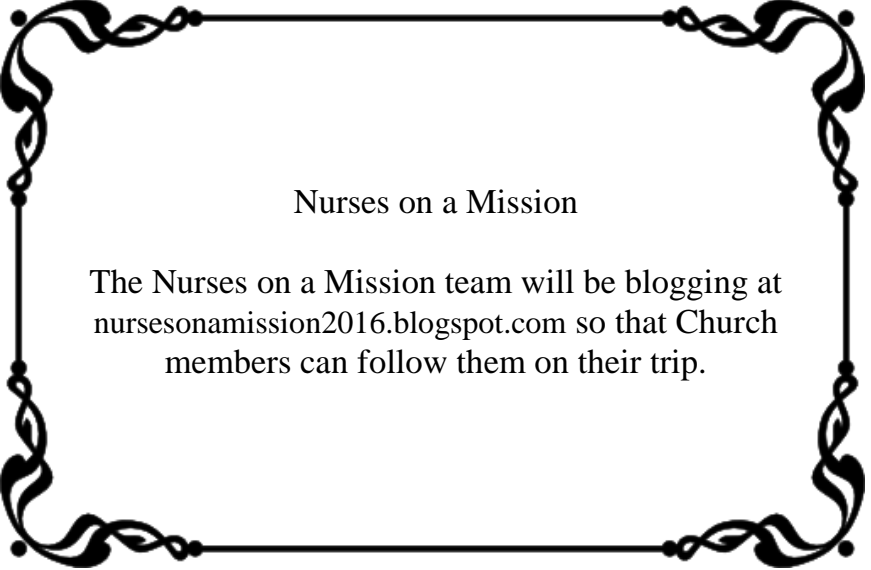
Our March 2 meeting is work day to clean the kitchen. Come around 9:30; if you can't help clean, we will have lap throws to make. Hostesses for lunch will be Doris Richter and Lill Clinkenbeard. Please bring peanut butter for NKSM.

Our Lenten breakfast will be March 12 at 9 am. All ladies are welcome. Nancy Tilly is in charge, and our speaker will be Debbie Stidham. Keep the date open to come for a morning of good fellowship, great food and an inspirational program just for Easter.

See you March 2 and March 12!

Always remember quilting every Tuesday afternoon 2 – 4. Come and learn.

Lill Clinkenbeard



Nurses on a Mission

The Nurses on a Mission team will be blogging at nursesonamission2016.blogspot.com so that Church members can follow them on their trip.

Bethel Church Council Minutes **February 8, 2016**

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that he participated on the Dominican Republic mission team and it was a rewarding and renewing experience. He also took his youth group to the Strength to stand where several youth went forward to accept Jesus Christ. Mike will be following up with those children. We also discussed inviting the youth to Lent Service.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written.

Building and Grounds: Handrail down the back staircase has been repaired and the gutters are up. The speaker is still not working downstairs.

Garland reviewed a 'wish list' of items for the structure of the church.

Elder's Report: Visits are to start on the 17th. Alter Communion will begin on Ash Wednesday, 2/10/16. Maundy Thursday service will be Pew Communion.

Old Business: The Heart to Heart Banquet will be held on 2/25/16. The council is invited to attend and a table will be purchased. Let them know if you would like to go. It is usually a nice event and is for a good cause.

New Business: Eric Nettles presented the council with a request to purchase new plastic with the Charlie Nettle memorial Fund. The motion was made and approved to purchase the table.

Pastor Mike Leydet present a request to purchase plane tickets for the DR ministry for their flights to the US when they visit Bethel. It was decided to table this request until more members are present.

Pastor Mike also discussed his concern over the mechanics of the church van. It was suggested that he take it to Best One for evaluation and repair.

Coming Events:

Feb 10-Ash Wednesday

Feb 17, 24, Mar 2, 9, 16- Lenten Service

March 20 – Palm Sunday and Confirmation Reunion

Mar. 24–Maundy Thursday

Mar. 27-Easter Sunday

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Jan. 24 138
Jan. 31 181
Feb. 7 128
Feb. 14 117

Greeters:

March 6 – Michael & Brandy Toney
March 13 & 20 – Dan & Linda Kixmiller
March 27 & Apr. 3 – Joe & Virginia Koenig

Ushers: Clint & Beth Durall

Nursery (Sunday School):

Mar. 6 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
 13 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Holly Spanger
 20 Krista Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 27 Diane Telligman/Mary Ann Miller

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Mar. 6 Stacy and Brittany Page
 13 Bonnie Organ/Rylee Hammelman
 20 Tiffany Granderson/Reeva Hammelman
 27 Kelci Johanningsmeier/Ashley Durall

Children's Church:

Mar. 6 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
 14 Tracey/Liberty Lemberg
 21 Bonnie Organ/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
 28 Dale Tiek/Tiffany Granderson

March birthdays:

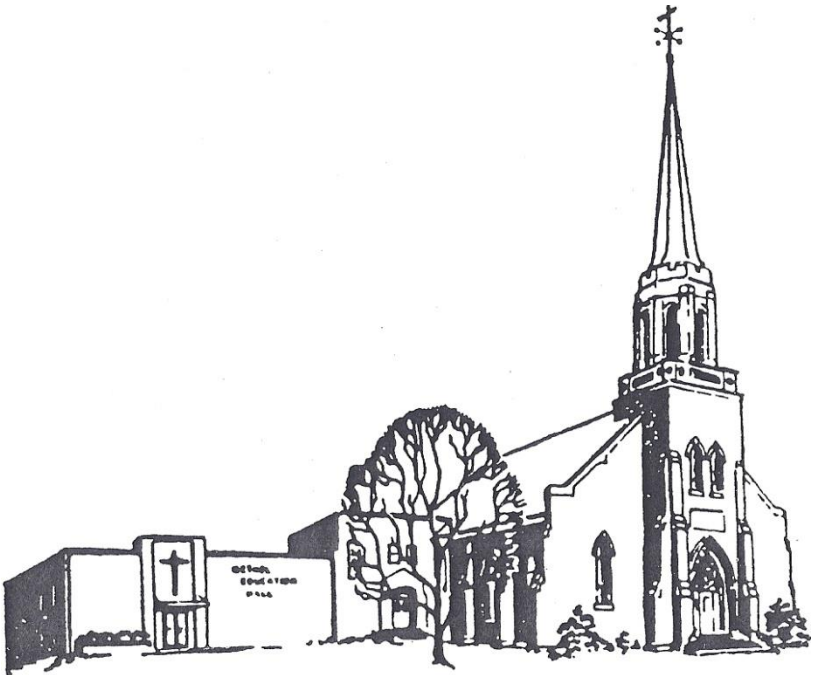
March 6 Darwin Emmel (85th)
 23 Carl Johanningsmeier (87th)

Chimes news will be due on March 21st.

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