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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

When we pray the Lord's Prayer how closely do we listen to the part that says Thy will be done? Several weeks ago, while reading in preparation for a sermon I read the following statement. While I can't place the article or the author, the statement instructed the believer that God wasn't necessarily interested in our understanding His will but was instead interested in our obeying His will. Too often we try to bend God's will to resemble our will in order to understand His will. That is not what God wants; instead He wants us to be in strict obedience to His will. To put it simply, to be happy in Jesus, we must trust and obey. We must learn to trust and obey Him in every aspect of our life, in study, in prayer and in worship. His will be done, not ours, is what the Lord demands of the believer. If we follow this order, we will find order in our lives.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

This past weekend around 200 teenagers and around 50 adult volunteers gathered at North Knox Jr/Sr high school for Ablaze. It is a wonderful thing for me, as a youth pastor, to see our community come out and support this event which just finished its third year. It was great to see the youth worship and to hear them discuss the Bible studies. But it was even better to see all the adults investing into the next generation. Church, if we want to see the youth of our community living out their faith, then we have to show them what that looks like. If our children and the children in our community only seeing us living our faith on Sunday morning, then they will do likewise. If we want to see them reaching their friends with the truth of the Gospel, then we need to show them what that looks like. I know my own kids see me at my worst at times, but my hope and prayer is that they also see my love for Christ and, even though I slip up at times, that my love for Christ fuels everything else in my life.

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

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

First I would like to say a special thanks to all those who donated or helped in anyway with Donuts with Dad!! It was a great morning. I know the preschoolers enjoyed getting to spend time, sing, and eat donuts with their dad's.

Spring has sprung at preschool and we have enjoyed getting to spend time outside on the playground! It is always nice to be able to get outside even if it's just for a few minutes.

We started the month off talking about Dr. Suess, his birthday was March 2nd. We had fun reading several of his books. We even got to go down and play games, paint, and do centers with our friends from downstairs. While doing so we had a special visit from thing 1 and thing 2. A big thanks to Mr. Chuck for donating green eggs for us to check out and try! What a fun and memorable week it was!

Kindergarten round-up was on March 9th and so we took the first part of March to do some review in preparation for round-up. In addition to review, we introduced the letter Zz. We also had a special guest come in to show us some tricks with a yoyo! He wasn't able to come during Yy week so we were happy and excited to have him come. The kids really enjoyed watching his tricks and by the end I am pretty sure everyone was ready to go to Walmart and purchase a yoyo!! 😊

Before spring break we talked about Palm Sunday, and Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem. We did a palm craft which is on display in the hallway! We returned from spring break during Holy Week. We spent Monday talking about "why" we celebrate Easter. At the beginning of the week the responses were "the Easter bunny comes!" "We hunt eggs!" "We eat candy!!" However I'm pleased to say that by the end of class on Wednesday most everyone could tell me that we celebrate Easter because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, then he rose from the grave to heaven, which means we too can go to Heaven if we believe in him!! What a great thing to not only be able to teach this to our little ones but even better to hear them tell it back to me!!! We had our Easter party on Wednesday, a big thank you to all of the parents for another great party!!

We were out of school a lot during the month of March, with spring break, round-up, and Easter, however we still managed to have lots of fun and hopefully learn a few things along the way!!

Love,
Mrs. Granderson

Spring greetings from Bethel Preschool! 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 "If You're Happy and You Know It." A special thanks to Nicole Ricketts for picking up and delivering the donuts and to the Preschool Board members for donating the drinks and fruit trays and for all of their extra help and 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 bring in enough eggs for us to scramble up and let each child try some! They had so many questions about why they were green

and if the insides were too. We cracked them open to find out! I was proud of ALL of the kids for trying at least one bite and several who didn't think they would like green eggs found out that they actually did! It was such a fun day. ☺ Thank you, Mr. Chuck!!

We learned the letter Y and were excited to have Mr. Brent (Noonan) come in and share some yo-yo tricks with us! The kids were really amazed and kept asking for him to do more tricks!

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.

We also celebrated Easter and knowing that Jesus is Alive! We read many Easter stories and the children loved them. It didn't matter that they knew how the story would end – it excited them! I am so thankful that I get to see their love for Jesus! We had wonderful Easter parties planned by the parents for both classes complete with Easter stories, crafts, games and egg hunts!

I am getting anxious for warmer weather but am blessed beyond measure. Spring Break brought new memories and am happy I was able to spend time with my family and enjoy time together – I hope you were able to do the same. As we celebrate Easter, and with 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

Happy Spring!! We have been fortunate already with a couple of nice days and got to play outside. We are very thankful for that. We love to be out doors running, looking for bugs,, or just swinging.

We had a great time at Donuts with Dad as we had 133 preschoolers and their special guest. One little boy was very sad that we weren't doing it again the following week.

We helped Dr. Seuss celebrate his birthday and promote "Read Across America" as we read several books and made crafts all focused on books Cat in the Hat wrote. We had Thing 1, Thing 2, and Cat in the Hat come in and play silly

games, read with us, and enjoyed snacks. We know we can be super silly and still learn.

I have super star students in my class...that is a lot of s's. They had to use star stickers to trace some of our shapes. We love stickers!! During Letter s week we also talked about sowing seeds on good soil and that it takes sun light, water and prayer for seeds to grow. We planted our own flowers, prayed over them, and the several of the kids came in saying " I have something green growing in my pot"! Then we sprinkled sand and played with sea shells. We love sensory bins!

Letter T was about how Jesus keeps us on track and we're that little train that says I think I can, or I thought I could as we try new concepts. We learn that God gives us teeth to tell a tale and we should always tell the truth.

Letter U was about how Jesus is our umbrella and we are under his care always. Letter V, we had to cut the letter out and make it into a vase, add flowers, and give it to someone that we love and that is special to us. We talked about all the vegetables that God gives us and that how we need to try new things sometimes even if they don't look very good like those ugly green things according to one kid.

We talked to lot about Easter and how Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem and the crowd waved their palm branches. We had made our own branches and shouted Hosanna, Hosanna Jesus is King! We then talked about how Jesus died on the cross for all of us. We celebrated because He is Alive and lives in all our hearts.

We talked about Jesus dying on the cross and His resurrection just 3 days later. We are excited and celebrate He lives in our hearts. I love to hear the kids tell their version of the Easter story. We had fun parties to complete our Easter joy. The kids love party days and doing fun things their parents plan and they don't have to hear me all day long. He is Risen!

We have eight short weeks left of preschool this year and still a lot to accomplish. Spring blessings to all.

Mrs. Beth Durall

Nurses on a Mission 2016

Our group of 30 had an amazing mission trip to the Dominican Republic! We were able to see over 1400 people in our medical clinics. We went to 4 different communities. We worked in hot, dirty conditions but we were joy-filled! We did not speak the same language but we managed to share the love of Jesus through our smiles, hugs and our interpreters. God was so very faithful to us from the beginning until the end.

We had the largest group we have ever had and because of that we were able to see more people and help with their medical conditions. They were so appreciative of anything. They really appreciated the vitamins and we say a big thank you to our Bethel family for your generous giving!

Not only did you give vitamins, we received money donations and many came out to help bag up the vitamins and other medications. We truly appreciate your heart for missions and for those that you may never meet this side of heaven.

As with all mission trips, the students went with the idea of blessing the people of the DR, but they too received many blessings. On our last night in the DR we had a precious time of sharing with each other. Students were asked to share something they learned about God or about themselves or about the people of the DR. Some shared that they learned they were selfish and spoiled. Others shared that they learned that possessions aren't what bring true joy. Some shared that they had learned that God is faithful, that they can pray about anything (including sore throats, runny noses and stubbed toes) and many stated that they learned that they needed God and that they needed to get involved in a church and needed to grow spiritually. There was a lot of laughter and some tears and we shared from our hearts.

Thank you Bethel for helping us help others in the DR. Your partnership the last few years has meant a lot to us. God bless you!

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.

1941 Confirmation Class

Minister: Rev. A. H. Wegener

Song: "O Jesus I Have Promised" (pg. 466)

Lillian Grabbe Mackey*	Herbert Held*
Doris Held Perkins*	Vernon Held*
Dorothy Linneweber Sams	Paul Johanningsmeier*
Anna Ruth Mabes*	Ralph Lee Kirchoff*
Mary Elizabeth Mabes*	Robert Linneweber*
Helen Pieper Stoelting*	Max Henry Pepmeier
Mary Louise Snyder*	Carl Adolph Henry Schaefer*
Myrtle Lou Ann Snyder*	Robert Stoelting
Roy William Brocksmith*	Roy Daniel Volle*
Private Confirmation: Marie Schaefer*	

1966 Confirmation Class

Minister: George Varns

Song: "Have Thine Own Way" (pg. 414)

Wayne Boberg	Joe Ed Koenig
Richard Alan Finke	Jean Miller Schroeder
Robert Wayne Grabbe	Beth Ann Richter Craig
Patricia Ann Grabbe Crist	Paul Carol Rinsch Mischler
Nancy Jean Hagemeyer Brown	Wallace Joe Robbins
Ruth Hagemeyer Wesner	Steven Milton Telligman
Thomas James Held	Rachael Varns Parker

1991 Confirmation Class

Minister: Herb Schafale

Song: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (pg. 517)

Matthew Brent Clinkenbeard

Melissa Jo Perry McCutchan

Stacey Joy Daymude

Autumn Frances Sims Butler

Christopher Michael Loheider

Christopher Eric Wampler

Adult Confirmation: Stephanie Michele Strahley

2016 Confirmation Class

Minister: Pastor Mike DeCoursey

Song: "This Is Amazing Grace"

Victoria Rae French

Emilee Elizabeth Organ

Trevor Ray Kahre

Brianna Nicole Page

Thank You

Bethel Christian Preschool would like to thank everyone for their generosity in donations for the preschool to be able to purchase additional caps and gowns for the preschoolers. All the support from the congregation is heartwarming and very much appreciated!

Bethel Preschool Board

We so appreciate your continues support for the Ablaze Youth Conferenced. Your generous gift of \$500 will be used to carry out God's plan for our third annual conference.

We are excited about adding new souls to His kingdom and helping believers go deeper in their faith.

We covet your prayers for this two day conference and thank you so much for your part in our dream to make a difference.

In His love,

The Ablaze Board

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and calls while I was in the hospital. They are all very much appreciated.

Lesa Houghland

GUILD

Our March Guild meeting, we cleaned the kitchen and made lap throws. It was a busy day. Lunch was vegetable soup, sandwiches and dessert, which we all enjoyed. A short meeting was held to finalize the Lenten Breakfast.

We had 95 ladies at our Lenten Breakfast with breakfast casserole, frozen fruit cup, and muffins which was enjoyed by All. Edna Rinsch played several piano numbers, Doris Richter gave a reading "I Woke Up Early Today." Reegan Hammelman sang "Hallelujah." Nancy Tilly introduced our speaker, Debbie Stidham, who gave the inspirational message "From Holy Week To Holy Life." Shirley Brohard closed with prayer.

Thanks to all who made the morning so special.

Our April 6 meeting will be at 1:30, and the afternoon preschool pupils will have the program. Hostesses are Reda Boberg and Beverly Schuckman. All ladies are welcome.

Remember quilting every Tuesday afternoon. Come and quilt.

Bethel Church Council Minutes March 14, 2016

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a funeral, hospital visits, and preparing for a wedding in April. He is excited about Confirmation, and expressed how much he enjoyed teaching the four confirmands. He feels the Lenten services have been a blessing. Pastor Mike will conduct the Good Friday service at the Freelandville Community Home. He did have one request from the congregation. If you have a family member in the hospital, please contact him so that he is aware of the situation.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the Bible studies on Sunday evening are going well. The study is based on the movie, "Risen". He highly recommended going to see this movie. Pastor Mike will be conducting the Maundy Thursday service.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocation was approved: Life After Meth - \$2000.

Buildings and Grounds: Several items were discussed. It was decided to schedule a work day in the near future.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for February was 125. The offering for February totaled \$16,256.09.

Elder's Report: Garland Richter reported that 31 were served Communion on Ash Wednesday. The next scheduled communion is on Maundy Thursday, March 24th. Please contact Pastor Mike or a council member if you are interested in a home visit.

Old Business: The church pews in the social room will be sold at the church auction during the Sunday School picnic.

New Business: Pastor Mike Leydet reported on repairs needed to the church van. The ministers from the Dominican Republic will be here in April. Money from the International Mission fund was used to purchase the plane tickets.

Upcoming Events:

March 16 – Lenten Service

March 20 – Palm Sunday with Rite of Confirmation; Confirmation Reunion at 7:00

March 24 – Maundy Thursday service with altar Communion

March 25 - Good Friday service with Communion at the Freelandville Community Home at 2:00

March 27- Easter Sunday with altar Communion

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Feb. 21 103
Feb. 28 150
Mar. 6 ?
Mar. 13 125
Mar. 20 251

Greeters:

Apr. 3 – Joe & Virginia Koenig
April 10 & 17 – Sam & Cally Miller
Apr. 24 & May 1 – Bill & Carole Albrecht

Ushers: Michael & Brandy Toney

Nursery (Sunday School):

Apr. 3 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
10 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
17 Krista Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer
24 Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Apr. 3 Tracey & Hailley Kahre
10 Brenda Maddox/Jenni Clinkenbeard
17 Theresia Barrett/Tori French
24 Beth Durall/Brianna Page

Children's Church:

Apr. 3 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
10 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
17 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
24 Brenda Maddox/Tiffany Granderson

April birthdays:

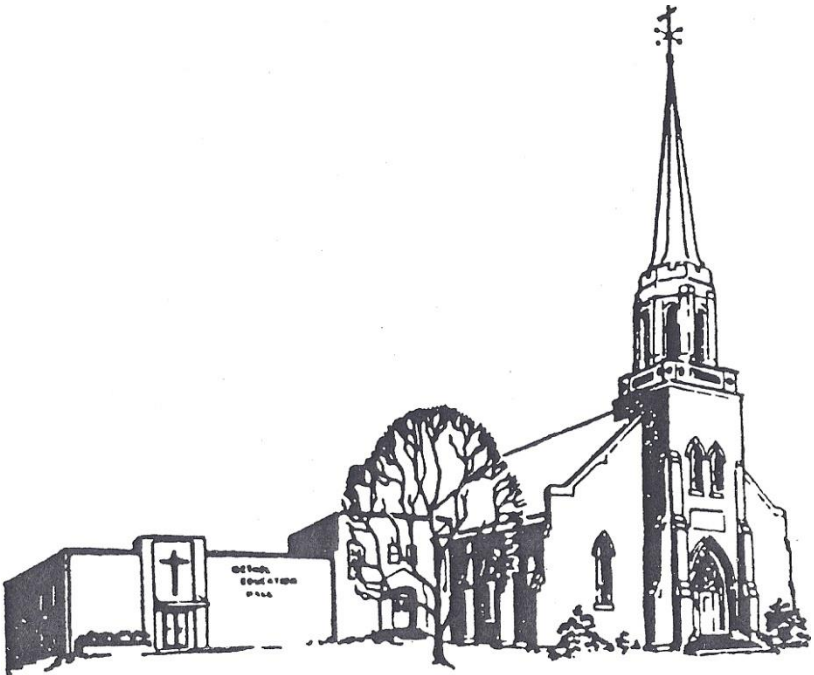
April 2 Dorothy Sams (89th)
5 Wilbur Boberg (87th)
6 Marilyn Fender (84th)
9 Doris Brocksmith (86th)
25 Nancy Kixmiller (82nd)

Chimes news will be due on April 18th.

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