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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

In the 25th chapter of Matthew, Jesus speaks in verse 40 of those who did for what Jesus calls the least of these. Jesus is talking here of those people of God who are less fortunate than others. The poor, the lonely, those who perhaps have made bad choices and though they have turned to God for forgiveness, must still work through the damage of their actions, these are the people Jesus refers to in this section of Matthew and these are the people that the church must show compassion for today. The church today must realize that not only spiritual food is needed but also at times physical is needed as well. The church must get back to being the church that God intended for it to be and help those less fortunate free themselves from the yoke of bondage place by society.

Bethel is doing an excellent job of living this section of Matthew 25 and it is my prayer that we never lose sight of the meaning of these verses as we continue to serve Him. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him through others.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

I can't believe that we are this close to school starting. This summer has flown by, and this time of year always makes me think back to my own days in high school. I remember at the beginning of every school year how good my intentions were for that year. I always planned on putting in time to study and get the good grades that I was capable of, but that sentiment was usually short lived. I was a pretty lazy student in school. I would do just enough to pass and that was about it. But I always looked forward to a fresh start every year.

Don't we do the same thing in our Christian walk? We set a date and we are going to start putting in the time we should. We are going to read our Bible, or we are going to spend more time in prayer, or we are going to start serving somehow. But more often than not, we don't follow through. We find some excuse about why now isn't good and set a new time. But, maybe God wants to use you now. Maybe He has you exactly where He wants you but you can't see it. Maybe we should follow the advice that Mordecai gave Esther and act now because we have been put where we are "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14)

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2016

July/August – Faithful Families

September – Preschool

October/November – Assigned

December – Mustard Seed



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Preschool

Preschool will be starting August 22. We are excited to meet our new students and get the school year off to a great start. We are going camping in God's world as we discover His wisdom, friendship and faith. We will light up the world and have many s'more good times. We are blessed to have Miss Jennifer (Worstell) back with us. We are looking forward to a fantastic year. Come and see us in action when school starts.

Mrs. Lemberg and Mrs. Durall



GUILD

Twenty-two Guild ladies enjoyed a luncheon at Bobe's in Sullivan for our July meeting. We sang Happy Birthday to three members who celebrated birthdays in July. We had a prayer, and then enjoyed our lunch.

August 3 at 2 pm, we will meet at the Freelandville Community Home to host their monthly birthday party. Come and enjoy visiting with residents, a short program, and playing Bingo. To end the afternoon, we will serve ice cream, cookies and punch. Come enjoy the afternoon!

Thank You

Dear Bethel family and friends,

Thank all of you so very much for my birthday cards, plus all the notes of encouragement! I am very grateful and I appreciate your words of kindness and your prayers and support!

God bless you all!!

Rowe Sargent



Treasurer's Report

1/1/2016 – 6/30/2016

Income:

Atlas Gas	\$ 1,118.68
Cemetery	1,750.00
Interest	3,267.92
Memorial	2,460.00
Misc.	20.00
Mission	2,209.00
Offering	107,799.17
Preschool	24,769.52
Rental	350.00
Youth	<u>550.00</u>
TOTAL	\$144,294.29

Expenses:

Cemetery	\$ 723.50	Preschool Dir.	\$ 6,169.70
Choir	84.95	Secretary	5,891.82
Custodial supplies	1,647.34	Strate Expense	2,660.40
Custodian	6,361.62	Telephone	1,858.02
Electricity	4,935.00	Waste removal	576.65
Employee Withhold.	14,245.18	Water	427.55
Gas	2,786.68	Y. P. Travel	1,239.07
Gasoline	940.60	Y. P. Training	234.03
Groundskeeper	5,171.06	Youth	478.00
Insurance	7,179.00	Y. P. Expense	125.00
Main. & Repair	3,112.48	Youth Pastor	<u>17,708.36</u>
Memorial	2,100.00	TOTAL	\$173,805.55
Misc.	2,441.70		
Mission	16,738.60		
Music Director	4,582.70		
New equipment	9,000.00		
Office supplies	869.29		
Pastor	30,750.00		
Pastor travel	1,111.25		
Pest control	1,067.80		
Postage	521.00		
Preschool teacher	17,067.20		

ASSETS

Brocksmith Mission	\$ 24,810.24
Cemetery Fund	3,293.93
Cemetery Trust	259,383.06
Choir/Music	1,785.94
General Fund	55,722.78
M. L. Mabes	404,319.30
Memorial Fund	41,066.83
Mission Fund	102.48
Scholarship Fund	11,360.85
Shelter House	-0-
Strate 40 Acres	62,943.76
Youth	<u>1,259.92</u>
Total Assets	\$866,069.09

Bethel Church Council Minutes

July 11, 2016

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike reported he completed a funeral service for Ruth Brocksmith. He has also been working with the committee on the sesquicentennial celebration. The church will be putting a float in the parade. Worship in the grove is set for a Sunday in September.

Pastor Mike Leydet reported that there were 69 children at Bible school in June. 7 youth group members participated in love packages and some of the youth kids went to church camp.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written. Income and expense report was approved. The following mission allocation was approved: Preschool \$1000 for back to school supplies.

Building and Grounds: The church approved a new roof at the congregation meeting held on July 16, 2016. Minutes have been included for that meeting. Additional work will need to be done on

a workday established in August. The side sanctuary door should be completed soon.

Deacons Report: The average attendance for June was 150. The June offering totaled, 16,336.

Elders Report: Home visits were discussed. Please contact Pastor Mike or a council member if you or a family member is interested in a home visit.

Old Business: Discussion centered on projects and items needed for workday. Replacing sinks, cleaning gutters, moving the picnic tables. The council also discussed the roofing project as it has been approved to move forward with renovation.

New Business: Pastor Mike is on the sesquicentennial committee and the church will need a float. Bethel is also charged with supplying potatoes for the meal that day. We will be looking for volunteers to prepare potatoes.

Upcoming Event:

- Workday-TBD
- Worship in the Grove
- Sesquicentennial celebration



Parish Records:

Births: Olivia Marie Borgmeier Yang was born on July 3 to Carly Borgmeier and Daniel Yang. She weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long.

Deaths: Ruth Brocksmith, 92, died on July 9, 2016. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on July 11, 2016, Charles Linneweber, 84, died on July 15, 2016. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on July 19, 2016.

Attendance:

June 26 150
 July 3 124
 July 10 130
 July 17 108

Greeters:

Aug. 7 – Bruce & Terri Miller
 Aug. 14 & 21 – Dale & Jane Tiek
 Aug. 28 & Sept. 4 – John & Jan Spanger
Ushers: Clint & Beth Durall

Nursery (Sunday School):

Aug. 7 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 14 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht
 21 Krista Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 28 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Aug. 7 Stacy and Brianna Page
 14 Ashley Durall/Brittany Page
 21 Jesse Organ/Beth Durall
 28 Brenda Maddox/Tori French

Children's Church:

Aug. 7 Kate Hammelman/Linda Hammelman
 14 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
 21 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
 28 Brenda Maddox

August birthdays:

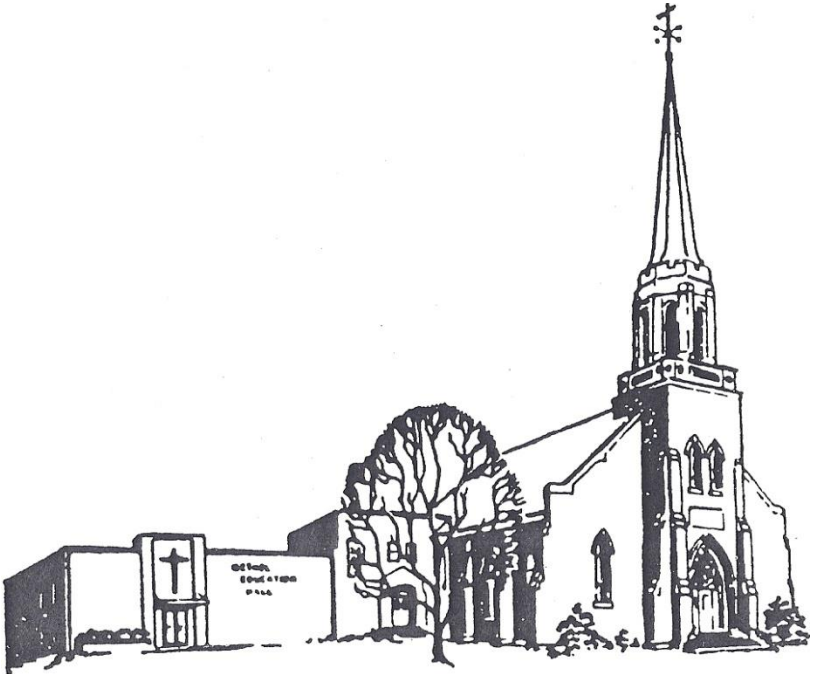
1 Eldina Benedict (86)
 4 John Clinkenbeard (84)
 6 Lorena (Susie) Walters (96)
 10 Bertha Conrad (91)
 19 Don Clifford (88)
 21 Lucille Robbins (88)
 21 Gene Williams (83)
 22 Herb Grabbe (87)
 31 Vera Jones (80)

Chimes news will be due on 15th.

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