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Nancy Tilly (2021)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

We read from Matthew chapter 25 starting with the 14th verse a familiar story. A story of a man going on a journey and entrusting his servants with his valuables. We read from the story that the man entrusted each servant according to his ability, in other words, each servant was not given more responsibility than he could handle.

Read the story, the outcome reflects on our own lives with Christ.

He doesn't give us more than we can handle, but He does reward us in how we handle that responsibility.

What have you been entrusted with? Some of you have been blessed to sing, play instruments, teach and some have been blessed financially. God has given each of us things or gifts to take care of, to use for the glory of His kingdom, for Him, not for our own pleasure.

The parable has a sad ending. The one servant who did nothing not only loses that to which he had been entrusted but also receives punishment. I cannot help but wonder of how many believers have lost their joy because they were just like the last servant in the parable. Don't be like him, use what God has entrusted you with for His glory.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2017

March/April/May – Faithful Footprints

June – Vacation Bible School

July/August – Mission Committee

September – Preschool

October/November - Choir

December – Christian Partners

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 that we are Christians? Whom 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; do we care?

In His love,
Pastor Mike

GUILD

Bethel Guild met March 1st, and cleaned the kitchen, had lunch and a short business meeting. April 1st is our annual Lenten Breakfast with Dr. Darrel Bobe speaking. All ladies in the area are invited for a morning of fellowship, good food, and an inspirational program.

Our April meeting the 5th, at 1:30, and we will make lap throws. Hostesses are Janet Tilly and Edith Rinsch.

Please bring diapers for North Knox Social Ministries.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Thank You

A very special **Thank You** goes to **Kevin and Linda Hammelman**. They recently purchased a laptop computer and quick books software for Bethel's treasurer and council to use. This donation will provide the council and treasurer the means to track our funds in a more efficient and beneficial manner. Their generosity is very much appreciated.

Virginia Koenig

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.

1942 Confirmation Class

Minister: Rev. A. H. Wegener

Song: "He Leadeth Me"

William Barrett, Jr.*	Earl Frederick Linneweber
Dorothy Ann Bohmeier*	Walter Wayne Richter*
Richard Wayne Boberg*	Ralph Gene Sager*
Richard Ashley Brocksmith*	Violet Ruth Schuessler*
William Wayne Dunkerly*	Bertha Lucille Struckmeier Robbins
John Burton Held*	Colleen Marie Wegener Hafner
Earl Wayne Kixmiller*	

1967 Confirmation Class

Minister: George Varns

Song: "Where He Leads I Will Follow"

Wayne Carl Albrecht*	Linda Jean Pepmeier Valdez
Carl Frederic Borgmeier	Carolyn Sue Pieper
Daniel Lewis Buescher	Joyce Elaine Richter*
Donna Sue Clinkenbeard	William Gordon Robbins
Mary Louise Grabbe Romeo	Sue Ann Smith*
Edward Joseph Hagemeyer	Barbara Jo Tilly
Kathleen Francis Horst Hooks	Cheryl Lynn Trotter Sims
Kristina Sue Kixmiller Dakel	Nathan Peter Varns
Timothy Rae Miller	

1992 Confirmation Class
Minister: Herb Schafale
Song: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Lyren Renee Kixmiller Holstein
Ryan Benjamin Lane
Elizabeth Ann Miller

Adam Wells Rinsch
Tracee Nicole Perkins Rode
Amanda Iris Sturgeon Poe

2017 Confirmation Class
Minister: Pastor Mike DeCoursey

Reece Anthony Hammelman
Cavan Odilon Lemberg

Brittany Elizabeth Page
Elsa Joyce Telligman

Preschool

What a fun busy month we have had at preschool. Letter s was all about the sand and the sea shells that we used from the south to make a project. We also talked about sunshine and sea life. We read "The Sower and the Seed," and talked about how we have to plant seeds on good soil, giving them sunlight, water and prayer. We planted a variety of flower seeds and several students have reported that they have green things growing in their pots. We learned that we have to be like the good sower and spread God's love everywhere by telling and showing others about Him.

Letter t was about the train track and how Jesus keeps us on the right track. We read, "The Little Engine That Could." Just like the train, we always have to think positive and say, "I think I can, I think I can."

Letter U we learn how God keeps us under his care and protects us just like an umbrella protects us from the wind, rain, and sometimes sun. We worked on opposites, like under and over, up and down. The kids loved it when I said we had to lay on our backs under the table to do our paper. They decided it was harder than they thought. It was definitely

different and we are so thankful we don't have to do that all the time.

Letter v we had to cut the letter v and make a vase full of love for someone very special. Everybody was quick to pick who their vase was going to be delivered to. Aunts, neighbors, and others are usually happy to receive a special craft made for them. We talked about how even giving a card to someone is sharing God's Love, and we should do things like that more often. We talked about how there are lots of Bible verses that we know and many more we want to learn about.

We also had a great lesson on vegetables. We learned that God gave us a lot of different kinds and lots of colors. Some of us thought anything green was "gross," 'yucky' or just "plain nasty." After we talked, I offered each child a veggie potato chip, which were either green, yellow or light red. Several just looked at it, some said no way, but my bag was empty after everybody decided they were really "yummy" and "good to eat." We learned that we have to try new things before we can say no or judge by just looking at something.

We had Thing 1, Thing 2 and Cat in the Hat visit to help promote read Across America and celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. They played games with us, helped with our crafts, and read to us. We had a great time. We love "Ten Apples on Top," as we made our very own craft with a pattern of apples.

We celebrate St. Patrick's Day (a day early) with everybody wearing green. We know that leprechauns like to be mischievous and make messes. So we played in and painted in green shaving cream. Memo (Debbie Telligman) says "I think you save all the messes for my days here, but I like it." Miss Janet Tilly says "I don't know what you're doing but they sure are having fun." We made slime, did science experiments with Skittles and just had a good ole fun day. One little boy exclaimed, "That was the messiest one yet!" One little girl was thrilled as she stated it was better than getting her finger nails painted.

The kids figured out the other day that we are almost to the end of the alphabet and wondered what we will do next. As we counted only four more letters, one little boy exclaimed, "Oh, we will all be so smart when we get to the end (letter z)." I love their enthusiasm and excitement.

At the time of this writing, we are on spring break and when we return, we will look forward to discussing Easter and the events that lead us to that special day. We give all praise, honor, and glory to our Father in Heaven.

Mrs. Durall

Spring greetings from Bethel Preschool! As I write this letter during our Spring Break, 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 camping theme. 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 one of their favorites, "Month Macarena." A special thanks to the Preschool Board for their donations and for their never-ending 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” day 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 save green eggs for us. The kids had so many questions about why they were green and if the insides were too. We had fun cracking them open and scrambling them up. I was so proud of each of the kids for at least trying one bite even if they weren’t sure if they would like green eggs. We had several who found out they did like green eggs and came back for more! The kids loved their green eggs. Thank you, Mr. Chuck!!

We had fun learning about rainbows and the promise God made to us when he sent the very first rainbow during R week. We read the story of Noah. We got to make fun rainbow crafts to hang in our hallway. We love the way all the colors of the rainbow brighten up our area!

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. With the Easter season upon us, and 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

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Ruth Brocksmith:
Mark and Sandra Lange

Children's Church

We are in need of additional teachers for Children's Church, particularly for the elementary age group. If you are interested in helping, please call Bonnie Organ at 812-910-0156.

The Power of Kindness

The family gathered again for devotions before bedtime. Dad read from Ephesians 4, which concludes with the powerful command, "And be ye kind one to another" (Ephesians 4:32). He challenged the family to put that truth into action and that he would like to hear how they would do this tomorrow.

A brief reminder of that challenge from Dad the next morning, and the family was on their way. That evening in devotions, the various members of the family reported about the many times they were kind to someone. It was quite a blessing to hear the reports. Dad and Mom were so pleased.

They as the kids were off to bed, Dad overheard his youngest sons wrestling as they headed upstairs. One said to the other, "I hope that doesn't mean I have to be kind to you!" To which the older said, "You have to be kinds to me, or I'll sit on your head!"

Dad looked at his wife and said, "I think we have a little more work to do. But at least it is a good start."

~Michael Peck

Bethel Church Council Minutes

March 13, 2017

Meeting was called to order by council president Kevin Hammelman and opened with a prayer by Pam Loheider.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, holding weekly staff meetings, teaching Confirmation classes, home visits, and a hospital visit. Pastor Mike reported that he has ordered Bibles for the confirmands. Pastor Mike presented Joe Koenig with a brochure containing information about ordering janitorial supplies, hoping this will cut down on the cost.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet assisted with the Armor Bearer's Conference, and he felt that this year was even better than the year before. He is not meeting with the youth during Lent, but is encouraging them to attend the Lenten services. Pastor Mike will serve on an Emmaus Journey May 12-14. Pastor Mike is going to form a committee to update the church's website. He is looking into forming small groups for Bible study and fellowship. Forty-six families have accepted the invitation to join the RightNow Media website.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Virginia Koenig gave an update on the new accounting software. The report was approved as written. Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Stacey Kahre, and passed unanimously to use last year's mission budget for this year.

Mission Allocations: Pam Loheider made the motion, seconded by Joe Koenig, and passed unanimously to give \$500 to the ABLZAE Youth Conference to be held at North Knox High School. Stacey Kahre made the motion, seconded by Sam Miller, and passed unanimously to give \$500 to the Lightbearers Women's Conference. Stacey Kahre made the motion, seconded by Sam Miller, and approved unanimously to give \$500 to Love Packages and \$1000 to the Nurses' Fund.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for February was 129. The offering for February totaled \$13,968.88.

Elder's Report: Kevin Hammelman reported that he assisted Pastor Mike with worship at the Freelandville Community Home.

He also assisted with communion at the Ash Wednesday service. He reminded council members to let him know if someone is in need of a home visit.

Building and Grounds: Joe Koenig reported that he has fixed the broken pews in the sanctuary, the repairs to the women's restroom at the shelter house have been completed, and Pieper's Carpet has begun installing carpet. Council members were asked to meet to help move furniture so that Pieper's can continue with installment.

Old Business:

Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the sanctuary door has been delivered to Jim Ochs.

Joe Koenig talked with Pieper's about flooring bids for preschool area. Pastor Mike checked into the cost for a dolly for the keyboard. Other options were discussed. Pastor Mike contacted Wolfe Construction about the roof, and work should begin early April. Currently there is \$5450 in the van fund. Mike Leydet is checking with Gary Memering on prices for a replacement van. Karen DeCoursey is working on the sound system upgrade. Mark Telligman has been contacted to look at the electric wiring issues.

New Business: The council approved giving the offering collected during the March 15th Lenten service to Danny Pierson for his work with Higher Bound. Pieper's Carpeting has been notified about the back stairs carpet. Council members discussed the job descriptions/employee contracts. Stacey Kahre will make the necessary updates. They will be reviewed again at the next council meeting.

Ministries: Pastor Mike gave an update on the Back Pack Program. Storage space is needed, as well as volunteers to help pack the backpacks.

Upcoming Events:

March 21 – Staff appreciation dinner

April 9 – Palm Sunday and Confirmation Reunion

April 14 – Good Friday service at the Freelandville Community Home

April 16 – Easter Sunday with altar communion

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Feb. 26 150
Mar. 5 130
Mar. 12 127
Mar. 19 133

Greeters:

April 2 – Dan & Linda Kixmiller
April 9 & 16 – Joe & Virginia Koenig
April 23 & 30 – Sam & Cally Miller

Ushers: Gary & Kathy Murphy

Nursery (Sunday School):

Apr. 2 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
9 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
16 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
23 Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht
30 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Apr. 2 Theresia Barrett/Emilee Organ
9 Ashley Durall/Bonnie Organ
16 Beth Durall/Jesse Organ
23 Debbie Telligman/Jenny Clinkenbeard
30 Tracey and Hailley Kahre

Children's Church:

Apr. 2 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Ashley & Randy Archer
9 Liberty Lemberg
16 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman/Micah Morgan
23 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox
30 No Children's Church

April Birthdays:

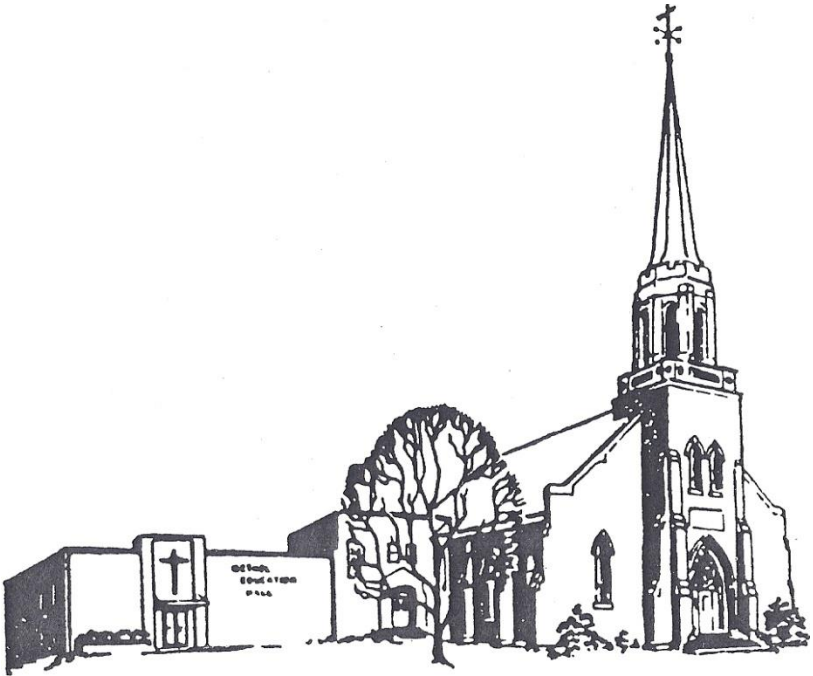
2 Dorothy Sams (90th)
2 Flo Ann Coker (80th)
4 Wilbur Boberg (88th)
6 Marilyn Fender (84th)
9 Doris Brocksmith (87th)
25 Nancy Kixmiller (83rd)

Chimes news will be due on April 17.

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