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Kevin Hammelman, President (2018) Stacey Kahre (2020)

Justin French, Vice President (2020) Joe Koenig (2018)

Pam Loheider, Secretary (2019) Sam Miller (2019)

Virginia Koenig, Treasurer (2021) Terry Perkins (2021)

Nancy Tilly (2021)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

The subject of sin is a subject of which few want to discuss, unless if it pertains to another person's actions. Each individual is accountable for his or her sins. While people try to blame their environment, their relationship with others and even Satan, we ultimately are responsible for our own actions, even when they result in sin.

What is sin? Simply put, sin is when our thoughts, actions, etc. are outside of God's will. There are sins of omission, those sins we commit because we do not know they are sins, and sins of commission, those sins that we know are wrong, but we allow our flesh to take over and commit them anyway. Sins of omission can be successfully addressed by reading, studying and understanding the word of God. Sins of commission can be addressed by keeping our own will, the flesh, under control.

A good rule of thumb to use in life is as follows, if Jesus did it, you can do it. If Jesus didn't do it, then you shouldn't do it. Simple to read but at times hard to follow, only because of our own sin nature.

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

Summer is almost here. In just a few weeks school will be out and Memorial Day will be here. We will all be firing up our grills and enjoying the warmer temperatures. Which also means that it is almost time for Vacation Bible School. I love VBS. When I was growing up VBS was a big part of our summer. We would invite friends and see if the boys or girls could bring in more change for the offering. I have many fond memories of VBS and I hope you do as well.

So my question is: Will you help make VBS memories this summer? We are in the process of planning now, but we need your help. We have an awesome opportunity to not only serve the kids of Bethel Church but also of the kids of our community. I know that we are all busy. 4H, baseball, softball, and various camps can dominate our summers, but I hope that you will take some time to reach out to the kids in and around our church this summer. VBS will be June 5th – 9th and we can't do it without the church showing up to minister to these kids. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. I know that you will be blessed if you do.



In His Love,
Pastor Mike

GUILD

Bethel Guild met April 5th and made lap throws for shut-ins. It was reported that we had 94 ladies and 2 men for our Lenten Breakfast. Dr. Bobe gave a very inspirational message for us to remember. Thanks to all who helped make it a great morning.

Our May meeting will be May 3 at 1:30 with Stacey Kahre giving the program on work at Generations. Jan Richter and Sharon Kahre are the hostesses. Please bring soap for North Knox Social Ministries.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Thank You

Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, visits and cards during my surgeries over the last couple of months.

John W. Buescher

Thank you so much for your very generous check for \$500 for our ABLAZE youth conference.

We are so excited to be making a difference in the spiritual lives of the youth that will be attending.

We so appreciate your faithful support and ask that you agree in prayer with us that God's will be accomplished in the lives of all those attending.

We serve a wonderful and faithful God!

In His Love,
The Ablaze Board

Thank you for your very generous financial donation to the Lightbearer's Women's Conference. Because of you, we are able to provide this conference for FREE to women to empower them with "HOPE" in their homes, work, community, church. . .

In Jesus Love,
The Lightbearer's Planning Team

Preschool

He is risen! Hallelujah!! We had many good discussions last month of Holy Week and the events that led us up to Easter. We enjoyed cutting our own palm branches and finding the empty tomb in our craft. We made 31 cross sun catchers and sent to special people, so they could all let Jesus's love shine in through a sunny window. We talked a lot about how Jesus is alive and we see things everyday representing that. We had fun filled Easter Parties by the parents that kept us busy, messy, and entertained. We love having our mommies, daddies, or other special guest in for our activities.

We did spend a little time on our letters also. Letter w was all about the wind and waves Jesus calmed before he walked on the water. We learned that only Jesus could do perform miracles like that. Although, we sure tried to tell the wind to stop, it did not work so well for us.

We also talked about how we always want to walk with Jesus right beside us. It sure makes life simpler and more pleasant if we have Him beside us in all situations.

Letter X was about having x-rays. Some of us even brought bone pictures of our arms and feet to share with those that have never had an x-ray. We talked about how Jesus x-rays our heart, we want Him to see our love for others. If He would x-ray our hands, we want Him to see us helping others.

We have heard many great prayers, and the kids are doing super retelling our Bible stories. Some of the stories maybe in a different order, but that is what makes is sweet and special. At the time of my writing, we have only 5 weeks of school left (that is only 10 more class times for us). There is not always enough time in my day, or week. Many things to look forward to (in our short amount of time remaining this year) like finishing up our letters, Mother's Day Tea, fun and run, picnic day and whatever else we can work in. Loving children is a circular motion, the more they get, the more they give in return☺

Mrs. Durall



It is hard to believe that I am already writing the May newsletter! This has been an amazing year at Bethel Preschool and I look forward to our final month that is sure to be filled with many more wonderful moments.

Last month we 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!

Also in April, we learned about the letter W. The children loved the stories we read about Jonah and the whale. We read several different books and we seemed to learn something new to the story in each one! We also learned about the letter B and had a fun day with balloons. We learned that an empty balloon represents us - on our own without God inside our hearts – all floppy and flat. We decided we could try to fill the balloon up with our own air – by telling others how good we were and trying to improve ourselves all on our own. But, then we decided that the things we are able to do on our own can never ever compare to what God can do. Hard as we try we can never lead a life that would honor and please God on our own. We decided the best thing we could do with a puffed up balloon would be to let it go and, boy, were we glad we did! That balloon flew off in all kinds of different directions being filled with only what we had to give. Then we brought out a balloon filled with helium to represent God. Oh my! That balloon was much better in so many ways! It was definitely more beautiful than the deflated empty balloon that represented us. It was more powerful and could even fly without wind – it could definitely go higher than we could ever go! We decided the helium in the balloon was kind of like having Jesus in our hearts – when our life is filled with God's power

and God's strength we can do so much more than we ever could on our own! I feel so blessed to be able to share God's love with each one of Bethel's preschoolers and also to receive it in return. Each one of them blesses me as I see God's light shining through them!

We have also been getting ready for Mother's Day Tea and Graduation as both days are fast approaching. The children are working on songs and learning their memory verses. I am excited for them and humbled to be able to play a small part in the life of each one of them. I know God has great and wonderful things planned for each of them and just like we learned at preschool - with God, like the helium in the balloon, we too can go far ... doing things that God will give us the power to do just like Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

Ashley Durall
Sullivan High Graduation
May 27, 2017 – 2 pm
Sullivan High School Gymnasium

Open House
Come join us for brunch
9:30 am to 12:30 pm
before graduation

209 S. Alexander St.
Carlisle, Indiana

Bethel Church Council Minutes

April 10, 2017

Meeting was called to order by council president Kevin Hammelman and opened with prayer by Justin French.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, holding weekly staff meetings, teaching Confirmation classes, and visiting church members. He confirmed four confirmands and conducted the Confirmation Reunion on Palm Sunday. He will conduct the Good Friday service, with communion, at the Freelandville Community Home.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet attended a conference in Evansville that focused on ministry outside of the church walls and social media. He stated it was very informative, and he is in the process of forming a committee to further enhance the use of social media for Bethel Church. Pastor Mike stated he did find a company that does church websites and will further explore that possibility. Pastor Mike and Renee were group leaders at the Youth ABLAZE conference held at North Knox High School. They did a break out session, "Marriage – God's Way". He stated the conference was well attended again this year. After the ABLAZE conference ended on Saturday, he took the youth to Soul Fest, a free concert at Oakland City.

Pastor Mike reported that the skating party held at Bicknell was well attended, and everyone had a great time.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Virginia Koenig gave updates on the current budget. It was approved as written. After discussion, Terry Perkins made the motion, seconded by Sam Miller, and passed unanimously to transfer the Edward Jones funds at Washington to the Edward Jones account at Vincennes.

Mission Allocations: Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Pam Loheider, and passed unanimously to give \$1000 to Social Ministries. Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Sam Miller, and passed unanimously to give \$400 to Gideon's.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for March was 131. The offering for March totaled \$18,322.52.

Elder's Report: Kevin Hammelman reported there is communion at the Maundy Thursday service and at the Community Home service on Good Friday. He reminded council members to let him know of anyone who requests a home visit or is in need of a home visit.

Building and Grounds: Joe Koenig reported that the carpet is installed. He thanked the council members for helping move furniture and for moving books back to the library. He has received bids from Pieper's for the back staircase and the landing in front of the preschool area. The installation will not begin until the preschool year is complete. Joe reported that he contacted Terri Roesler about supplies used at North Knox. She is getting him the necessary information so that he can contact the company North Knox uses.

Old Business:

- Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the sanctuary door is at Jim Oakes.
- The special gift's committee may help with the van fund.
- Karen DeCoursey will look into the sound system upgrades.
- Stacey Kahre made the motion, seconded by Sam Miller, and passed unanimously to use money from the Strate account to pay for back staircase carpeting, tile in front of preschool area, and the new roof.
- Council members reviewed the updated job descriptions/employee contracts. Sam Miller made the motion, seconded by Joe Koenig, and passed unanimously to amend and approve the job descriptions/employee contracts. Kevin Hammelman thanked Stacey Kahre for making the necessary updates.

New Business:

- Joe Koenig will get a bid from Pieper's for new flooring in the women's bathroom in Bethel Hall.
- Joe Koenig will get prices on carpet shampooers.
- Pam Loheider, on behalf of the scholarship committee, requested that the scholarship amount be changed from \$200 to \$500. Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Justin

French, and passed unanimously to raise the scholarship money from \$200 to \$500.

- Pastor Mike Leydet reported there will be a small group meeting on April 20th at 6:00 at Randy and Ashley Archer's home in Freelandville.
- Virginia Koenig reported the church office continues to have internet problems. Options were discussed.

Upcoming Events:

April 13 – Maundy Thursday service with Communion

April 14 – Good Friday service with Communion at the Freelandville Community Home

April 16 – Easter Sunday with Communion

April 20 – Small group meeting at Randy & Ashley Archer's home in Freelandville at 6:00

April 21 – Youth Tip Night Fundraiser at Cabello's

Parish Records:

BIRTHS: Josie Georgia Pirtle, daughter of Casey and Emily Pirtle, was born March 28, 2017. She weighed 9 lb. 14 oz., and was 23 inches long.

DEATHS: Carl Johanningsmeier, age 88, died on April 14, 2017.
Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on April 19, 2017.

Attendance:

Mar. 26 134
Apr. 2 152
Apr. 9 255
Apr. 16 261

Greeters:

May 7 & 14 – Bill & Carole Albrecht
May 21 & 28 – Frank & Lenora McCrary

Ushers: Garland & Lisa Richter

Nursery (Sunday School):

May 7 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
14 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
21 Carole Albrecht/Cheryl Hagemeyer
28 Diane Telligman/Holly Spanger

Nursery Notes (Worship):

May 7 Ramona Hammelman/Elsa Telligman
14 Stacy Page/Reeva Hammelman
21 Brenda Maddox/Rylee Hammelman
28 Emilee Organ/Tori French

Children's Church:

May 7 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Ryan Johanningsmeier
14 Liberty Lemberg/Tracey Kahre
21 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman/Bonnie Organ
28 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Dale Tiek

May Birthdays:

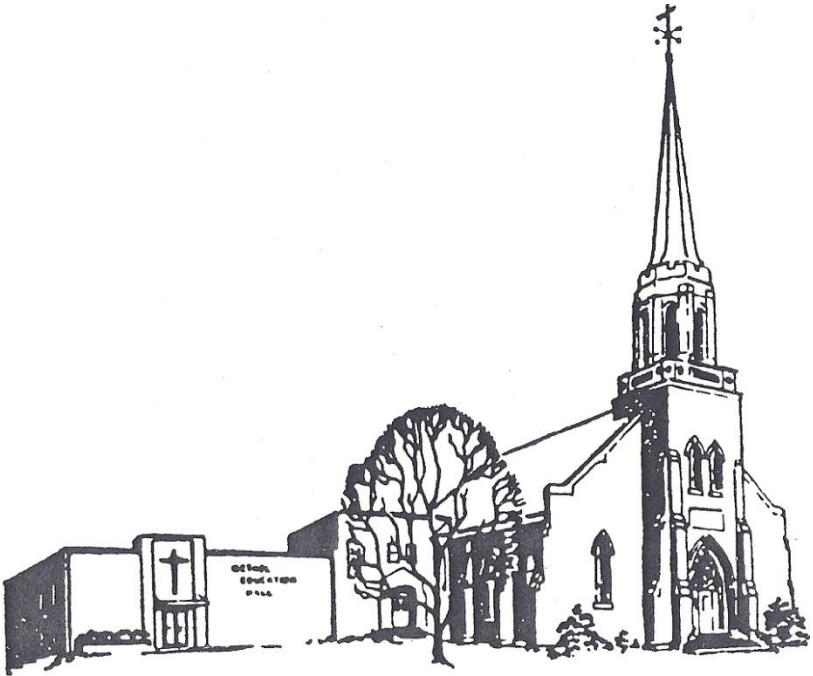
3 Earl Linneweber (89th)
15 Mary Deerhake (85th)
26 Ruth Richter (94th)
26 Cleo Kirchoff (80th)

Chimes news will be due on May 15th.

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