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### **Council members:**

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**

We read from Matthew 4:19 that Jesus called the first disciples. In fact, He said follow me and I will make you fishers of men. Let us take a moment to digest the importance of His words. First the command to follow me, Jesus was not talking about following another man; He was speaking of who He was, God's son, who needed to be followed if men were going to be caught rather than fish. We all know that fish are fickle and sometimes are hard to catch. But compared to man they are rather easy to get on the line. Jesus is saying to these fishermen that the only way to catch men, for the kingdom of God, is to follow Him.

Why Him? Because in John 14:6 Jesus said that He is the way, the truth and the life and that no one comes to the Father, but through Him. So when we take our eyes off of Him, we lose our way and come home without a catch. Jesus in essence is saying that the only way to catch men is to follow Him and Him alone.

Following anyone else results in an empty catch.

And that is what we as believers are commanded to do, be fishers of men, but only by following Jesus. Are you doing this in your walk with Him?

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

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## **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2017**

**July/August – Mission Committee**  
**September – Preschool**  
**October/November - Choir**  
**December – Christian Partners**

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### **YOUTH PASTOR**

I can't believe that August is already here. It seems that summer goes by a little quicker each year. School will be starting in a few days and I am already hearing some grumbles about that. But school starting means that football is just around the corner. We are planning for three 5<sup>th</sup> Quarters this year to follow the North Knox Home games. We intend to have 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter at the high school again this year. With having it at the school, we will need some additional help to make sure we keep all the students where they are supposed to be. We will also need some food donations as well. You have all been so generous in the past and I am truly thankful for your support.

In His Love  
Pastor Mike

## **GUILD**

Bethel Guild didn't have their regular June meeting.

We will meet on August 2 at 2 pm at the Freelandville Community Home to host their monthly birthday party. Come and enjoy the afternoon with the residents. We will have devotions, and wish the birthday folks a great day, play Bingo, and serve refreshments.

Lill Clinkenbeard

## **Sunday School**

Sometimes it is important to get new directions, but in the process it is important to look back as well. I did some very quick research on the history of the Sunday School Movement and found some interesting concepts. Sunday School started in England to educate the poor children living on the streets in London. The children were fed, clothed and taught to read and write.

When America was young growing country, Sunday School missionaries were sent west to minister to the children traveling west with their families. Again basic needs were met but also education and evangelism reached children and their families. Churches grew in areas where Sunday School Programs were established. The word of God does not return void.

Our Sunday School committee has been meeting and making plans about how to maintain meaningful traditions and to use new approaches because our world has changed. Our last meeting was 6/13/2017. Anyone is welcome to attend. Decisions made in our June meeting included the following items:

1. The Children's Christmas program will be 12/17/2017 at 6pm.
2. Some classes are using Right Now Media systems.
3. Christian Family class is going to begin selecting a TV for the Social Room.
4. Sunday School picnic class assignments were discussed. Each class will have a food item to provide for the picnic.

5. We will be working on a slideshow for the announcements in church describing Sunday School classes and their present study.
6. Each class needs to plan a social activity to meet our need for Christian fellowship.
7. We discuss the need to reach the young adult age group. Two of our committee have volunteered to begin a face book page and invite our young adults to join. Please pray about the needs of this age group and how we can minister to them.  
More information will be posted soon.
8. Next meeting will be 7/24/2017 at 7:30 pm.

## **Preschool**

Tis so sweet to follow Jesus! Preschool will be starting August 21, and we are looking forward to meeting all of our sweet preschoolers Jesus is sending us this year.

Mrs. Lemberg and Mrs. Durall

*Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good: blesses is he that takes refuge in Him.*

## **Thank You**

Dear Bethel Guild,

Thank you so much for the Build a Basket that you donated for homebound older adults. It has already been given to a local individual in need and he was blessed!

God Bless You all!!!

Stacy Kahre, Director of Operations and the Staff at Generations

Thanks for the generous scholarship. I appreciate it, and it will help with my college career at Ivy Tech.

Thanks again,  
Jesse Organ

Thank you, Pastor Mike for the support and great service you had for Butch.

The family thanks our friends and family at Bethel for their prayers, phone calls, visits and food brought it.

Thanks to the Bethel Guild women for the delicious meal you served.

Butch will be remembered for his smiling face and saying “Anything I can help you with or anything you need, let me know.” Butch is smiling down at us.

God Bless,  
The family –  
Bernettia, Darrin,  
Audrey, Alan & Madelyne

## **Memorial Fund**

*In memory of Darwin Emmel:*

Marcia Rinsch

*In memory of Butch Hollingsworth:*

😊 Anonymous

Randy & Theresia Barrett

John Bobe

Carl Borgmeier

Doris Brocksmith

Brad & Kathy Clinkenbeard

Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard

Norman Cornelius

Sharon Dunkerly

Cheryl & Rick Early

Gertrude Hagemeyer

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Sharon & Dennis Kahre

Joe & Virginia Koenig

Mike & Pam Loheider

Bruce & Terri Miller

Mary Ann Miller

Charles & Susan Moore

Brenda Nettles

Gayle & Terry Perkins

Bill & Darlene Resler

Garland & Lisa Richter

Nelson & Miriam Ruble

Sargent Farms

Mark & Diane Telligman

Joyce Telligman

Max & Ree Ann Volle

Carolyn Williams

Worship in the Grove will be September 24, and will be followed by the Sunday School Picnic and Auction.



## **Bethel Church Council Minutes** **July 10, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by President Kevin Hammelman and opened with prayer by Sam Miller.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike's report included conducting a funeral, weekly staff meetings, home and hospital visits, and a worship service at the Freelandville Community Home. He assisted with the Eagle Scout ceremony for Ian Maddox and with the service at Bethel for all area youth to help them cope with the death of Jacob Williams. Pastor Mike reported that there will be a community church service at Freelandville the last Sunday of August with a meal to follow.

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike Leydet reported on the mission trip to Tennessee. He assisted with the Eagle Scout ceremony for Ian Maddox and with the service at Bethel for all area youth to help them cope with the death of Jacob Williams.

**Secretary's Report:** It was approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written.

**Mission Allocations:** The following were approved: Bethel Preschool - \$1500 and Nurses' Fund - \$1000.

**Deacon's Report:** The average attendance for June was 135. The June offering totaled \$14,853.70.

**Elder's Report:** Kevin Hammelman reminded council members to notify he or Pastor Mike if someone requests or is in need of a home visit.

**Building and Grounds:** Joe Koenig reported that the flooring in the women's bathroom has been installed. Baseboard will need replaced. He fixed a hinge on the preschool door. Joe and Bill Resler will put a gas line going into the shelter house.

**Old Business:**

- Current van fund total is \$14, 900.24.
- Sound system upgrades and electric wiring issues were tabled.
- New Wave has not responded about internet services.
- Mold issue in the church office continues to be investigated.
- Options were discussed regarding preschool security including: locks on doors; enforcing the rule that parents park in the back when bringing or picking up children; putting signs on doors asking visitors to register at the church office, and a visitor registration list in the office.

**Upcoming Events:**

August 13 – Mid-summer Communion

September 17 – Harvest Home

September 24 – Worship in the Grove, followed by meal and auction.

**Parish Records:**

**Deaths:** Burton “Butch” Hollingsworth age 77, died on June 29, 2017. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on July 1, 2017.

**Attendance:**

June 25 127  
 July 2 155  
 July 9 145  
 July 16 134

**Greeters:**

August 6 – Doris Brocksmith & Sharon Dunkerly  
 Aug. 13 & 20 – Bruce & Terri Miller  
 Aug. 27 & Sept. 3 – Dale & Jane Tiek

**Ushers:** Garland & Lisa Richter

**Nursery (Sunday School):**

August 6 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
 13 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht  
 20 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike  
 27 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

**Nursery Notes (Worship):**

August 6 Brenda Maddox & Brittany Page  
 13 Stacy & Brianna Page  
 20 Bonnie & Emily Organ  
 27 Debbie & Elsa Telligman

**Children's Church:**

August 6 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer  
 13 Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Pam Loheider  
 20 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman/Micah Morgan  
 27 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

**August Birthdays:**

1 Eldina Benedict (87)  
 5 John Clinkenbeard (85<sup>th</sup>)  
 9 Lawrence Rinsch (80<sup>th</sup>)  
 10 Bertha Conrad (92<sup>nd</sup>)  
 21 Lucille Robbins (89<sup>th</sup>)  
 22 Herb Grabbe (88<sup>th</sup>)  
 31 Vera Jones (81<sup>st</sup>)

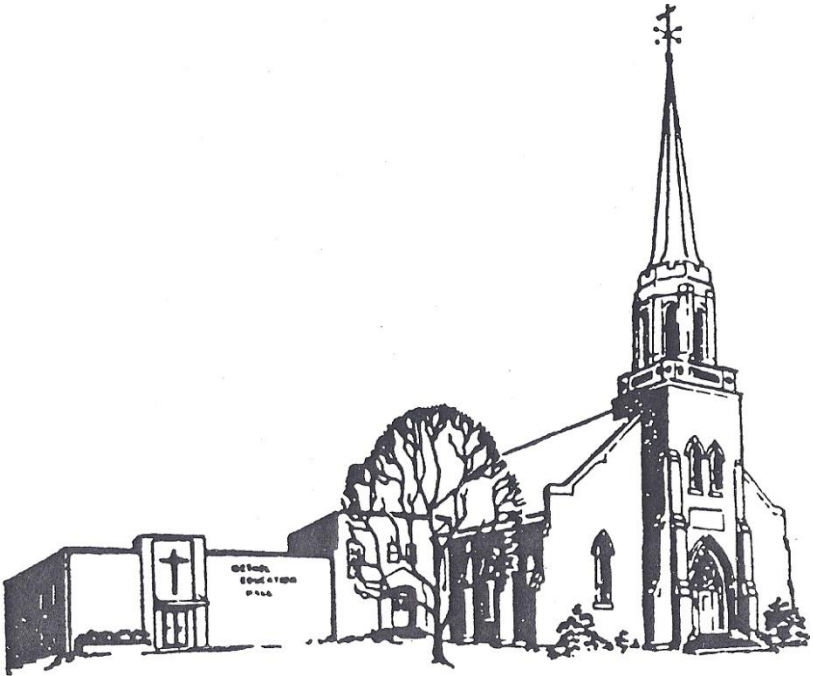
***Chimes news will be due on August 21<sup>st</sup>.***



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