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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

Ephesians 4:29 speaks of edification. In the church edification is used for the building up of a person is grace. In other words, edification is used to instruct, encourage someone in a positive manner in their walk with Christ. In order to do this the believer must have control over their tongue. The book of James speaks of the tongue several times. James 3:5-10 gives us a good example of the power of the tongue. From these verses we see that if we have no control over our tongues, then there is in no way that we can edify other believers, and without edification the church suffers, and when the church suffers the enemy, Satan, gains a stronghold.

It is time for the church to return to the message of the gospel, the whole message in order to differ from the world. Let us make an effort then to people who edify, who build up, rather than like those of the world who seek to discourage and destroy.

It is my prayer that Bethel be a leader in edification of the believer and not a follower in the ways of the world. Let Holy Scripture be our standard for life and let us stick by that standard.

In His Service,

Pastor Mike

James 5:16

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2017

**September – Preschool
October/November - Choir
December – Christian Partners**

YOUTH PASTOR

For the last 3 years I have had to have a health assessment due to our health insurance. All 3 years I have been told my cholesterol is out of whack and all 3 years they have told me the same thing. I need to watch what I am eating, I need to make better food choices, read labels on food before I buy it, and I need to exercise. I have heard the same things all 3 years but have ignored it. Let's be honest, I would much rather eat a huge breaded tenderloin than I would exercise. But this past year was a bit different. I was told to get my cholesterol numbers where they should be or I would have to start taking medication for it. So, I had 12 weeks to do what I was supposed to be doing for 3 years, and I put it off. Now I'm only a couple weeks from having to get reassessed and I just started doing what I was told to do for the last 3 years. Don't we often treat our walk with God like this? We will start reading our Bible or praying more after this is over or once this other thing gets started. One of these days I am going to tell so and so about Jesus, etc. But the problem with this logic is that I know when I must go back for my health assessment, but in life we aren't promised our next breath. In actuality, now that I have started exercising, I feel better. And the same is true in your walk. If you start putting in the effort to draw closer to Christ you will wonder why you waited so long.

In His Love
Pastor Mike

GUILD

Bethel Guild had their August meeting at the Community Home, celebrating 8 residents who have their birthdays in August. They were each given a gift from the Guild. Nance Tilly played the piano and Shirley Brouhard was our "Bingo Caller" since Lill was in the Hospital recovering from surgery. Everyone loves playing Bingo! Refreshments of homemade cookies, ice cream and punch were served.

We are praying that Lill will be able to return to us soon, as we all miss her, but we know God has His arm around her.

Our September meeting will be Sept. 6 at 1:30 with a Bible Study led by Nancy Tilly. All women are invited as we know Nancy will have a very good message for us. Hostesses for the September meeting will be Reda Boberg and Beverly Schuckman.

Preschool

We have had a very busy month at preschool as we spent lots of time learning our preschool routine and also about how much God loves each one of us! Our classroom theme this year is "God's love is the sweetest!" We are having so much fun playing, learning and exploring together. A great big thank you to our church family for all of your love, support and prayers as we begin another amazing year of preschool!

The children are already excited about getting to bring their grandparents to school on September 7th in celebration of Grandparent's Day. We have already begun practicing a special poem and song just for them!

We have also been working on both writing and recognizing the letters in our names. We have counted the letters in our name and compared who had more and who had less. We have talked a lot about how we are all different in a lot of ways but God loves us all just the same! We read a story about how God made all of our thumbprints unique and then used our own thumbprint to make apples on an apple tree we had colored. We hung the apple trees in the preschool hallway for all to see!

We had many other wonderful days at preschool last month and I look forward to sharing many more with you this coming school year. Continue to keep us in your prayers as each child grows and is filled with Jesus' love each day.

I'm looking forward to a beautiful October as the signs of autumn continue to surround us with our Heavenly Father's love and blessings.

Love,
Liberty Lemberg

We are off to a super sweet year at already. We had a few tears the first day, from kids and parents both. But by Thursday, we were all smiles and happy as can be, at least the kids were. I'm not too sure about all my parents yet.

I welcomed 24 students this year 16 boys and eight girls. I've decided it's going to be a year with a lot of motion, we like to be on the move. We will get into a routine hopefully in a week or two. We have already talked about how God made us each special and unique. We have determined that we're also alike in a lot of ways.

We welcome back all of our volunteers who are wonderful. We are blessed to have you all.

We will celebrate Grandparents Day September 7th and I look forward to seeing the interaction between the kids and their special guests.

I'm looking forward to a great year with all of my preschool sweeties! If you're at church and want to come visit we love visitors during preschool.

God bless,
Mrs. Durall

Thank You

Many thanks to my Bethel Church family who sent cards and visit's for my 90th birthday.

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, and visits during my surgery and recovery. I appreciated Pastor Mike for your prayers and visits.

May God bless each and every one.

In Christian love,
Lois Wampler

Thanks to the Faithful Footprints class, Jerry Lee and Kate Hammelman and Josh and Bethany Hammelman , who have donated picnic tables made with the recycled plastic lids. Two adult size tables and two child size tables were placed at the Shelter House.



Thanks you to my Bethel Church family for all the prayers, letters, cards, visits and love shown to me last weekend on my Chrysalis walk! It was an amazing experience. I can only imagine what Heaven must be like. So humbled and proud to be a member of this church. Please continue to keep my friends and classmates in your prayers as well as future caterpillars and pilgrims.

Yours in Christ!
Trevor Kahre
BIC Flight #50

Memorial Fund

In memory of Butch Hollingsworth:

Max & Mary Newman

Dorothy Spanger

In memory of Darwin Emmel:

Chuck Borgmeier

Bernettia Hollingsworth

Jo Ann Nomady

Edith Rinsch

Dorothy Spanger

Joyce Ann Tracey

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



Bethel Church Council Minutes **August 10, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Hammelman and opened with prayer by Stacey Kahre.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included home and hospital visits, performing an infant baptism, and holding weekly staff meetings. He and Karen led a Sunday worship service at the Freelandville Community Home.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that he and other area ministers were available for counseling during the first week of school at the high school. The 7UP Sunday welcoming the incoming seventh graders was a success. He was pleased that all five seventh graders were present. Plans are being made for the 5th Quarter sessions to be held at the gym this year. Pastor Mike requested vacation during the week of fall break, October 15th, and it was approved.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written.

Mission Allocations: The following were approved: Social Ministries - \$1000 and Back Pack Program - \$1000.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for July was 148. The July offering totaled \$19,575.62.

Elder's Report: Kevin Hammelman reminded council members to notify him or Pastor Mike of members requesting or in need of home visits. There will be communion this Sunday, August 13th.

Building and Grounds: Joe Koenig reported that the stone above the gas insert in the shelter house is finished, and the gas line to the shelter house has been installed. There is still work to be done on the gas insert. The furnace and the air conditioner at the custodian's house have been installed. A dehumidifier has been purchased for the church basement. Garland Richter and Terry Perkins completed work on the baseboard, and Virginia Koenig painted the stalls in the women's bathroom in Bethel Hall. Joe Koenig reported that Bill Resler installed a latch lock on the swinging doors leading to the preschool area. Joe will purchase locks for the other preschool doors.

Old Business:

- Pastor Mike reported on information he obtained from Alvis regarding sound system upgrades.
- Electric wiring issues were tabled.
- No feedback on office internet.
- Kevin Hammelman reported on the mold issues in the church office. Options are still being investigated. Until the mold issue is resolved, the church office will relocate to rooms behind the choir loft in the church.

New Business:

- The faucet on the island in the church kitchen needs replaced.
- The family of Butch Hollingsworth requested to plant trees in memory of Butch. Request granted.
- Kevin Hammelman reported that Ebony Chancellor-Grimm turned in her resignation, effective August 15th. Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Stacey Kahre, and passed unanimously to accept Ebony's resignation. Kevin reported that the church would begin advertising for the custodian's position immediately. Applicants must turn in a resume to the church office. Deacons will be responsible for interviewing.

Upcoming Events:

August 13 – Communion

August 16 – Preschool Orientation

August 20 – Preschool Open House

August 27 – Autumn Fest (Community Church Service)

September 17 – Harvest Home

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

Parish Records:

Deaths: Bertha Conrad, age 92, died on Thursday, August 10, 2017. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on Tuesday, August 14, 2017.

Attendance:

July 23 137
July 30 162
Aug. 6 169
Aug. 13 185
Aug. 20 159

Greeters:

Sept. 3 – Dale & Jane Tiek
Sept. 10 & 17 – John & Jan Spanger
Sept. 24 & Oct. 1 – Clint & Beth Durall

Ushers: Mark & Diane Telligman

Nursery (Sunday School):

Sept. 3 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
10 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Holly Spanger
17 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht
24 Worship in the Grove

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Sept. 3 Theresia Barrett/Tori French
10 Ashley and Beth Durall
17 Tracey and Hailley Kahre
24 Worship in the Grove

Children's Church:

Sept. 3 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Pam Loheider
10 Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Tracey Kahre
17 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman/Janet
Clinkenbeard
24 Worship in the Grove

September Birthdays:

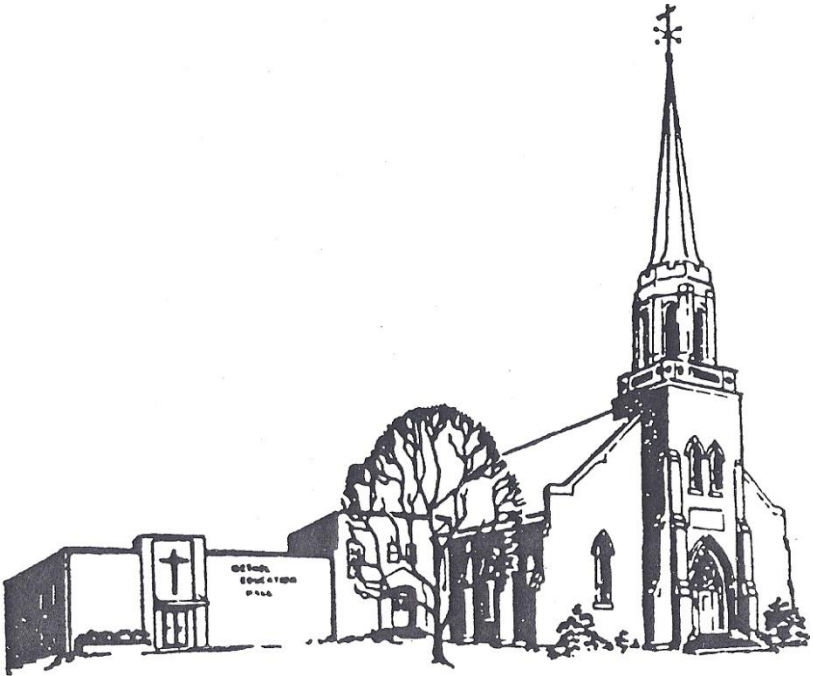
2 Irma O'Niones (82nd)
18 Stanley "Pete" Coker (82nd)
27 Bernard Sager (83rd)

Chimes news will be due on September 18th.

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