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(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Chapter fifteen of John's gospel begins with Jesus telling us that He is the true vine and that His Father is the vinedresser. We need to understand that the job of the vinedresser is to cut or remove those branches which are unproductive or produce no fruit. Another job of the vinedresser is to prune, or cut back branches so that they may be more productive. How does this relate to the church today?

The work of the church of course is to glorify God. How do we do that? One way is to be productive, in other words to bear fruit. This is done in many different ways, according to each ones talents, but the end result is the same, to bear fruit. In other words, bring people into the fold, a right relationship with God through Jesus. The church needs to do this not to increase its numbers but rather to increase the numbers of the Kingdom. When we act in this matter then God is glorified.

In order to do this we must stay connected to the vine, lest we be cut off by the vinedresser. Are you staying connected?

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Youth Pastor

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

This verse will be the theme for Bethel Youth for 2018. As Christians, we have a great responsibility to show others who Jesus really is. So as a group this year we will be focusing on how we portray Christ to those around us. We will be looking at the life of Christ while He walked the earth and study the example of love and service He set for us all. I ask that you pray for our youth as we embark on this journey. It will not be an easy route that we will take. We will have to look at ourselves and decide if we truly are showing His light or casting a shadow on His light. As Christians, our actions reflect who we believe Jesus Christ to be, so I will ask you all the same question I ask the youth: Are you being a good reflection?

In His Love
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2018

January/February – Assigned
March/April/May – Faithful Families
June – Vacation Bible School
July/August – Christian Generations
September – Preschool
October/November – Faithful Footprints
December – Mustard Seed

Mission Committee

We are truly blessed to have such a generous church family. In just 2 Sundays we have collected close to \$500 to purchase vitamins for Nurses on a Mission. Thank you! We will continue to collect until February 11th.

Mark your calendars: on Sunday, February 11th at 6 PM we will be bagging medication for Nurses on a Mission. This has turned out to be a great time as we fellowship around the tables in the basement and bag medications for the mission trip. At the end we pray over all of the medication that will be going to the Dominican Republic to offer hope to the people there who live in poverty. A meal will be served prior to the bagging so plan to join us- you will glad that you did!

Plans continue for the Carpenters on a Mission trip in November. We have had several people express an interest in joining the team and that is exciting! If you know of someone who doesn't attend Bethel but would be interested, please let Dale Tiek know. It will be week you will never forget! Please pray for this mission. Watch for upcoming fund-raisers too.

As we enter 2018 let's remember that all that we have belongs to God. Corrie Ten Boom once said:

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." Let's give what we have to God and watch Him move in miraculous ways!

Preschool

I hope everyone was able to keep warm throughout the first month of the New Year! We were excited to finally make it back to school after several snow days. January was another very busy month at preschool as we got back into our preschool routine. We had fun reviewing past letters, shapes, numbers and then adding more new ones.

We also read more books and played more games. One of my favorite winter books is a story about a little boy who made a snowman only to come back the next day to find him all droopy and out of sorts. The little boy came to the conclusion that his snowman

must have snuck away during the night and then imagined all the things he might have done. Afterwards, we played a (fairly loud!) snowman game in which I got to build a whole roomful of "snowmen" who were so still but every time I took a little nap I would wake up to find my little snowmen all out of sorts! How tricky my little snowmen were! The kids loved it! How they laughed with excitement as they tried to run around and play and then get back to their spot before I "woke up". It has become a favorite game and is asked to play nearly every class time. Also, to go along with the book, the kids each made their own construction paper snowman and had a great time thinking of things their snowman might do at night. I was very pleased that so many of the children were able to work fairly independently as they cut out their snowman circles, hats and scarves and glued them onto their paper. Their snowmen are displayed in the preschool hallway – I hope you get a chance to check them out!

We also began our Star Student activity this past month. The Star Student brings in a poster that is all about them full of pictures and drawings and anything else they want to include. They also bring in three favorite items, their favorite book, and a special letter from their parents that are shared throughout the week. I love getting to know each preschooler a little better as they bring in their favorite things to share.

The children are also getting so good at our prayer times. I have so many volunteers each day who want to say our good-bye prayer. We pray for our families, pets and all of our preschool friends. I love seeing how the children's prayers grow as they get more confident to go to Jesus with all that is on their little hearts.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner we are looking forward to making valentines and our Valentine party. We will be talking about the love we have for others and the love that Jesus has for us – an amazing love...a love that never ends!!

May you be blessed with Jesus' amazing love not only this Valentine's Day but each and every day of your life!

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

We had a great Christmas break, came back ready to focus and learn. The kids were excited to come back as they entered with great big smiles, and lots had hugs to give (one of the many reasons why I love my job). We spent our first day back talking about snow and how God takes time to make each snowflake different. Then we talked about how much time he spends creating each of us unique and different, but very special. We made our own snow, which was very cold and felt "funny", we painted a snowman with shaving cream and glue, and read a snowman story.

Letter L was about how God loves us so and how we need to show that love to others every day. We read "The Grouchy Ladybug" and decided we should start each day with a smile and not be a grouch. We played at the light up table and lacing center. The kids loved both of those. We learned about lizards and painted with Legos. We were busy having fun and even had time to play outside when it was 60 degrees in January. (Only to watch it snow the very next day).

We are blessed at preschool. Thanks for all your love, prayers, and support. Looking forward to Donuts with Dad at the end of the month. The kids always get so excited to have a date with their special guest.

Love never fails--never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end. 1 Cor. 13:8

Mrs. Beth Durall

Bethel Church Council Minutes

January 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Hammelman and opened with prayer by Nancy Tilly.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting one funeral, hospital and home visits, and conducting a worship service at the Freelandville Community Home.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the youth Christmas party was well attended with twenty-seven present.

There was a youth lock-in on December 31st. The youth prepared six food boxes. He shared that he and Pastor Mike delivered the boxes, and it was a rewarding experience for both.

Pastor Mike, Hallie Durall and seven youth will be attending the Strength to Stand conference at Pigeon Forge, TN from January 13-15.

Pastor Mike is working a Chrysalis walk in February.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written.

Deacon's Report: Terry Perkins reported that the average attendance for December was 177, and the offering was \$24,957.84.

Elder's Report: Kevin Hammelman reported that 113 were served communion on Epiphany Sunday. He shared that he has really enjoyed helping with Community Home services, and he expressed his appreciation to Pastor Mike and Karen for sharing their talents.

Building and Grounds: Joe Koenig reported that he has installed the last blind in the church office. He shared that the fire extinguishers will need recertified next month. Kevin Hammelman reported that the tower may need caulked in the near future. He reported that the Christmas trees and decorations are all down, and he thanked Herman Tilly for hauling away the trees.

Old Business:

- Van fund is \$26,666.54.
- Still investigating sound system upgrades
- Justin French and Kevin Hammelman will proceed with computer mapping for the cemetery.
- Committee appointments were approved.

New Business:

- Evangelism Association renewal of \$800 was approved.
- The purchase of two tables for LAM (Life After Meth) was approved.
- The Mustard Seed class is preparing the meal for the annual meeting.

- Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Sam Miller, and passed unanimously to lease a new copier for three years with the option to purchase for \$1 at the end of the lease.

Upcoming Events:

January 17 – FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) breakfast

January 21 – Annual Meeting

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Dec. 24
Dec. 31 171
Jan. 7 187
Jan. 14 203

Greeters:

February 4 – Ed & Cheryl Hagemeyer
February 11 & 18 – Ernie & Monica Russell
Feb. 25 & March 4 – Michael & Brandy Toney

Ushers: Travis & Stacey Kahre

Nursery (Sunday School):

Feb. 4 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 11 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
 18 Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht
 25 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Feb. 4 Tori French/Jenny Clinkenbeard
 11 Bonnie and Emilee Organ
 18 Brenda Maddox/Beth Durall
 25 R. Hammelman family

Children's Church:

Feb. 4 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer
 11 Tambria Leonard/Pam Loheider
 18 Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Micah Morgan
 25 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

February Birthdays:

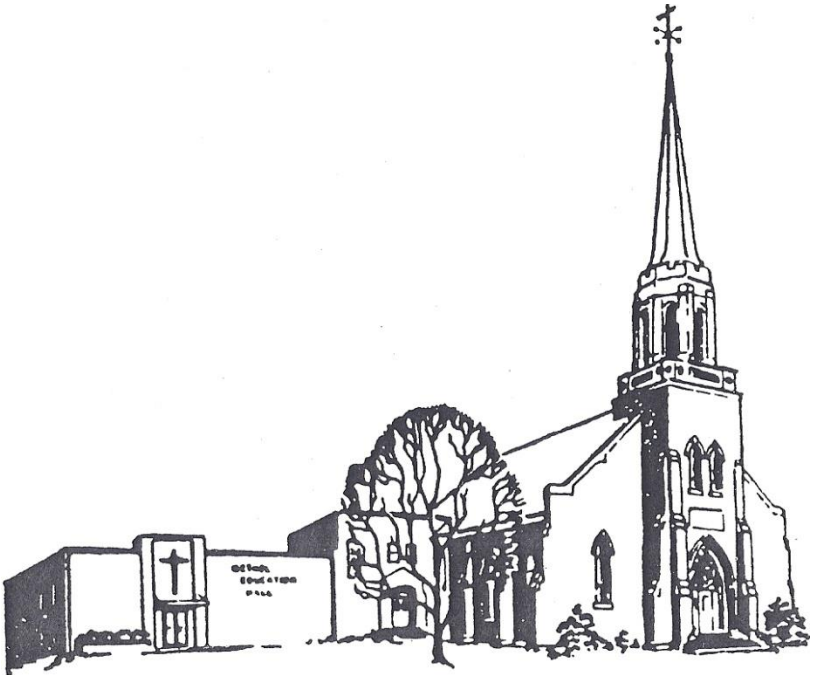
3 Frank McCrary (80th)
12 Robert Miller (83rd)
20 Doris Richter (83rd)
20 Pat Kirchoff (80th)
21 Lillian Clinkenbeard (86th)
28 Wilma Chester (98th)

Chimes news will be due on February 19th.

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