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(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

As we prepare to celebrate Easter once again let us not forget the sacrifice behind the holiday. Too many times we concentrate on the changing of the season that accompanies Easter and forget the true meaning of the holiday. Easter for the believer must be more than new Easter outfits, Easter egg hunts and etc. Easter must be coming face to face with the fact that what we read in John 3:16 has come to pass. God does love us so much that He did allow His son Jesus to be nailed to that cruel cross. As believers we must treat this holiday differently than the way the world would treat the holiday. Our emphasis needs to be on worship rather than pleasure; our emphasis must be on reflection and then and only then can we celebrate the true meaning behind Easter. Let us celebrate this Easter for indeed the tomb remains empty.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

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 we are Christians? Who 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

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers and phone calls during my new shoulder replacement. I have a little ways to go yet. Thanks to Bethel Guild for the beautiful flower arrangement.

God Bless,
Bernettia Hollingsworth

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.

1943 Confirmation Class
Minister – Rev. A. H. Wegener
Song – Oh Jesus I Have Promised

Vera Lucille Berger Dunkerly *	Herbert Frederick Grabbe *
Evelyn Louise Horst Pahmeier *	Herman Carl Snyder
Hulda Jean Johanningsmeier *	Milton Carl Telligman *
Agnes Lorene Mabes *	Wayne Lee Telligman *
Bernice Dora Schluessler *	Robert Walters *
Wilbur Henry Boberg	Henry Winter

1968 Confirmation Class
Pastor George Varns
Song – Where He Leads I Will Follow

Robin Dexter Boberg	Randall Allan Miller
Gale Ann Brocksmith	Virginia Gail Posey Dowdell
Gary Lee Brocksmith	DeWayne Louis Richter
Julie Jo Clifford Baesler	Gayle Ruth Richter Perkins
Rodney Jay Harbin	David Coleman Rinsch
Carla Jane Johanningsmeier Roberts	Pamela Jo Schuckman Taverty
James Joel Kixmiller *	Rhonda Schuckman Winemiller
Alan C. Linneweber	Brenda Jane Spanger Roark
Lester Wayne Linneweber	Cheryl Ann Williams Lane

1993 Confirmation Class
Pastor Herbert Schafale
Song – Living For Jesus

Nicholas Edward Hagemeyer	Jeffery Alan Johanningsmeier
Damien Christopher Horst	Amber Rene Jones
Molly Rae Horst	Ryan Michael Wampler

2018 Confirmation Class
Pastors Mike DeCoursey and Mike Leydet
Song - Secret Place by Phil Wickham

Gage Robert French
Hope Abigale Leydet
Emma Grace Miller

Natalie Jayne Phegley
Shaylie Diane Phegley

Lenten Schedule

The schedule for the remainder of Lent is as follows:

March 7 – Matt Koerner

March 14 – Marsha Bishop, LAM

March 21 – Red Letter Vocal Group

March 29 (Maundy Thursday) – Pastor Mike Leydet

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2018

March/April/May – Faithful Families

June – Vacation Bible School

July/August – Christian Generations

September – Preschool

October/November – Faithful Footprints

December – Mustard Seed





Easter Story

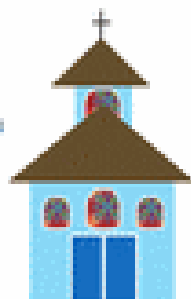
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An Easter Prayer

*Of all of God's gifts
Easter shows us our fate
Forgiven we will rise
And pass through Heaven's gate*

*This Easter remember
The sacrifice of a Son
And through His resurrection
Eternal life we have won*

*This Easter I pray
That the love of God
Is resurrected
Reborn, renewed
Inside your heart
God Bless You!*

~anonymous~

Preschool

Wow! February seemed to just fly by as we kept busy, busy, busy in the MWF preschool classes! We were barely able to be sad that the weather was keeping us from getting to go outside and play. We were extra excited to finally have a day that was warm enough to allow us to practice zipping up our coats and get outside to run and play! 😊

During V week we were very excited to have special visitor! Mr. Chuck (Borgmeier) brought in his violin to show to the preschoolers and tell them about it and how he had come to begin playing the instrument. They loved hearing the songs he played! You can imagine how excited they were to hear and be able to guess a song they knew! Thank you, Mr. Chuck, for taking the time to come in

and share with our preschoolers that it is never too late to learn something new!

We also celebrated Valentine's Day with a party for each class. The mothers did such a wonderful job planning a fun day full of crafts, games, and yummy snacks. We had a wonderful month as we celebrated the love we have for Jesus, our family, our friends and the love we receive in return! We read lots of stories about love and kindness and made lots of heart crafts. I hope you were able to browse through the preschool hallway and enjoy some of the children's quotes about their friends and what they love about each other. We were also able to show our appreciation and love for our prayer partners by painting pictures and sending them in the mail! The children had so much fun stamping the front of their card and then signing their name using their very best handwriting (they knew these were for very special people.) We really appreciate our prayer partners! 😊

By the time you read this we will have had Donuts with Dad. Right now, we are counting down each day to the special day marked on our calendar. We are having fun deciding which songs to sing and making a small keepsake. The kids are so excited to have a special day with their Daddy.

I am looking forward to some warmer days and more blessed moments God has in store for us during our preschool days. Thank you for the continued love, support, and prayers that are continually sent our way.

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

We are one day closer to spring and oh so ready. After a few snow days and cancelations, we have taken advantage of the nice weather and snuck outside even if it was only for 5 minutes. February was a great and sad month as we talked a lot about God's love and how much He loves us no matter what. We learned we have to share that love with everybody. We listed several ways to

love others, but the best was to pray every day for our friends and family. We continue to pray for all preschool families. God knows there needs and we lift them up daily.

Letter m was all about monkeys. Maybe they were jumping on a bed, maybe they washed the car or swung from a tree, but we had fun making our monkeys do silly things.

We read "Nuts to You", and talked about God's creatures, the squirrels. We got to make food to help feed the squirrels when the ground is hard or covered in snow. We looked at newspapers, counted nine eggs in a nest and tried to take a nap. It is hard to take a pretend nap when 14 and 9 kids have the giggles and just want to be noisy.

Letter O, we learned about obeying others, and we worked on opposites. We made an Owl craft to remind us that "Owl always love Jesus."

During P week, we invited Police Officers Nick Hatfield and Jonathan O'Brien in the class. They talked to us about their jobs, we got to see their truck or car, hear sirens and ask questions. We learned that they protect us and are our friend. We thank them for coming to join us for a day. We learned they are "busy most of the time", according to one little boy.

During Q week, Queen Esther reminded us to be ready to help God's people at all times.

At the time of this writing, we are preparing for our special date with our dads and are so excited. We will spend the month of March talking about Easter and all the events that lead up to an important day in the lives of Christians. Blessings to all of our church family.

Mrs. Beth Durall

Memorial Fund

In memory of Paul Ed Tiek:

James & Eldina Benedict

Brocksmith Farms

Tim & Lana Emmel

James & Jessica Lane

Kenneth & Linda Tiek

Sam & Dana Worland

Bethel Church Council Minutes **February 12, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Justin French and opened with prayer by Sam Miller.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting two funerals, hospital and home visits and a worship service at the Freelandville Community Home. Ash Wednesday's services will be on February 14th with communion at the altar. On Sunday, February 11th approximately 50 people packed vitamins to send with Nurses on a Mission. Speakers for Lenten services will be Danny Pearson of Higher Bound, Marsha Bishop, the new director of LAM, Lauren Alexander, and the Red Letter Group. Church services on February 11th were cancelled because of the weather.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet was not present due to his broken collarbone, fractured in a fall on Sunday during an icy rain.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written.

Mission Allocations: A donation of \$1000 to Heart to Heart was approved.

Deacon's Report: Sam Miller reported that the average attendance for January was 131 and the offering total was \$20,321.

Elder's Report: Nancy Tilly reported that altar Communion will be given on Ash Wednesday. It was also noted that 109 members of the Meeks and Buescher families were served a funeral dinner prepared by the Bethel Guild and women of Bethel.

Building and Grounds: Sam Miller reported that a bid had been received from Wolfe Construction for the repair of the back steps leading from the social room to behind the sanctuary.

Old Business:

*Terry Perkins, Mark Sargent, and Pastor Mike Leydet will purchase the van, as the fund has reached \$26,666.54.

*Pastor Mike will be contacting Alvis Music to help with the sound updates.

*Justin French set up communication between the council and CemSites, a cemetery mapping company. They demonstrated the options possible for scanning our cemetery maps for preservation. The budget for this project has been approved. The Cemetery Board will look at this option.

*Ryan Johanningsmeier asked about the condition of the carillon and the price of a new one.

New Business:

*Google Calendar, which shows dates of Bethel events, can be accessed by phone or email.

*Since storage is becoming a problem, items to be saved will be tagged and a spring cleaning will be announced.

*Sound-dampened the church offices was discussed.

*The Anthis Heating and Air Conditioning service agreement was read. It was decided to pay as repairs are

needed.

*Cort Bilskie will be contacted in regard to the removal of two soft maple trees.

*Charity tracking by the Salvation Army to eliminate abuse of charitable organizations was discussed.

*Staff appreciation dinner will be at Procopio's on Saturday, March 3rd.

*LAM Banquet will be at 6:30 at Highland Woods on February 22nd.

*ABLAZE Conference is scheduled for March 30-31 at the North Knox High School

*Heart to Heart Dinner will be on March 20th. Bethel has purchased a table for this event.

Coming Events:

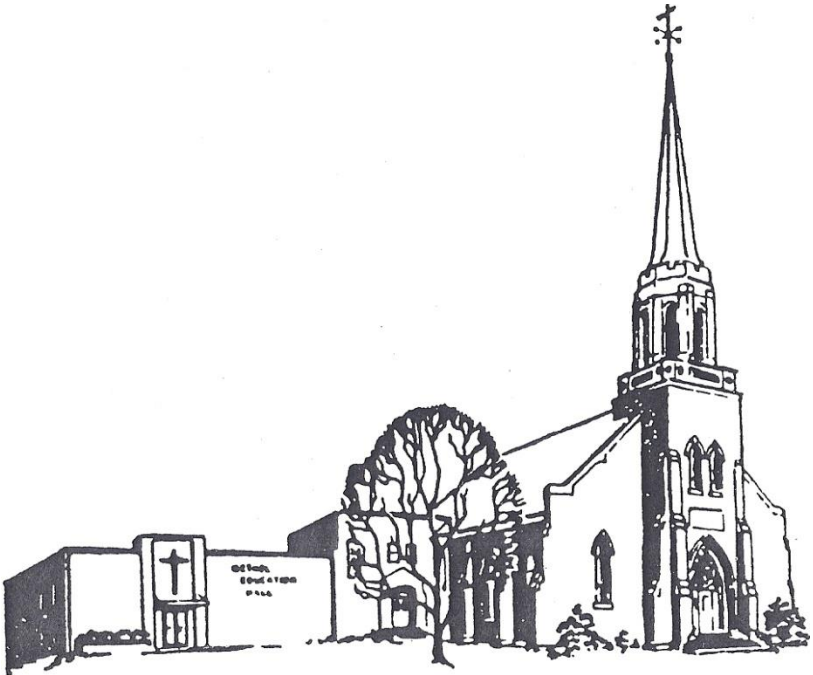
February 21 Lenten Service at 7 p.m. Danny Pearson, with Higher Bound, as speaker.

February 28 Lenten Service

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