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Sam Miller (2019)

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Terry Perkins (2021)

Pam Loheider, Secretary (2019)

Nancy Tilly (2021)

Virginia Koenig, Treasurer (2021)

Mark Sargent (2022)

Ryan Johanningsmeier (2022)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Easter has come and gone once again, but the promise of Easter still remains. Not only does the tomb remain empty, but the tomb will remain empty for all time. We have a promise of not only a risen Savior, but a savior who will return for His people. He will return not just for all people but for those who have entered into a relationship with His Father through faith.

In light of the above statements, let us then make this Easter season a season of not only one in which we understand the hope of eternal life we have, but also the one of sharing that hope to the world around us.

Let us be bold enough to be workers for the Kingdom, not for our benefit, but for His benefit. Let us take the Easter message and share it wherever we go for the increase of His kingdom and we will surely be blessed.

Let our motto be, "everyone win one".

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Youth Pastor

Isaiah 53:1-4

⁴Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

If you had an un-curable disease and were miraculously healed, would you tell anyone? I think we all would. We would be overjoyed, and everyone would know of our new-found health. When is the last time you told someone how you were cured of the sickness of sin?

In His Love
Pastor Mike

Guild

Our Annual Lenten Breakfast was so special. Nancy Tilly was in charge, and she did a fabulous job. It looked like “spring” had taken over – decorations were beautiful – food (Marilyn Koenig, Terri Miller and Mary Ann Miller served) – delicious! Karen DeCoursey had music and our speaker, Joyce Buckles was very inspirational. Thanks to all who helped!

The April meeting will be on Wednesday, April 4. Bring something you are proud of and tell all about its origin, etc. Bring paper towels for Generations. Hostesses will be Reda Boberg and Bev Schuckman.

See you then!

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

Preschool

Spring greetings from Bethel Preschool! As I write this letter during our Spring Break, it is hard to believe that there are only two months until school lets out for summer! I have no doubt that they will fly by just as quickly that the rest of the year has but I also know that we will enjoy them to the fullest at preschool. 😊

In my last letter I shared that Donuts with Dad was fast approaching. It is easily one of the most anticipated days of the year! The kids and I counted down on our class calendar until the day finally arrived and what a great morning it was. The kids were so excited for this day and I was so happy to see so many little boys and girls share this special time with their dad or other special guy that had set aside this time for their child. I couldn't have been prouder as the kids got up and recited the "Daddy Poem" and a boisterously sang, "If You Are Happy and You Know It" and one of their favorites, "My Mother is a Baker."

A special thanks to the Preschool Board for their never-ending support. You all help special days like this possible!!

Last month was such a busy month! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading Dr. Seuss books and had lots of fun with rhymes and opposites! Two of our favorite books were "The Foot Book" and "If I Had Duck Feet" – we made a bulletin board for the preschool hallway – if you know one of Bethel's preschoolers, stop by to see if you can find his or her feet! We also had "Silly Sock"

Friday, and had so much fun wearing crazy and silly socks. The kids loved it so much they took their shoes off and we had preschool in our socks that day! We also enjoyed another favorite, "Green Eggs and Ham" and were so "egg-cited" to find out that Mr. Chuck (Borgmeier) has a chicken that actually lays green eggs! He was so kind to save enough green eggs for us to work together and cook them up and taste them. Most of us decided we did like green eggs! The kids loved their green eggs. Thank you, Mr. Chuck!! 😊

I am getting anxious for warmer weather but am blessed beyond measure. Spring Break brought new memories and am happy I was able to spend time with my family and enjoy time together – I hope you were able to do the same. With the Easter season upon us, and the flowers and trees about to bloom, it helps me to remember the beauty of God's love for us and His most precious gift to us, Jesus Christ. How wonderful it is to know that He continues to live in our hearts and our daily lives!

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

Happy Easter! He is Alive!! Happy Spring! God is Great!

We have had a fun filled-busy month. Letter R was all about rainbows and God's promise to us. We love all the colors God gave us and how great His promise is. We worked on rectangles as we made a robot from recycled cardboard. The kids loved pretending to walk around the room as robots and try and move as we think they would.

For letter S, we read, "Sowing Seeds on Good Soil." We learned that we have to be like those good seeds and share God's love everywhere we go. We planted our own seeds and several kids have brought pictures and have something cool growing in their soil. We learned the seeds needed some water, sunlight, love, and lots of prayers. We played in sand, looked at sea life, and enjoyed the sunshine. The kids loved going to the spaghetti center, but thought I was crazy when I wanted them to sort "stinky" socks.

"Ten Apples on Top, " by Dr. Seuss, is a great way to talk and learn about letter t. We had a fun time helping celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and read across America, as we looked through lots of his books and used our imagination on what the book was about without reading a word. We made a train from the shapes, and learned that God keeps us on track no matter where we are or what we do.

We had fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day as we made green juice erupt like a volcano and played in green shaving cream.

We have read lots of Easter stories, learning about how Jesus made a triumph entry into Jerusalem as the crowd waved their palm branches. Of course, we made our own palm branches and shouted "Hosanna, Hosanna, Jesus is King."

We are loving our new swings. The kids ask to go outside every day and I am glad the weather is getting better and allowing us to do just that. We have been inside too long.

At the time of this writing, we are enjoying spring break, warmer weather and good quality time with family. As we celebrate the Easter season, remember Christ died for you, rose for you and lives in you.

Mrs. Durall

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

The meeting was called to order by President Justin French and opened with prayer by Stacey Kahre.

Pastor's Report: Pastor's Mike report included conducting a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, hospital and home visits, and a baptism on March 11th. He gave updates on those hospitalized. Pastor Mike reported Bethel has purchased 8 tickets for the Heart to Heart dinner on March 20th.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet and Renee served on a Chrysalis team in February. He took a group to the Strength to Stand conference at Lexington, KY. He reported there were 45 youth at the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) breakfast. Word of Life served the meal. The youth are serving the lunch (as a fundraiser) at the Sargent auction on March 17th. The youth will be going to Love

Packages March 21st-23rd. Pastor Mike will conduct the Maundy Thursday service.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written.

Mission Allocations: The following were approved: ABLAZE Youth Conference - \$500; Gideon's - \$400; Lightbearers Women's Conference - \$500; Love Packages - \$1000; and LAM (Life After Meth) - \$1000.

Deacon's Report: Sam Miller reported the average attendance for February was 154, and the offering total was \$16,810.60.

Elder's Report: Pam Loheider reported 36 were served communion on Ash Wednesday. She assisted Pastor Mike and Karen with the worship service at the Freelandville Community Home on March 4th. Upcoming communion dates are: Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday service at the Community Home, and Easter Sunday.

Building and Grounds: Mike Leydet shared the written report prepared by J.P. Sprague regarding the moisture issue surrounding the area of the back staircase to the social room. After reviewing and discussing the report, Stacey Kahre made the motion, seconded by Sam Miller, and passed unanimously to have J.P. Sprague get a detailed cost estimate for removal of the existing paneling, staircase, and concrete slab, and other costs involved. Mike Leydet will contact J.P., and get padlocks for staircase doors.

Pastor Mike reported the left side of the kitchen sink is leaking. Terry Perkins volunteered to fix the leak.

Sam Miller reported some of the ceiling tiles are loose in the sanctuary.

Old Business:

- The van committee is making progress.
- Ryan Johanningsmeier will pursue sound system upgrades.
- Justin French shared quotes from three cemetery computer mapping programs: Pontem Software; PlotBox; and CemSites. Virginia Koenig suggested having someone create a program for Bethel. Ryan Johanningsmeier volunteered to make an excel spreadsheet for the cemetery mapping.
- Due to lack of storage space, the council members and both pastors will begin tagging items for disposal that are not being used. If you know of an item that needs to be saved, notify one of the pastors before June 16th.
- The staff appreciation dinner has been rescheduled for April 12th.

- Pastor Mike shared his findings on the cost of pre-lit artificial Christmas trees. After discussion the council decided not to proceed with purchasing artificial trees.
- Cort Bilskie will be contacted about tree removal.

New Business:

- Pastor Mike shared that he and Karen are going to Billy Graham's Cove training center at Asheville, NC from July 19-21. Virginia Koenig made the motion, seconded by Sam Miller, and passed unanimously to pay the \$556 fee for Pastor Mike and Karen. This covers meals, lodging, and sessions.
- Pastor Mike Leydet shared ideas for VBS.
- Pam Loheider made the motion, seconded by Nancy Tilly, and passed unanimously to donate \$100 to Matt Koerner for the painting he gave to Bethel after the March 7th Lenten service.
- Plans were discussed for a shepherding program. Pastor Mike will begin making lists for the elders.

Upcoming Events:

March 17 – Lenten breakfast and Youth fundraiser at Sargent's auction

March 20 – Heart to Heart Dinner

March 21 – Lenten service with Red Letter vocal group

March 25 – Palm Sunday with Rite of Confirmation; Confirmation Reunion

March 29 – Maundy Thursday service with communion

March 30 – Good Friday service with communion at the Community Home

April 1 – Easter Sunday with communion

Parish Records:

Deaths: Linda Miller Hammelman, 80, died on February 19, 2018. Burial was at Bethel Cemetery on February 23, 2018.
 Agne Lee, 88, died on February 27, 2018. Burial was at Bethel Cemetery on March 2.

Attendance:

Feb. 18 180
 Feb. 25 157
 Mar. 4 158
 Mar. 11 170
 Mar. 18 155

Greeters:

April 1 – Dan & Linda Kixmiller
 April 8 & 15 – Sam & Cally Miller
 April 22 & 29 – Bill & Carole Albrecht

Ushers: Bill & Carole Albrecht

Nursery (Sunday School):

Apr. 1 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 8 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
 15 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 22 Carole Albrecht/Diane Telligman
 29 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Apr. 1 Emilee Organ/Tori French
 8 Brenda Maddox/Hope Leydet
 15 Shaylie & Natalie Phegley
 22 Emma Miller/Bonnie Organ
 29 Debbie & Elsa Telligman

Children's Church:

Apr. 1 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer
 8 Tambria Leonard/Pam Loheider
 15 Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Micah Morgan
 22 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox
 29 No Children's Church

April Birthdays:

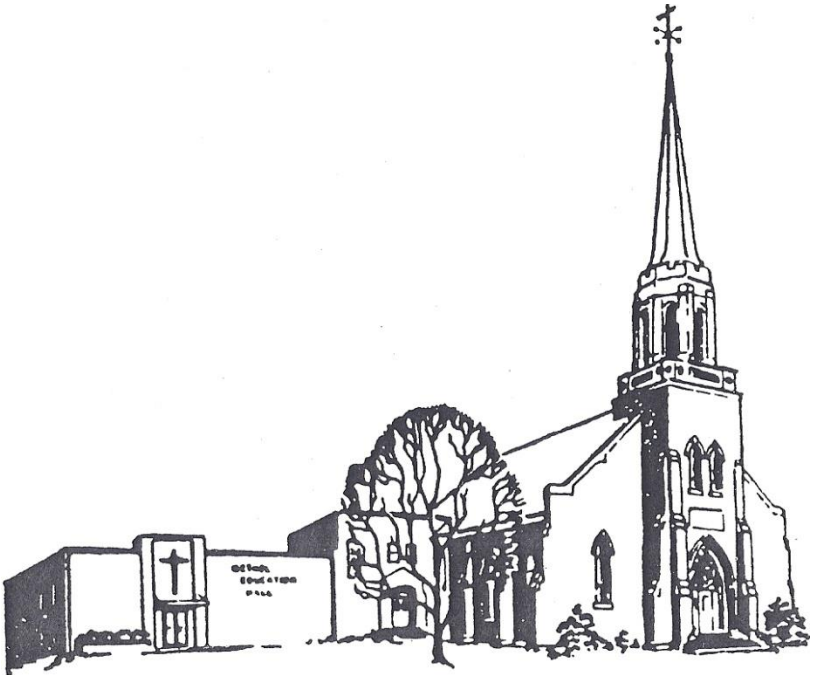
2 Dorothy Sams (91st)
 2 Flo Ann Coker (81st)
 5 Wilbur Boberg (89th)
 6 Marilyn Fender (85th)
 9 Doris Brocksmith (88th)
 25 Nancy Kixmiller (84th)
 25 Sharon Dunkerly (80th)

Chimes news will be due on April 16th.

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