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Justin French, President (2020)

Sam Miller (2019)

Stacey Kahre, Vice President (2020)

Terry Perkins (2021)

Pam Loheider, Secretary (2019)

Nancy Tilly (2021)

Jan Spanger, Treasurer (2021)

Mark Sargent (2022)

Ryan Johanningsmeier (2022)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Following is a reprint of an earlier Chimes article from a couple of years ago that I thought was worth repeating in light of the level of participation that was witnessed at Vacation Bible School this summer. There was a lesson to be learned from the children who participated in VBS and that lesson is found in this reprint. As I grow older I find myself yearning for more of the child like faith exhibited by the kids at VBS.

I happened to see on an office wall one time a saying that said "I was asked to join the human race, but instead chose to stand on the sidelines and just watch." While meant to be funny, it unfortunately speaks of the spiritual condition of the believer today. In the ninth chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul gives the believer instructions on how to participate in the spiritual race. These instructions are easy to follow and understand. They are as follows:

1. We must deny self of anything that would hold us back.
2. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, not on the world.

3. We must find our strength in the Lord.
4. We must place our “all” on the altar of the Lord.
5. We must refuse anything that would hinder our spiritual progress.

In short, Paul is urging us to not be spiritual spectators but active participants as we strive to gain the imperishable prize of salvation found only in faith through Jesus Christ.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:1

Youth Pastor

August is here already. Summer break is quickly drawing to a close for our students and the first day of school is only a few days away. As we approach the start of a new school year, will you join me in prayer for our students and teachers. Our students face far more pressure than I think any of us did. With standardized tests weighing them down along with athletic and academic pressures, many of our local students are stressed to their breaking point shortly after school begins. So please join me in praying for our students and parents. Our Christian students need our support to stand strong in a weak world. Our teachers need our support too. All too often the teacher is blamed for things outside of their control. They face ever changing expectations and regulations that can often hinder their ability to actually teach. So as this school year begins, please make the commitment to lift our students and teachers up in your daily prayers.

In His Love
Pastor Mike

Guild

Twelve Guild ladies went to Bobe's at Sullivan for lunch for their July meeting. We had devotions, prayer, a short meeting and enjoyed a great lunch and fellowship.

August 1 we will meet at the Freelandville Community Home to host the August birthday party in the lunch room. Come and enjoy being with the residents and play Bingo, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

We want to thank Earl Linneweber for donating corn to us to have for dinners. Several ladies and men met and put up over 16 large bags of corn. We appreciate Earl for donating the corn. Thanks again.

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2018

July/August – Christian Generations

September – Preschool

October/November – Faithful Footprints

December – Mustard Seed

Thank You

The family of Wilma Chester would like to thank our church friends for their cards, phone calls, flowers, texts messages and monetary gifts you sent during this time of loss of our dear one.

To the ladies guild, your lunch was delicious and we loved the decorations 🌻

If was great to have lunch together and visit.

Blessings to all.
Wilma Chester family

Memorial Fund

In memory of Wilma Chester:

Doris Brocksmith

Vera Jones

John & Marilyn Koenig

Steve & Debbie Telligman

Dale & Jane Tiek

Herman & Nancy Tilly

Janet Tilly

Lois Wampler



Church Auction – September 23rd

Once again we look forward to the many creative items donated for our annual Church auction.

We would like to add another challenge for small groups, Sunday School classes, or any other group - **themed baskets** for our auction.

We are excited to see what will be at the auction this year, and of course, we look forward to bidding on previous favorite auction donations!

Using All Your Strength

Bulletin Digest

A father was watching his young son struggle to lift a heavy rock.

The little fellow grunted and strained, but couldn't move it. The father said, "Son, are you sure you are using all your strength?" The exhausted boy said, "Yes, I am!" The father replied, "No, you are not. You haven't asked me to help you."

How true is this illustration! We grunt and struggle with our burdens in this earthly life, often forgetting the Father in heaven is always willing to aid us. Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Remember today that "all your strength" includes a loving Father in heaven! He's willing to aid you. Are you willing to cast your burdens upon Him, and ask for His help?

Bethel Church Council Minutes

July 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by vice-president, Stacey Kahre.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike shared his monthly report which included hospital visits and conducting a worship service at the Freelandville Community Home. He and Karen are looking forward to going to Billy Graham's Cove training center from July 19-21 with Tony Evans as the main speaker.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written.

Mission Allocations: The following were approved: Backpack - \$2000 and Social Ministries - \$1500.

Elder's Report: Pam Loheider reported two visitations were made. The next scheduled communion is August 12th.

Deacon's Report: Stacey Kahre reported the average attendance for June was 160, and the offering total was \$16,613.38.

Building and Grounds: Sam Miller reported that the beam in the stairwell needs replaced. The eternal light needs a bulb replaced. Sam Miller will check with Scott Page regarding this issue. A second estimate for waxing the preschool floors is needed.

Old Business:

- Cemetery records are updated.
- The water issue in the back stairway area has been resolved. J.P. Sprague shared the findings from Hendrixson Concrete & Construction. Total cost - \$7,560.
- New roof/tearing off old roof was discussed.

New Business:

- Virginia Koenig's letter of resignation from the position of treasurer was accepted. Terry Perkins made the motion, seconded by Ryan Johanningsmeier, to name Jan Spanger as the new treasurer. Motion passed. Jan Spanger was present, and accepted the position.
- Randy & Ashley Archer, Jenny Clinkenbeard, and Melissa Schroeder met with the council prior to the meeting. On behalf of their small group, they offered to help with any projects or activities we were planning, and they had several ideas on how they could assist our church and reach out to others in our community.
- We received notification from Heart to Heart that Bethel was one of the top 4 donors in the 2018 Baby Bottle campaign.

Upcoming Dates:

August 12 – Mid-summer communion

August 13 – Council meeting

September 23 – Worship in the grove, followed by meal and auction

Parish Records:

Deaths: Wilma Chester, 98, died on Sunday, July 8, 2018. Funeral service was on Thursday, July 12, 2018

Attendance:

June 24 120
July 1 152
July 8 132
July 15 128

Greeters:

August 5 – Bruce & Terry Miller
August 12 & 19 – Dale & Jane Tiek
August 26 & Sept. 2 – John & Jan Spanger

Ushers: Randy & Ramona Hammelman

Nursery (Sunday School):

Aug. 5 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 12 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht
 19 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 26 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Aug. 5 Organ Family
 12 Page Family
 19 Debbie & Elsa Telligman
 26 Hailley & Tracey Kahre

Children's Church:

Aug. 5 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer
 12 Bonnie Organ/Pam Loheider
 19 Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Micah Morgan
 26 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

August Birthdays:

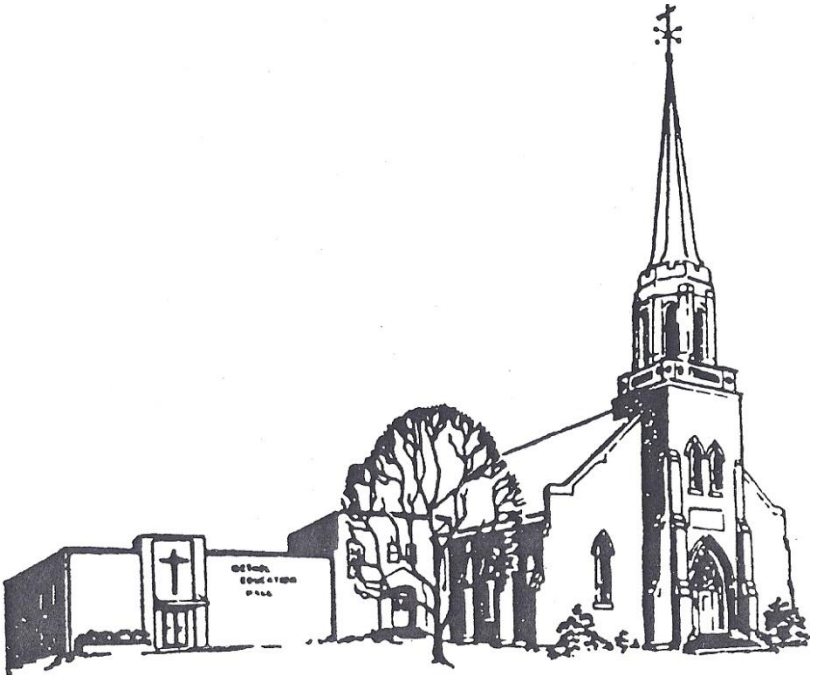
1 Eldina Benedict (88th)
5 John Clinkenbeard (86th)
5 Sara Kixmiller (80th)
9 Lawrence Rinsch (81st)
11 Pat Johnson (80th)
21 Lucille Robbins (90th)
31 Vera Jones (82nd)

Chimes news will be due on August 20th.

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