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| 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

On this cold 21st day of January 2019, I cannot help but reflect on yesterday's football games. Exciting to say the least, two overtime games in one day. But, I'm writing not to reflect on the excitement, missed calls by the officials, overtime, etc., but rather the reaction of both players and fans alike, and that is, when a crucial play was needed I saw heads bowed in prayer. Praying for the play to go their team's way. But, there is something wrong with that picture.

That is what is wrong. God is not in the deal making business. We cannot barter with Him. That is not who He is. He is a Holy God, just and true in all that He does. He will not be trifled with, it is not in His makeup. With that being said, we need to remember that we cannot entice with our offers, more giving, better church attendance, etc.

God is the one who establishes what He will do and what we will do, and we either accept or reject those terms. But we can't try to change the terms to something we prefer, in other words, you can't barter with God.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:1

Youth Pastor

I often wonder what keeps our youth away. I know that they are busy. I know that school work takes their time. I know that sports take their time. Some have jobs and that also takes time. But I often wonder, if it isn't just that they are so tired and wore out, that church loses out. Don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with sports or jobs or just hanging out with friends, but are they as important as eternity? Let me be completely honest with you all, it is frustrating. But not because I am concerned with numbers. Yes, I would like to see all the youth in our church at everything we do, but I know with busy schedules, that is impossible. But here is why it frustrates me, because I know what happens after high school. I know that kids go to college and, for most, their faith stays at home. Why does this happen? Studies show it is because there wasn't a good foundation to begin with. We cannot tell our children that faith is important and then let our actions tell them something different. They need to see us as parents living out our faith. That means, in addition to many other things, that we must show them that being in church is important. Church or youth group shouldn't be what we do just because there isn't a better offer on the table. So, I will leave you with this question: What is more important than eternity?

In His Love,

Pastor Mike

Guild

Bethel Guild will have its Memorial program on February 6th at 1:30 with Doris Brocksmith as program chairman. Hostesses will be Terri Miller and Sharon Kahre.

Please bring tooth paste and tooth brushes for Generations.

Lill Clinkenbeard

The Miracles of Jesus

The Gospels report many miracles performed by Jesus. We know the names of some of the people or places involved, but most are unknown. Can you fill in the blanks?

1. _____ mother-in-law was healed of a fever.
2. Jesus healed the paralyzed servant of a _____.
3. A blind beggar, _____, the son of Timaeus, was given sight.
4. _____, the brother of Martha and Mary, was raised from the dead.
5. His first miracle was performed at a wedding in _____.
6. The ear of _____ was healed after being cut off.
7. He said the 12-year-old daughter of _____ was not dead but sleeping, and raised her up.
8. In the city of _____, he raised a widow's son to life.
9. On the Sabbath, he healed a man with a _____ hand.
10. He healed a _____ brought by four men who lowered him through the roof to where Jesus was standing.

Answers:

1. Peter's, Matt. 8:14-15
2. centurion, Matt. 8:5-13
3. Bartimaeus, Mark 10:46-42
4. Lazarus, John 11:1-44
5. Cana, John 2:1-11
6. Malchus, John 18:10, Luke 22:51
7. Jairus, Luke 8:41-42, 49-55
8. Nain, Luke 7:11-15
9. withered, Matthew 12:9-13
10. paralytic, Mark 2:3-12

Preschool

January was a fun month for our Pre-K students. Our first day back after Christmas break was Pajama Day! The children were so excited to come to school in their pajamas and to bring their favorite stuffed animal. We read some bedtime stories, played some games, danced with our stuffed animal friends, made a special craft, and ate popcorn and drank hot chocolate with marshmallows.

Our Bible stories this month were about the wise and foolish builders and Jesus feeding the multitudes. The children practiced our memory verses...Psalm 18:2a "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer." and Mark 10:27b "All things are possible with God." We enjoyed building Lego houses and talking about the Lord being the strong foundation for our lives.

We are continuing to review our letters and numbers. This month we focused on recognizing those tricky teen numbers. We are counting all the way to 70! Now that most of our students know the letters and sounds, we have introduced our word machine which helps us sound out our word family words. They are doing very well at de-coding these short words. I am so proud of them!

Our dramatic play area had a circus theme. The children have enjoyed caring for the animals, playing games, selling tickets, and running the concession stand. In the classroom, we had a winter theme and made snow, counted ice blocks while building igloos, played a penguin balancing game, and made a beautiful snowman craft.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone at Bethel for your continued support. I love having the opportunity to spend my days with our precious Pre-K students. They are such a blessing to my life.

Mrs. Carter

Happy 2019. We started the year off right. Everybody was ready to come back after break and learn more about Jesus while having fun. Our first day back, we made snow so we could talk about how each snow flake is unique and special, just like God made each of us....unique and special.

Letter M was about how God was with Moses as he was placed in a basket and floated down the river. No matter what we do God is with us. We loved Five Little Monkeys as we played a game where they jumped on the bed.

Letter N had us looking for good news in the newspaper. We talked about how God thought of everything including separating night from day. We read "Nuts to You," a book about a friendly little squirrel. We got to shell corn and count nuts to feed squirrels at our homes. We learned we have to help God take care of His creatures.

We enjoyed playing outside one day when it was sunny and 54 degrees. God is good all the time.

Getting ready to learn more about God's Amazing Love that we share every day

Mrs. Durall

Thank You

I would like to thank the Guild for the delicious cookies at Christmas time. They were very much appreciated.

John Buescher

Bethel Church Council Minutes

January 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Justin French and opened with prayer by Mark Sargent.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike shared his monthly report which included conducting one funeral, hospital and nursing home visits, narrating the Christmas cantata, conducting the worship service at the Freelandville Community Home, and teaching confirmation classes. He gave Justin French information on the Evangelism Association renewal. Last year we gave \$800 to the EA. Pastor Mike reported that the LAM banquet is February 21st. He noted that in the past Bethel has reserved two tables. He reported the Heart to Heart banquet is March 19th.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the youth prepared fourteen food boxes. Delivering the food boxes is one of his favorite activities of the year. The youth Christmas party and the New Year's Eve lock-in were enjoyable. He is helping with confirmation classes. Pastor Mike, Renee, and seven youth will be attending the Strength to Stand conference at Pigeon Forge, TN from January 19-21.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written.

Mission Allocation: The following was approved: LAM - \$500

Deacon's Report: Mark Sargent reported the average attendance for December was 159, and the offering total was \$20,934.

Elder's Report: Pam Loheider shared that four visitations were made. She reported that 113 were served communion on Epiphany Sunday. She shared that she really enjoyed helping Pastor Mike and Karen with the Community Home services.

Building and Grounds: Sam Miller presented an estimate of \$9448 from Wolfe Construction for repair and replacement of beam in stairwell and back staircase. He reported that Sure Clean has looked at the flat roof.

Pastor Mike Leydet reported that there is a leak in the preschool closet. He will contact Shekell Plumbing and Heating.

Old Business:

- Pastor Mike Leydet met with Ashley Archer regarding the church's website and logo. He passed out information regarding mission and vision statements and website design companies. This will be an ongoing project.

New Business:

- The Mustard Seed class is preparing the meal for the annual meeting.
- Terry Perkins shared a quote of \$1000 from Mike Knepp on repairing, sealing, and adding texture to the front church steps and Bethel Hall entrance. Sam Miller made the motion, seconded by Terry Perkins, to have Mike Knepp repair, seal, and add texture to the front steps and Bethel Hall entrance. Motion passed. Terry Perkins will contact Knepp.
- After reviewing the estimate from Wolfe Construction for repair and replacement of the beam in stairwell and back staircase, it was decided to look into other options. Justin French will address this issue at the upcoming annual meeting.
- Ryan Johanningsmeier shared the agreement he wrote for shelter house rental. He will write a similar agreement for renting the social room. These forms will be kept in the church office, and rental fee is due upon reservation.

Upcoming Events:

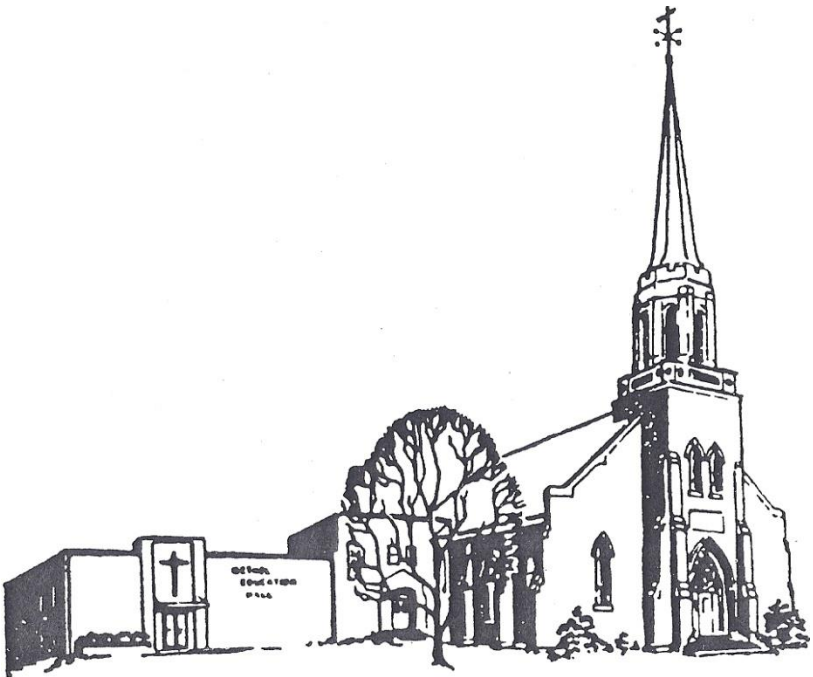
January 27 – Annual meeting

February 11 – Council meeting

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