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(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13:13 that we need to abide in faith, hope and love, with love being the most important of the three. As we move toward the season of Easter, let us never forget the love God has showed us through His Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate our risen Lord, let us reflect of the goodness of God and how He allowed His Son to be our atoning sacrifice on Calvary's Cross. With that in mind, let us look for opportunities to share the "Good News" with those less fortunate, who have never experienced what is had by having a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ. May we all become ambassadors for Christ in word and in deed.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:1

Youth Pastor

“Average is not necessarily normal” (J. Robertson McQuilkin). Think about that for a minute. I think I often use these words interchangeably, but they are vastly different. For example, if you are in the hospital during the height of flu season, the average temperature of the patients may be 101° but the normal temperature of humans is still 98.6°. So, how does this relate to our Christian life? I think we often settle for average. While normal does not seem like a lofty goal, average is easier to obtain. You see, if we want to live the normal Christian life, we base that upon scripture and the example of Jesus. If we want to live the average Christian life, we base that on other Christians.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. Romans 12:1

This is what the normal Christian life should be, a living sacrifice. We should be so surrendered to the will of God, that we do not worry about what others are doing because we are consumed with doing what God has called us to do. We are called to be holy because we have been called by a holy God (Leviticus 11:45, 19:2, 20:7, I Peter 1:16). I am not advocating for blind legalism, and neither is Paul in Romans. Our holiness in living should be a reflection of the God who called us and the gratitude we have for His salvation. I leave you with this question: Are you showing the world what a normal Christian is or are you showing them average?

In His Love,

Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2019

March – Assigned
April-May – Faithful Footprints
June – VBS
July-August – Christian Generations
September – Preschool
October-November – Worship Committee
December - Assigned

Guild

There will be no Guild meeting in March. Read a book or visit an old friend.

The next meeting will be April 3rd at 1:30 pm.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Preschool

February in PreK was a month for focusing on friendship, family, and God's love. We began the month with the story of the shepherd and the lost sheep. The children learned how God loves and takes care of us just like the Shepherd loved and took care of his lost sheep. Our memory verse for this story was Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

Our second Bible story of the month was about the prodigal son. We talked about God's love and forgiveness for us when we make wrong choices and turn away from Him. Our memory verse for the end of the month was Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you." I am so pleased with how much the children enjoy our Bible lessons and how well they understand and remember the stories. I am thankful for their precious hearts that are so tender towards God.

We had two special celebrations in February. The children enjoyed fun games, activities, crafts, and yummy treats during our Valentine's Day party. We are so blessed with parents who go above and beyond to coordinate amazing class parties and create great memories for the children. At the end of the month, we celebrated fathers during our Donuts With Dad event. The children were very excited to share some special time with Dad.

By the end of the month we were counting all the way to 90. The children are looking forward to a special celebration when we make it to 100 next month. I am constantly amazed at the progress I see each month in letter/number recognition as well as their increasing ability to sound out words and read short sentences. We are definitely getting well prepared for kindergarten.

Our dramatic play station this month turned into a Dinosaur Dig Site. The students were so excited and learned so much as they pretended to be paleontologists and dug for bones and fossils, sorted dinosaur bones by size, matched dinosaur skeletons to fossils, recorded their findings on report sheets, looked at books about dinosaurs, hatched dinosaur eggs, made dinosaur stew, and played with dinosaurs. We all had a "dino"mite month!

Mrs. Carter

February is always a fun month as we talk how God loves us no matter where we go, who we are or what we do. We talked about how we should share that love every day, not just in the month with Valentine's Day. We had fun filled Valentine's Day Party, planned by some of our parents.

Obey your parents was a good way to introduce letter o, as we talked about what that means. We know it is hard to do all time. We worked on opposites and position words. We place items on the table only to take them off and place them under or above. We made a promise that we will always love God with our owl craft.

Letter P welcomed professional pizza makers (Miss Lana Dike and Miss Nicole Ricketts) who showed us the proper way to make our own personal pan pizza. A big thanks to these 2 nice ladies for spending time with us. We had fun and the pizza was yummy. We also had punch and peaches, used paper plates, pink cups and decide there were a lot of letter p things to learn about. Saying please and using our manners makes God and other people smile. We loved having our very own pig puppet play as we read "The Prodigal Son." We never want to be lost from God.

Queen Esther introduced us to letter q as we learned how she helped God's people and was their hero. We tried to do things quickly but quietly, and ended up giggling a lot, then started quacking.

Letter r, we talked the rainbow and how God used that to make a promise. We looked at rectangles and made a robot. We decide red was a good color. Oh, and we may have had races to go certain activities that day.

As I write this, we are excited and looking forward to Donuts with Dad on the 23. We have worked hard on our songs and are ready for our big date.

The kids are all doing great at listening and following instructions. We love the dramatic play area whether Mrs. Carter does the circus or the dino dig. We have fun learning there in a different way. Thanks to all of our church members who pray for us, leave us stickers under the door, and give us kind words.

We are ready for spring, the warmer temps and beautiful colors that come.

Sharing His Good News,
Mrs. Beth Durall

OLD TESTAMENT NUMBERS

In each question below, a number (1 to 10) is missing. Can you fill in the missing number to complete these Old Testament verses?

1. “Josiah was _____ years old when he began to reign.”
2. “So _____ of Joseph’s brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt.”
3. The chief baker said, “There were _____ cake baskets on my head.”
4. Pharaoh’s dream meant there would be “ _____ years of great plenty” and “ _____ years of famine.”
5. “And he wrote them (the ten commandments) upon _____ tablets of stone.”
6. “But to Benjamin he gave . . . _____ festal garments.”
7. “. . . and while he slept took _____ of his ribs. . .”
8. “But each had _____ faces, and each of them had _____ wings.”
9. “The cities . . . shall be the _____ cities of refuge . . .”
10. “. . . divide this land for an inheritance to the _____ tribes. . .”

Answers:

1. eight, 2 Chronicles 34:1
2. ten, Genesis 42:3
3. three, Genesis 40:16
4. seven, seven, Genesis 41:29-30
5. two, Deuteronomy 4:13
6. five, Genesis 45:22
7. one, Genesis 2:21
8. four, Ezekiel 1:6
9. six, Numbers 35:6
10. nine, Joshua 13:7

NEW TESTAMENT NUMBERS

More questions about numbers. This time the numbers (1 to 10) are from New Testament passages. Fill in the missing number to complete the verse.

1. Jesus said to her, “. . . for you have had _____ husbands. . .”
2. “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the _____?”
3. “Destroy this temple, and in _____ days I will raise it up.”
4. “. . . whose wife will she be? For the _____ had her as wife.”
5. “_____ stone jars were sitting there, for the Jewish rites of purification . . .”
6. “We have no more than five loaves and _____ fish.”
7. “He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb _____ days.”
8. “What woman, having _____ silver coins, if she loses one . . .”
9. “Ye compass sea and land to make _____ proselyte.” KJV
10. “He found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for _____ years. . .”

Answers:

1. five, John 4:18
2. nine, Luke 17:17
3. three, John 2:19
4. seven, Mark 12:23
5. six, John 2:6
6. two, Luke 9:13
7. four, John 11:17
8. ten, Luke 15:8
9. one, Matthew 23:15
10. eight, Acts 9:33

Nurses on a Mission

On a cold, dreary Sunday evening the fellowship was warm in the basement as 35 people gathered to eat tacos and put pills in bags for the upcoming Nurses on a Mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Much work was completed and all pills were labeled and packed for the March mission.

At each table you could hear counting, talking and laughing as we got medication ready for people who do not have access to medical care. People who do hard manual labor and do not have any Tylenol in their homes for backaches and headaches. Parents who have nothing to give their children when they have earaches or high temperatures! People who have strep throat, ear infections, and open wounds on their legs and have no antibiotics. These 35 gathered to help people they will probably never meet- people who live thousands of miles away- people who speak a different language and live in a different culture. These 35 mission-minded people came out to show the love and the hope of Jesus to people of the DR. These 35 came out on a dreary Sunday evening to be the salt and light that Jesus told believers to be. It truly was a beautiful picture of the body of Christ.

At the end of the evening when the counting was completed, we gathered around the medication, put our hands on the pills and prayed over them. It was truly an honor to go to the throne room and ask God to bless the fruits of our labor and to bless the people who would be receiving the medication.

When we go to the DR we know that we are not going to meet all physical needs of the people we see. Probably the most important thing that we do is offer hope in the name of Jesus. We let them know that they are not forgotten- that God sees them and loves them. We let them know that there are people in the America that care about them and have sacrificed time and money to help them.

We do a little, but our great and mighty God comes in and does so much!

Thank you Bethel family for your continued support of Nurses on a Mission!

Schedule of Lenten Services

March 6 – Ash Wednesday with Pastor Mike
March 13 – Speaker – Jarrod Chattin
March 20 – Red Letter Vocal Group
March 27 – Speaker – Danny Pierson
April 3 – Speaker – Marsha Bishop from LAM
April 10 – Speaker – Lauren Alexander
April 18 – Maundy Thursday with Pastor Mike
April 19 – FCH at 2:00 with Pastor Mike DeCoursey
April 19 – Good Friday with Pastor Mike Leydet

All services begin at 7:00 pm, with the exception of the Good Friday service at FCH.

Bethel Church Council Minutes **February 11, 2019**

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike shared of his visits to several who are ill and those in the hospital. Other events of his report included his service as a Clergy on an Emmaus Walk on March 14-17, and that confirmation classes are continuing. Bethel has purchased 2 tables at the LAM Banquet on February 21st and council members and others will be attending. Also, he reminded members that a table at the Heart to Heart Banquet to be held in March has been purchased as a Mission allocation. March 6th will be our Ash Wednesday Service and will be the first of the services during Lenten season. This service will be conducted by the Pastors.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet told of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes breakfast that was held at Bethel and hosted by the Word of Life Church. 69 youth

attended. The district chairman from Newburgh attended and commented on the large attendance which he regarded as unusual for such an event. Pastor Mike and Renee accompanied 7 youth to the Strength to Stand conference at Pigeon Forge, TN from January 19-21. The conference was a wonderful experience, but he also commented on the blessing that the new van provides. 9 youth attended the Super Bowl Party and Frozen Yogurt Day was observed at Swirl's in Vincennes. All were in agreement to a request by Pastor Mike Leydet to conduct a community Good Friday service on April 19th at Bethel.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written. Jan Spanger reported that she would be meeting with Kemper CPA Group for an hour of consultation at no cost, since they assist in Bethel's accounting.

Mission Allocation for February: The following were approved: Kairos Ministry at the Carlisle prison - \$250, LAM Banquet - \$500, and ABLAZE Conference - \$500.

Elder's Report: Communion dates were announced with a discussion on the serving of communion. Pastor Mike and Justin will be serving communion to the residents of the Freelandville Community Home and shut-ins during Holy Week. Visits to the ill and shut-in are planned before Lenten begins with each receiving a devotional and prayer journal to be used during the 40 days of Lent.

Deacon's Report: Stacey Kahre reported the average attendance for January was 135 and the offering total was \$12505.39.

Buildings and Grounds: Stacey Kahre reported that she had purchased an insert for a broken toilet in the women's bathroom near the social room and Scott Page had repaired it. During last Thursday's rain, a problem with water seeping

from the breaker box near the preschool, was repaired by Eric Snyder. Sure Clean will be called to check the flat roof, which at the present time is not leaking. This will be a repair, not a replacement. Previously, Terry Perkins had contacted Mike Knepp on the repairing, sealing and adding texture to the steps at the main and Bethel Hall entrances. He reported this would be a spring project.

Old Business: Discussion of the website and logo is ongoing. Justin prepared flip charts with designs to help council members in creating our Mission Statement, our Vision Statement, and our Values. We were reminded that a Mission Statement unites people around a common purpose, that it is short and to the point, and is a piece of a bigger puzzle. Council members were asked to research other mission statements and to compose a list of words that describe our vision for Bethel. Pastor Mike Leydet spoke of an opportunity offered by the VU website class to assist in building our website at no cost.

With a vote by the congregation at the Annual meeting, Steve Wolfe Construction will be called to complete the construction of the back stairway.

New Business: Following a discussion of the cost and projects to finance the updating of the social room at the Annual Congregational Meeting, Pieper's Carpet will be contacted to give an estimate for flooring and updates.

Upcoming Events:

February 23 –Preschool Donuts with Dad
March 6 – Ash Wednesday Service
March 11 – Council Meeting

Parish Records:

Darrin Hollingsworth, 49, died on December 23, 2018.

Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on January 2, 2019.

Gerald Snyder, 79, died on February 18, 2019. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on February 21, 2019.

Attendance:

Jan. 27 137
 Feb. 3 136
 Feb. 10 100

Greeters:

Mar. 3– Maridell Sargent/Krista McLaughlin
 Mar. 10 & 17 – Dan & Linda Kixmiller
 Mar. 24 & 31 – Sam & Cally Miller

Ushers: Tim & Tonya Miller

Nursery (Sunday School):

Mar. 3 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 10 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
 17 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 24 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht
 31 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Feb. 3 Theresia Barrett/Tori French
 10 Organ Family
 17 R. Hammelman Family
 24 Tracey and Hailley Kahre
 31 Beth Durall/Hope Leydet

Children's Church:

Mar. 3 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Ryan Johanningsmeier
 10 Emma Miller/Hope Leydet/Jennifer Nettles
 /Tracey Kahre
 17 Rylee Hammelman/Janet Clinkenbeard
 24 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Dale Tiek
 31 No Children's Church

March Birthdays:

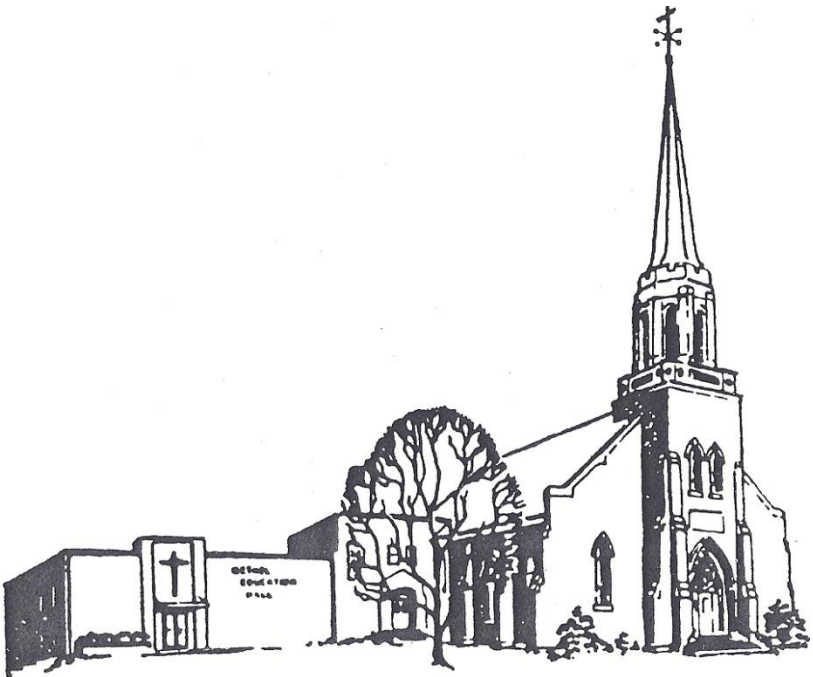
15 Mary Ann Frye (82nd)
 17 Mary Bratton (80th)

Chimes news will be due on March 18th.

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