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Jan Spanger, Treasurer (2021)

Brandon Spanger (2023)

Ryan Johanningsmeier (2022)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Lenten season is here, and Easter is just around the corner. The question is, should we give up something for Lent, or perhaps trust the Lord in leading us to do something for Him that we have never done before? Perhaps invite an unchurched neighbor to church, take the sick a meal, or just hug someone who is suffering the loss of a loved one.

Whether we give up something or take on something it still requires action on our part. We are reminded from Matthew 25:40 that whenever we reach out to the less fortunate, we are working for the Kingdom of God.

Let us then use this Lenten season to examine ourselves, to become aware of those in need and reach out as never before. Who knows, we may be entertaining angels in disguise.

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 2020

March & April (Lent and Easter) – Autumn Cone, Liberty

Lemberg, and Ramona Hammelman

May – Stacy Page and Beth Durall

June – VBS

July & August – Mary Ann Miller

September – Preschool

October and November – Theresia Barrett

December – Nancy Tilly

Preschool

February was a month of focusing on God’s love for us and how we can show God’s love to others. Our Bible stories for the month were the parable of the lost sheep and the prodigal son. We practiced our memory verses, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want” Psalm 23:1 and “For you, O Lord are good and forgiving” Psalm 86:5a

Our Valentine parties were so much fun! The children enjoyed decorating bags, making cookies, playing games, painting hearts, and giving Valentine’s to their friends. A big thank you to the parents and grandparents who made the parties special for the children.

This month we are counting to 70 and working on recognizing the teen numbers. We are practicing the “-at” word family and reviewing all of our letters and sounds.

Our dramatic play area became a construction site and the children enjoyed using various materials to build their projects. They also enjoyed working at the food truck and donut shop to provide snacks for the construction workers.

We are looking forward to March and all the exciting learning adventures ahead.

Mrs. Carter

I love my preschoolers. They are honest about everything. I thought I was having a bad hair day and one little girl confirmed that by saying "You look like a chicken today. No wait a rooster". :-) All of her friends giggled and laughed with her. Never a dull moment with this crew.

February was all about God and His love for us no matter what we do. We celebrated Valentine's Day and know that we should show that love daily not just one day or month a year.

Letter o was about obeying and what that means, even though sometimes it is really hard. We worked on opposites and positional words like on and off or above and below. We made an owl craft and a promise to God that we will owl ways love Him.

P week brought in special guests, Police Officer Byron (Fourman), Werhmann, and a German Shepard Sheriff. "That was a GREAT day", according to one little boy. We got to talk about their job and know that they are our friends ready to help us. We enjoyed sitting in the driver's seat of the truck and trying on a uniform. The kids loved it. We talked about how God's world is like a puzzle and we are proud to be a piece that puzzle. We continue to work on prayer. I have several that volunteer daily to pray for others and how we can help them.

Queen Esther helped us with letter q as we learned to be like her and ready to help others. We had a quick mini lesson from the quilters and got to look at their beautiful work on two quilts. We thank them for letting us interrupt and talking with us. God gave us all a talent and we have to find ours.

Letter r was a short week for us due to the party, but we talked rainbows and how pretty they are when we see them. One of God's promises and a reminder of how great He is. I sent a robot craft home and the kids did a great job on their homework, fun work!! One little boy will be a robot with lots of buttons that works when he grows up.

They amaze me every day. When I think they are paying the least amount of attention is when they shine and recall out Bible stories the most. They are a talkative group and teach me something daily.

We are excited and looking forward to our special date with dad, March 7 as we have donuts together. We are looking forward to spring and all the beautiful changes that are in store for March 2020.

Love in Christ, Mrs. Beth Durall

Guild

Bethel Guild met in February for a Memorial Service. We had several guests who spoke about memories of their loved ones. Delicious refreshments were served.

Our Lenten breakfast will be on March 28th at 9 am. Come for a great breakfast, fellowship and an inspirational speaker. Bring a guest with you.

Thanks to all who brought food and helped with the funeral dinners. All are appreciated.

THANK YOU

I want to thank each and every one for their prayers, get well and birthday cards. May God bless each and every one.

Thanks again!

Bob Miller

Jesus on Jesus

Jesus said many important things about himself, his mission, and his message. Some of his central affirmations are given below. Can you complete his sayings?

1. "I have _____ the world."
2. "I have given you an _____."
3. "I am the _____, you are the _____."
4. "I am the _____, and the _____, and the _____."
5. "I came that they may have _____."
6. "I am the _____ and the life."
7. "I am the good _____."
8. "I am from _____."
9. "I am the _____ of the world."
10. " _____ . . . wrote of me."

Answers:

1. overcome, John 16:33
2. example, John 13:15
3. vine, branches, John 15:5
4. way, truth, life, John 14:6
5. life, John 10:10
6. resurrection, John 11:25
7. shepherd, John, 10:11
8. above, John 8:23
9. light, John 8:12
10. Moses, John 5:46

Memorial Fund

In memory of Janice Richter:

Bill & Carole Albrecht

Randy & Theresia Barrett

Kurt & Barbara Brocksmith

Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard

Dwight & Sara Croumer

Dix Defense – Greensboro, NC

Donald & Georgia Green

Edgar Hammelman

Kevin & Linda Hammelman family

Glenn & Glatha Hemme

Jane A. Hoke

Roger & Chris Johanningsmeier

Vera Jones

Dennis & Sharon Kahre

Travis & Stacey Kahre

Carl & Andrea Koenig

Joe & Virginia Koenig

John & Marilyn Koenig

Susan & Gary McMahan

Bruce & Terri Miller

Jo Ann Nomady

Clarence & Marcia Pritchett

Bill & Darlene Resler

Beth Richter

Garland & Lisa Richter

Joe Richter

Maridell Sargent

John & Jan Spanger

P. R. & Phyllis Richter

Steve & Debbie Telligman

Dale & Jane Tiek

Herman & Nancy Tilly

Janet Tilly

Lenten Service Schedule

February 26 – Pastor Mike

March 4 – Brandee Stafford

March 11 – LAM

March 18 – Red Letter Vocal Group

March 25 – Jarrod Chattin

April 1 – Emily Moreland

April 9 – Maundy Thursday – Pastor Mike

Services start at 7:00 pm

March 28 – 9 am – Guild's Lenten Breakfast

VISION STATEMENT AND MISSION STATEMENT FOR BETHEL CHURCH WEBSITE

At the March 11, 2019 council meeting, members continued work on the Mission Statement and Vision Statement for the church website. Members were reminded that the Vision Statement was far reaching and never ending and that the Mission Statement unites people around a common purpose. Each member presented words or phrases for the headings: **Discipleship, Hope, Faith, Evangelism, Church Characteristics, and Servanthood.** These, then, were developed into a rough draft of the Mission Statement and Vision Statement. Members are using Matthew 28: 18-20 as their guide to these statements. This Scripture is: *“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* After placing all the chosen words and phrases on appropriate labeled charts, the council checked the ones they felt best described Bethel Church. Together, we arrived at this **VISION STATEMENT:**
To share the gospel with our neighbors, our community, and our world.

Using the same process of the chart labeling for the Vision Statement, the council chose this **MISSION STATEMENT:**
Bethel Church exists to:
Bring everyone to
Believe in Jesus
Belong to family
Become a disciple
Build His Kingdom

We could call this the Bethel B's: **BETHEL: Bring, Believe, Belong, Become, Build**

Bethel Church Council Minutes

February 10, 2020

The February meeting was led by President Mark Sargent and opened with prayer by Terry Perkins.

Stacey Kahre presented the work she has completed on the Bethel Church website. Council members were impressed by the capabilities of the software and thanked Stacey for the progress she has made.

Pastor Mike DeCoursey: Besides delivering sermons during the month, most of his time was spent with hospital visits and ministering to the family of Marvin and Jan Richter.

Pastor Mike Leydet: Pastor Mike reported on the youth trip to Strength to Stand in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Kanye West's appearance was part of a church service as he sang several hymns during the service.

The Youth Super Bowl Party was a success.

He has received the VBS Starter Kit in preparation for Vacation Bible School which will be held on Sat., June 6. Congratulations to Pastor Mike as he has completed his studies for a B.S. degree in Biblical Studies from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report written by Nancy Tilly was read and approved.

Deacon's Report: Terry Perkins reported the average attendance for January was 139 and the offering total was \$17,298.

Treasurer's Report: This report given by Jan Spanger was read and approved. The savings for the Cemetery Trust just reported from Edward Jones is \$258,955.

Mission Allocations: Money allocated for missions will be distributed to LAM for \$500, for the Light Bearer's Conference for \$500 and to North Knox Social Ministries for \$2000.

In regard to Missions, Bonnie Organ told of a new ministry at North Knox High School called Warrior to Warrior which will be supplying school supplies, hygiene items, lightly used clothes, etc. to those who have a need for such. It was

suggested that perhaps this could be a giving of Bethel Church as a mission month during the year.

Elder's Report: Nancy Tilly reported that visitation for members of Bethel who are residents of a nursing home or who are shut-in at home is continuing. Devotional prayer journals for the Lenten season titled, "It is Finished" have been ordered and will be taken or sent to those before Ash Wednesday. Valentines were also sent to each.

Buildings and Grounds and Old Business: Terry Perkins has contacted Matt Hendrixson of Hendrixson Concrete and Construction as to replacing the covering on the front steps and the steps at the Bethel Hall entrance. It was suggested to check with others for a bid.

It was noted that Mike Sinclair has begun work on the wiring in sanctuary.

Old Business: A representative from Wabash Plumbing will be coming on February 11 to see if the council suggestions for converting the men's bathroom into a handicapped accessible bathroom and then building a men's bathroom in the corner of the hall near the Sunday School office is a feasible plan.

Duke Junod has been contacted to begin work on the painting of the sanctuary. Terry will follow up on this contact. After contacting Charlie Buescher for interest in cash renting the Strate 40 acres, he accepted this offer and agreed to a three year contract. Brandon Spanger and Michael Toney will be working with him for possible tile work on this acreage. Again, it was announced that the LAM dinner will be on Thursday, February 20 at Highland Woods. The Heart to Heart dinner will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at the Great Bankquet Hall in Vincennes.

New Business: The council and staff dinner to welcome Bonnie Organ and Clint Durall as the incoming council members and to honor Justin French and Stacey Kahre as the outgoing council members will be at Procopio's on March 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session: During this session, a resignation letter from Pastor Mike and Karen DeCoursey to be effective on May 31, 2020 was read. A motion was made and approved

to accept their resignations. Also, the resignation letter from Pastor Mike Leydet to be effective on June 28, 2020 was read. A motion was made and approved to accept his resignation.

Ministries: At the time of the council meeting, Marvin Richter was at RHI Rehab. Hospital of Indiana, but will soon be rehabbing at their condo in Indianapolis. Please keep Marvin in your prayers.

Coming Events: February 26- Ash Wednesday, First Lenten Service with Communion

March 7 – Donuts with Dad - Preschool

March 9 - Next Council Meeting

Parish Records

Deaths: Janice Richter, age 79, died on January 17, 2020.

Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on January 31, 2020.

Gary Hammelman, age 60, died on February 14, 2020. Burial was in Salem Cemetery, Westphalia on February 20, 2020.

Births: Christopher and Jennifer Nettles welcomed baby Reid Owen Nettles on February 13, 2020. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 23 inches long. He is also welcomed by brother, Caleb and sister, Brooklynn.

Attendance:

Jan. 26 136

Feb. 2 147

Feb. 9 110

Feb. 16

Greeters:

March 1 – Michael & Brandy Toney

Mar. 8 & 15 – Maridell Sargent/Krista
McLaughlin

Mar. 22 & 29 – Dan & Linda Kixmiller

Ushers: Logan & Makenzie Barrett

Nursery (Sunday School):

- Mar. 1 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 8 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
 15 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 22 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
 29 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Volunteers are needed to help in the Nursery during Sunday School. Please contact Cheryl Hagemeyer at 812-887-4571

Nursery Notes (Worship):

- Mar. 1 Theresia Barrett/Shaylie Phegley
 8 Autumn Cone/Brittany Page
 15 Organ Family
 22 Tracey Kahre/Hailley Moreland
 29 Beth Durall

Children's Church:

- Mar. 1 Carole Albrecht/Ryan Johanningsmeier
 8 Emma Miller/Hope Leydet/Jennifer Nettles/Tracey
 Kahre
 15 Rylee Hammelman/Pam Loheider
 22 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Dale Tiek
 29 No Children's Church today

March Birthdays:

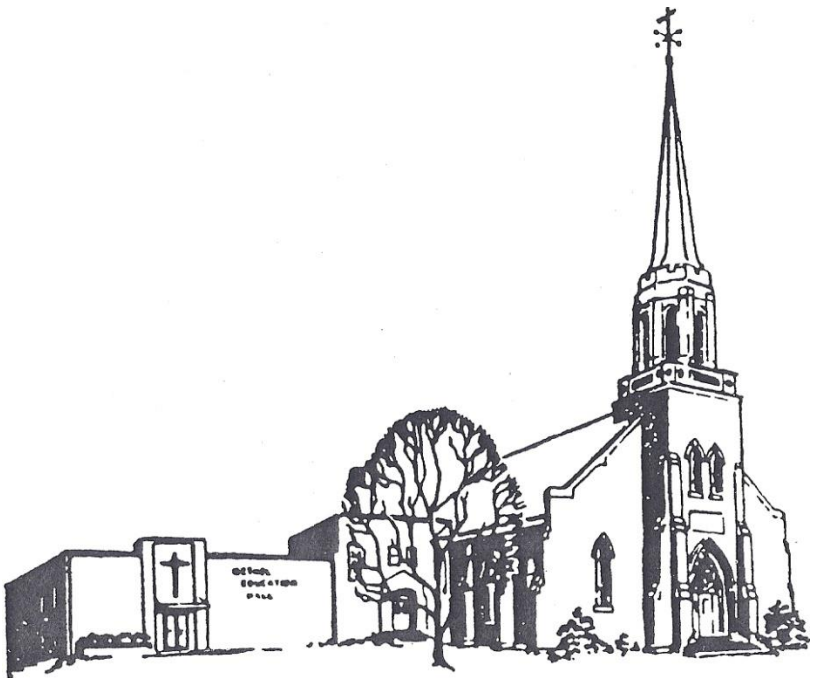
- 15 Mary Ann Frye (83rd)
17 Mary Bratton (81st)

Chimes news will be due on March 16th.

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