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Bonnie Organ, Secretary (2024)

Mark Sargent (2022)

Carole Albrecht, Treasurer (2025)

Brandon Spanger (2023)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

Collin Tiek (2025)

Pastor

Spring is in the Air! Jesus is Alive!

Okay, I may be a little optimistic about Spring, but Jesus is alive! This is the reason we celebrate as we move into the Lenten season.

Lent is a period of **40 days preceding Easter**, not counting the Sundays or Lord's Days. The traditional purpose of Lent is **preparation of the believer** through prayer, repentance, and self-denial – for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, which **recalls** the events linked to the Passion of the Christ and **culminates in Easter**, the celebration of the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ.

Christians today use this period of time for **introspection, self-examination, and repentance**. **Lent** has traditionally been marked by **penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** (money, food, etc. given to the poor). Some churches today observe **Lent** by **giving up something special**, as a sign of desiring a **closer walk** with the Savior. Some give up meat, sweets, coffee, tea, and other types of food, TV, social media, or other technology.

Some churches use this time period as a **focused time of prayer**, especially **repentance** and the **need for God’s grace**. That is what we are doing.

The prophet Joel writes, “Even now, declares the Lord, return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping, and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity” Joel 2:12-13.

At the time of Joel’s **prophecy**, it was a time of great prosperity. God had richly blessed His people but their hearts had grown cold over time. They began to take God and His blessing for granted. Through the prophet, God pleaded with His people to **return to Him** with their whole heart. (He Chose the Nails, Lucado, p. 15).

So, back to my original comments...Lent is a time for us **to do this today**. We need to spring clean our bodies, minds, and spirits?

The journey **begins** with the **ashes** and darkness of **Ash Wednesday**, that travels through the dark days of Christ’s passion, yet leads toward His **triumphal defeat of death**. During the next few weeks, we will have special speakers and music to help us prepare our hearts for this most glorious time of year.

Lenten Schedule:

Ash Wednesday	2-17	Pastor Mark
	2-24	Lauren Alexander
	3-3	Pastor Mark
	3-10	Jacquelyn Cunningham
	3-17	Pastor Mark
	3-24	Marsha Bishop/(Life After Meth)
Maundy Thurs.	4-1	Dr. Keith Gaddis

For His Glory,
Pastor Mark

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2021

March/April – High School Youth
May – Beth Durall
June – Vacation Bible School
July/August – Nancy Tilly
September – Preschool
October/November – Mary Ann Miller
December - ??

Memorial Fund

In memory of Shirley Miller:

Brian & Elizabeth Duke

Dan & Brenda Roark (Cemetery Fund)

Preschool

February was a month full of friendship, love, and SNOW! The children learned about God's great love for us through the stories of the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. Our memory verses this month were Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." and Psalm 86:5, "For You, Lord, are good and ready to forgive."

We celebrated our love for our friends with a fun Valentine party. The children had a great time playing games, making crafts, exchanging Valentines, and eating delicious Valentine snacks. Many thanks to our awesome parents who put together these delightful class parties.

This month, we had many nursing students from VU come to teach us about being healthy and staying safe. The children were very interested in each lesson presented and learned so much about

healthy foods, taking care of our teeth, bike safety, and many more topics.

I am so proud of all that our children are learning. We are counting to 90! We are improving in our number and letter recognition and we have many students who are beginning to read sight words and sound out short words. In science, we are learning about all the amazing things God has created in our solar system. The children are having a blast in our space themed dramatic play area.

We love all of you and thank you for supporting our preschool!

Mrs. Carter

I was looking forward to getting back into our routine after an extended Christmas break. Thanks to the weather, our new routine has been staying at home a lot and playing in the snow. It is beautiful, but I personally am ready for sunny, warmer days.

Letter “m” was all about Moses and the river. We learned that God is always with us in the good and bad times, just like He was with Moses protecting him. We read, played games, sang songs and did a craft about our favorite "Five Little Monkeys." "Nuts to you" was a book, read for letter “n”, about a friendly little squirrel and of course we counted out nine nuts and added food to feed the squirrels in our yards. As we were shelling corn with our fingers off of the cob one little boy shouts, "My mom would never let this happen in my house"! Sometimes, we get to do fun things that are different than the things we do at home.

Letter “o” reminds us to obey our parents and God. We worked on opposites, looked for ovals and orange things. We should be looking at letter “s”, but we are a few behind and will play catch up when we go back to preschool. We are still looking forward to celebrating and showing God's love for our Valentine Party, although that is something we should do every day of the year, not just one day. Hopefully, 2 weeks late, but we will party. We are

thankful for God's Love all the time, no matter where we are or what we are doing.

Our prayers and sympathy goes out to Beth Carter at the loss of her Mother.

Have a blessed March!!
Mrs. Beth Durall

Bethel Church Council Minutes

February 8, 2021 (Beautiful snowy evening)

Present: Pastor Mark, Bonnie Organ, Bobbie Hislip, Randy Hammelman, Brandon Spanger, Collin Tiek, and Carol Albrecht

Absent: Clint Durall and Garland Richter

The Bethel Church Council met on Monday Feb 8 @ 7 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Randy Hammelman and he also led us in prayer and welcomed our new council members: Collin Tiek, Bobbie Hislip, and Carol Albrecht

Reception of Report:

Pastor - Dr. Mark

- busy filing guest speakers for the upcoming lenten services
- meeting with teams for Bethel ministries to establish the team purpose

Secretary – Bonnie Organ

- the report was prepared by Nancy Tilly for January 11
- council members read and approved the minutes from January

Deacon – Mark Sargent

- average attendance of 122 for January
- offering \$24,580 for January

Treasurer – Carole Albrecht

- Jan Spanger has been meeting with Carol for the last couple months
- Mission allocation of \$1500 for Life After Meth and \$1000 NK Social Ministries

Elder – Garland Richter

- Garland was ill
- Bobbie talked about her, Nancy Tilly, and Pam Loheider putting Valentines for the congregation in the bulletin, giving them to kids in children's church, and delivering to shut-ins
- they will also be sending out Lenten devotionals soon

Building and Grounds -

- men's downstairs restrooms had leaks-Wabash Plumbing came and fixed
- concern about men's bathroom at shelter house was brought up
- Mower ordered
- sticker and registration received for van
- lights in hallway near Mustard Seed class were checked
- plastic coming off of wall on stairway to third floor needs checked
- hand rail a top of stairs near elementary Sunday School room needs checked

Reports were received as presented.

Old Business:

- Discussed the carpet project downstairs-discussed the painting of the paneling and brick

New Business:

- Thank you notes were received by Tim and Tonya Miller and Lonnie and Tammy Pirtle for putting the service on Facebook

- Jule Mominee from Mominee Stained Glass was present to talk about his work on the two stained glass windows he will be repairing
- window repair will take approximately 2 months
- Scott Page came and gave us a Pastoral Search update
- after committee narrowed it down to two applicants they unanimously voted to recommend a candidate for this position
- Scott was very thankful for all the hard work and dedication of all the members of the search committee
- Discussed how Ballots would be distributed
- discussed giving ballots to members and non-members
- Council successfully voted to accept the committee's recommendation
- Scott will be contacting him to set up a trial sermon for March 7 if he is interested in the position

The date for the next board meeting will be March 8 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned with the members saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Organ, Secretary

Parish Records

Attendance:

Jan. 24	121	
Jan. 31	113	Ushers: Blaine & Allison Rohlk
Feb. 7	106	
Feb. 14	151	

Nursery (Sunday School):

Mar.	7	Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
	14	Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
	21	Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
	28	Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Mar.	7	Brenda Maddox/Natalie Phegley
	14	Page Family
	21	Hammelman Family
	28	Kelci Johanningsmeier/Emma Miller

Children's Church:

Mar.	7	Carole Albrecht/Marvin Richter
	14	Autumn Cone/ Tracey Kahre
	21	Rylee Hammelman/Janet Clinkenbeard
	28	Emily Pirtle/Dale Tiek

March Birthdays

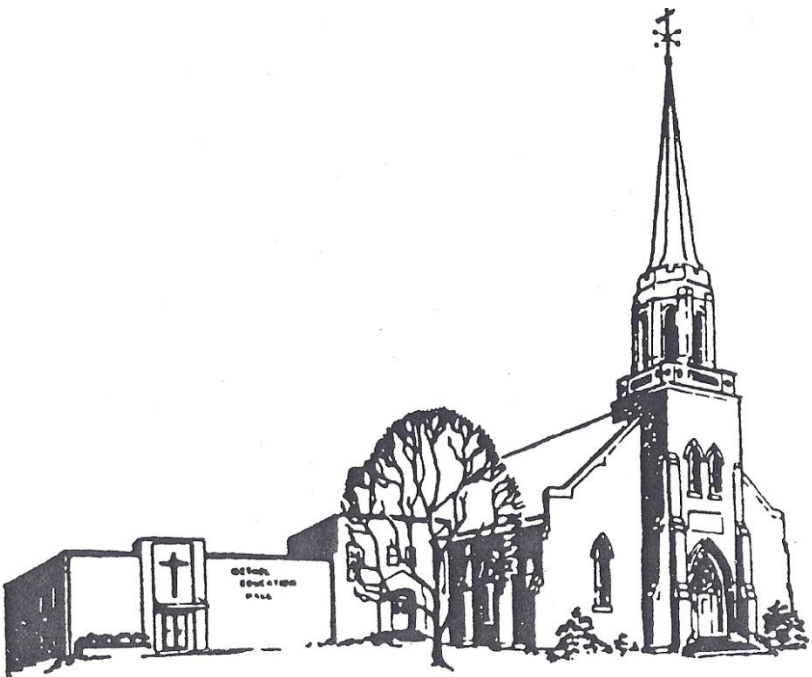
17 Mary Bratton (82nd)

Chimes news will be due on March 15th.

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