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(Indicates the time that the term is over)

Collin Tiek (2025)

Pastor and Wife

Bethel, it has been a true joy to be with you and serve as your interim pastor these past several months. You have allowed me the opportunity to become a part of you, and together, God has helped to build and reshape us so we can move forward and claim new territory for His Kingdom!

When I first came, it appeared there were so many things that you were seeking guidance for and positions to be filled. Together, with God's help, much of the work has been accomplished. I have truly watched you move from anxiety to anticipation. Now, you are ready for your new pastor to come aboard and help guide you into future days. Only God knows what is in store, but together, you can keep on growing and reaching others for the Kingdom.

It has been my pleasure getting to know you and serve with you. I believe God is smiling. As the Apostle Paul wrote his friends in various churches, "I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" Phil. 1:4-6.

Bethel, you will hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for all you have done to add to my life!

For His Glory,
Dr. Mark E. Fleschner

Dear Friends at Bethel,

I want to express my gratitude for the many ways you shared your lives and your love with my husband these past several months. You opened your hearts and homes to him and made him feel like part of your family. It hasn't been easy for us to be apart, but knowing he has had good friends like you watching out for him, preparing him meals and cookies, has helped ease my concern for him! I know that you have done many things for him and I couldn't begin to name them all.

I am thankful that I was able to meet many of you when I visited Bethel, and I have some very nice memories of my time there with you. I felt like you just "took me in" as family too.

You all have a heart for the Lord and His work. It has been encouraging to hear from my husband how you have come together, working hard to prepare the church for the next step God has planned for you and your new pastor and his wife. May you continue to grow in unity and love as you reach your community for Him.

With a grateful heart,
Debbie

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2021

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

Notice

For anyone that donated items for the parsonage: these items can be picked up on May 6th in the afternoon. Someone will be there to assist you from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Guild

Bethel Guild met April 7 in the Guild Room. We had our business meeting and voted to buy a new 12 cup coffee pot as one of the coffee pots didn't work. We each told of the article we brought to show and tell, which was very interesting. We enjoyed refreshment provided by Vera Jones and Lill Clinkenbeard, and a great fellowship.

Our June 2nd meeting will be a Bible study led by Nancy Tilly. Hostesses will be Shirley Brouhard and Doris Richter. Please bring peanut butter for Generations.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Memorial Fund

In memory of Dorothy Sams:

Randy Hammelman Family

Byron & Donna Harting

Vickie Held

Vaughn & Bobbie Hislip

Vera Jones

John & Marilyn Koenig

Mike & Pam Loheider

Doris Richter

Janet Tilly

Preschool

Welcome Spring! The Pre-K class enjoyed studying spring weather and the life cycles of butterflies, frogs, ladybugs, and plants. We were able to observe our own caterpillars in the classroom as they created their chrysalis and emerged as beautiful butterflies. The children were so excited to watch as we set the butterflies free at the end of the month.

Our Bible stories this month were about Jesus talking with His friends after he arose from the tomb and His departure in the clouds. We also read the story of Joshua and the great wall at Jericho. The children practiced the memory verse for this story, Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous."

In our dramatic play area we learned all about dinosaurs and pretended to be paleontologists. The children were thrilled to dig up dinosaur bones and fossils as they learned about classifying objects by type and size. This was a very popular station and a great one for ending our year in the dramatic play area.

We are continuing to review all of our letters, sounds, and numbers as we come to the end of our time together this year. I can't believe we only have a few weeks until graduation. What a joy it has to been to share this year with my precious students.

Mrs. Carter

I can't believe that we have 5 weeks or ten sessions left (at the time of writing this) left for this school year, but when you have energy, fun, and love Jesus, time flies.

We spent the first part of the month talking about Jesus and how He loves us so much that He died for all of us. We celebrate because He is risen and lives in our hearts.

Letter T was about how God keeps us on track and he is stronger than the train engine. We found lots of things to count to ten and we used our senses of taste and touch. We talked about how our teeth and tongue are important to tell the truth. Letter U was about being under God's care. We even did our work under the tables and giggled about underwear! We loved pretending to be unicorns and fly everywhere we went. For letter V, I read "If Jesus Came to Visit Me." The kids were very sweet with their response when I

asked them what they would do if Jesus was at their door. We would feed him, play our favorite games with him, show him how to use a mower, but most of all we would give Him our hearts. It is always a victory when Jesus is on our side. We looked at letter w and talked about Jesus walking on the water, while calming the wind and waves. We read “Warthogs in the Kitchen”: A Sloppy Messy Counting book. We went to the kitchen for cooking class, but we did not make a mess like the warthogs did, but we had yummy cupcakes in ice cream cones. We shared the extras with the nursing home residents.

We have enjoyed the extra attention from the nursing students or doctors as known by some of the class. The kids loved having them.

We look forward to finishing our letters, playing outside, Mother’s Day Tea, fun and run day, and kites. We will be busy as we finish out the year!! Loving every minute of it!!

Mrs. Beth Durall

On May 13th from 1 pm to 7 pm, there will be a Blood Drive at the Helen Griffith Elementary School Gymnasium in Washington. Visit redcrossblood.org or the Red Cross App to sign up for an appointment. Search Code Word: HelenGriffith.

Please consider donating in honor of Tara Singleton Brower.

Bethel Church Council Minutes

April 12, 2021

The Bethel Church Council met on Monday April 12, 2021 @ 7pm. The meeting was called to order by President Randy Hammelman and Bonnie Organ led us in prayer.

Dr. Mark Fleschner

- Preaching/Teaching/Leading, Praying and Planning consumed part of his month of March-Sermon work, instructing confirmands, and planning worship services, confirmation service, ,and Easter service.
- Meeting with Ministry teams to guide and direct them - Worship, Mission/Outreach, Marketing/Media, SS/Sm Group, and Prayer
- Provided pastoral care through counseling and phone calls

Mark Sargent-Deacons report

- 161 average attendance in March
- \$39,036 for the month of March

Carole Albrecht-Treasurer

- Missions- 1) Heart to Heart 2) Lightbearer's 3) Gideons
- May 11 Heart to Heart Banquet at Grand Banquet Hall at 6pm-sign-up sheet will be made and put on bulletin board in Bethel Hall

Garland Richter-Elder

- Communion- served 36 for Maundy Thursday and 189 for Easter Sunday
- Sent Easter cards to shut ins
- Nursing Home Services will begin in June

Mark Sargent-Buildings and Grounds

- New lawnmower in and ready to be delivered
- Railing tightened
- Filters cleaned
- Check roof on Shelter House-discolored

Old Business

- Stain-glassed Windows - start repairing around summertime

New Business

- Live Streaming camera researched by the Media team
- Board voted to purchase the Panasonic camera
- Parsonage bathroom needing remodeled-getting ideas and bids from John Jones, Dale Tiek, CNA construction, and Fuller Construction
- Auction in fall at the Church in the Grove - money will go the repair of the stain glass windows in sanctuary
- May 2 - last Sunday service for Dr. Mark Fleschner-planning a light meal and celebration after service

May 10 will be the next meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Organ



Parish Records

Attendance:

Mar. 28 169
Apr. 4 229
Apr. 11 143
Apr. 18 116

Ushers: Bill & Brandee Davis

Nursery (Sunday School):

May 2 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
9 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
16 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
23 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
30 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Holly Spanger

Nursery Notes (Worship):

May 2 Natalie Phegley/Kelci Johanningsmeier
9 Page Family
16 Autumn Cone/Lili Phegley
23 Hammelman Family
30 Brenda Maddox/Emma Miller

Children's Church:

May 2 Carole Albrecht/Brandy Toney/Marvin Richter
9 Autumn Cone/Tracey Kahre
16 Rylee Hammelman/Janet Clinkenbeard
23 Emily Pirtle/Lili Phegley/Dale Tiek
30 Bonnie Organ

May Birthdays

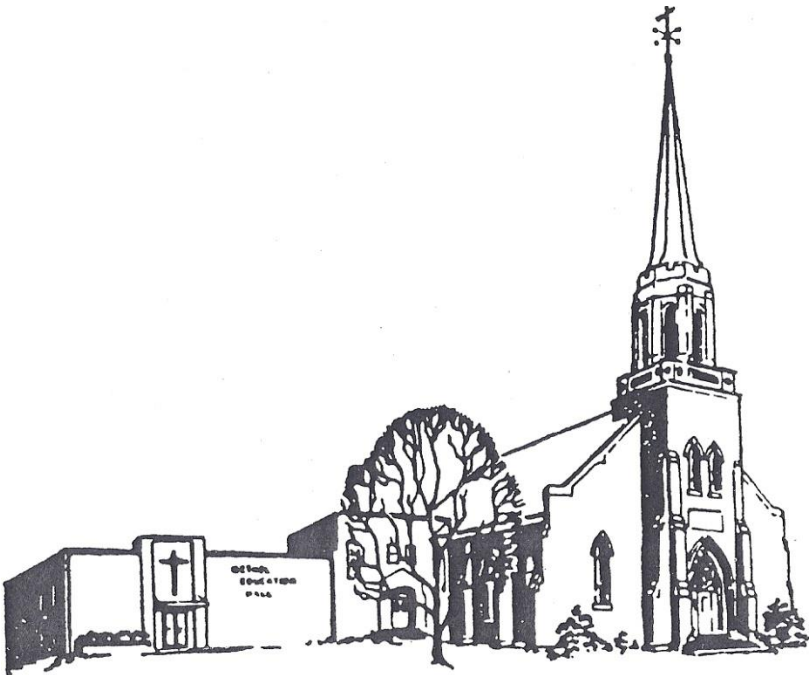
3 Earl Linneweber (93rd)
26 Ruth Richter (98th)
26 Cleo Kirchoff (84th)

Chimes news will be due on May 17th

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