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**Sunday School and Worship**

Sunday School – 9 am on Sundays

Worship service – 10 am on Sundays

# All in the Family

## Ephesians 2:19

*You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household. – NIV*

A highlight of our joyous Easter celebration at Bethel this year came for me during communion. I had the privilege of standing up front as the Easter attendees came forward to receive communion from our elders and deacons. As everyone filed down the center aisle to take the bread and cup, I was struck by the family nature of our faith. People different in so many ways sharing in a meal around one table.

We briefly touched on this on confirmation Sunday when our sermon message looked at the realities of church membership. We noted Paul's teaching in the above Ephesians passage that when we commit to Jesus, we shed the label of outsider and receive welcome into a Godly citizenship as we become members of his household.

I witnessed that play out Easter morning with people of different ages, income levels, jobs, and geographical locations coming together as a family, the family of God. When we accept Jesus as our savior, we become children of God. We are all different, but share the same Father. We are all in the family . . . His family.

In Christ,



Pastor Bryan

## Thank You

Bethel Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, the meals, the visits and the prayers that I have been blessed to receive during my knee replacement surgery and recovery period. Although the world is continually changing, one thing is constant – that is, Bethel has always been blessed throughout the generations of having compassionate, caring, and committed Christians who continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Thank you,  
Tonya Miller

Thank you so much for your donation to Back Pack Blessings. We are purchasing back packs and school supplies for next school year. Most of the supplies go to the North Knox students. May God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Kay Schultz,  
Treasurer

**Thanks to all who brought flowers** for the crosses on Easter morning. What a beautiful display of God's creation and a symbol of life from the empty tomb. Also, thanks to the Youth for helping attach the flowers to the crosses.

## Memorial Fund

*In memory of Janice Courter*

*Randy & Theresia Barrett*

*Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard*

*Bill & Chris Grabbe*

*Danny & Barbara Gregory*

*Kevin & Linda Hammelman*

*Randy & Ramona Hammelman*

*Vickie Held*

*Vaughn & Bobbie Hislip*

*Richard & Diana Hopkins*

*Jana Mann*

*James & Jean Morely*

*Patrick & Karen Richard*

*Bill & Jean Schroeder*

*Robert & Anita Schulz*

*Elizabeth Telligman*

*Dale & Jane Tiek*

*There were also several anonymous cash donations.*

## Preschool

While we wait for more spring-like weather to arrive, the Pre-K class enjoyed studying spring weather and the life cycles of butterflies and frogs. We were able to observe our own caterpillars in the classroom as they grew bigger each day and finally created their chrysalis. We are now waiting to see them emerge as beautiful butterflies.

Our Bible stories this month were all about the Easter story. We sang "Hosanna!" as Jesus entered Jerusalem, learned about the last supper He had with His helpers, prayed with Him in the garden, felt sad as He was arrested and died on the cross, and celebrated as we discovered the empty tomb! Our Bible verse for the month was Matthew 28:6 "He is not here, He has risen, just as He said!"

We had a wonderful time at our Easter party. The games, crafts, and snacks were so much fun. The children also loved ending the party with an egg hunt.

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 is one of our most popular stations every year.

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

He is risen indeed!! We have many great discussions on Easter. We made our own Palm branches and shouted Hosanna. We talked about how bad Jesus was treated, how He died for us, how He lives for each of us. We talked about the sad and the happy

times. We looked at the resurrection eggs and learned a lot about what Easter means to us. I love to hear the preschoolers retell the story. Sometimes they are spot on and other times, some of our information maybe a little twisted, but they understand and know Jesus is Great!!

Letter w was a fun week as we read “Warthogs in the Kitchen” and went to cooking class. The warthogs made a huge mess as they counted their ingredients. We made cupcakes in cones and did not make a mess. The kids all did super listening and waiting their turn. We also talked about Jesus, how we should watch Him calm the waves and wind, then walk on the water. (Try saying that 5 times fast!) Jesus is Wonderful and we need to all ways tell others about Him. One little boy is convinced that he will walk on the water this summer.

A color xylophone and a joyful noise was our start to letter X. We are always excited to parade around the church with our instruments. We also talked about x-rays and wondered what God would see if he x-rayed our heart and hands. We want Him to see us showing love and helping others. We have had a few who have had to get real x-rays and they said it was not fun.

We had fun playing in the dinosaur play area! A big thanks to Mrs. Carter and all her time setting it up and allowing us to play and enjoy!

We are down to just five weeks left of school (at the time of this writing) or for us just 10 class sessions. We will finish our letters, talk more about Jesus and have fun every day. We are looking forward to Mother’s Day Tea with our special Mommas, getting outside to play, and staying healthy for the rest of the school year.

Have a blessed month on May!!  
Mrs. Beth Durall



## Lenten Breakfast

On Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Amanda Sprague provided music as 101 women from Bethel and area churches gathered for our breakfast, which is an annual event of the Lenten season. Mary Ann Miller and Marilyn Koenig, Guild's menu committee, planned and served breakfast casseroles, sausages, and frozen fruit cups. We thank the Bethel Youth who served the breakfast and provided child care.

During the program, Amy Tiek sang "The Commission" and Terri Miller read "All I Ever Needed to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten," an appropriate reading to introduce Mia Moody, a fourth grade teacher from Sullivan Elementary. Mia presented an inspiring message titled "Bloom Where You Are Planted," during which time she gave us examples from her life, and introduced us to a book titled Acres of Diamonds.

Ending our time together, the group sang "In the Garden" and "Alleluia" as a closing prayer.

## **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The anniversary committee is busy in the planning stages for our Anniversary Celebration. We will have our celebration on Sunday, August 21, 2022. We will have our worship in the church sanctuary, then have a catered lunch in the Shelter House-Grove area, with afternoon activities in the grove. We invite each of you to mark your calendars and “SAVE THE DATE” AND come and share with us on this special day.

In preparation, we have been looking thru the archives on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and finding several memorabilia items.

BETHEL CHURCH HISTORY BOOKS (red) – 1847-1972

BETHEL CHURCH HISTORY BOOKS (red) – 1973-1998

BOOK OF WEDDINGS – 1957-2001

BOOK OF FUNERALS – 1857-1998

BOOK OF BAPTISMS – 1852-2008

CALENDARS FOR MOST YEARS FROM 1991-2009

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

HAND HELD WOODEN HANDLE FANS

SOME GERMAN CONFIRMATION BOOKS

Some of these items will be placed in Bethel Hall and will be available to anyone that would like to have them.

We are planning a new directory, an anniversary t-shirt, and some other items.

Please plan on joining us on this special day.

## **Confirmation**

Congratulations to Brody Page upon completing 2 years of confirmation classes, and being confirmed on April 10.

Also, congratulations to the first-year confirmation students, who completed the first year of classes. They are Kolten Boyles, Taylor Hammelman, Lane Phegley, Joshua Sprague, and Levi Telligman.

In honor of the upcoming anniversary, here is a list of Confirmation classes from 25, 50 and 75 years ago.

75 years – 1947

March 30, 1947 – Rev. A. H. Wegener

Song: “Oh Jesus I Have Promised”

Evelyn June Grabbe  
Mary Ann Green  
Marilyn Ruth Held  
Jane Evelyn Lichte  
Joan Louise Pieper  
Barbara Jean Richter

Dorothy Ann Richter  
Martine Rinsch  
Mary Ann Winter  
Kenneth Ray Kixmiller  
Lawrence Eugen Koenig

50 years – 1972

March 26, 1972 – Pastor George Varns

Song: “Sons Of God”

William Joe Albrecht  
Rodney Rex Bingham  
Joseph Owen Boberg  
William Carl Brocksmith  
John William Buescher  
William Ray Johanningsmeier  
Kelly David Jones

Lee Alan Miller  
Susan Lynn Miller  
Rodney Lane Racey  
John David Telligman  
Mark Alan Telligman  
Billy Gene Williams

25 years – 1997

March 23, 1997 – Pastor Herb Schafale

Song: “Pass It On”

Abby Lynn Buescher  
Christi Ann Buescher  
Matthew Ryan Hooper  
Ryan Paul Marczak  
Mallory Nichole Perry  
Williams  
Heather Chantal Schaefer

Douglas Chester Small  
Keith Alan Telligman  
Jason Alan Wampler  
Cassandra Lee Wesner  
Clint Edward



## VBS 2022



Preparations have begun for VBS 2022. This year's theme is Monumental, where we will be celebrating God's greatness by meeting new friends, doing amazing experiments, playing creative games, attending surprising Bible Adventures, eating super fun snacks and singing incredible music.

VBS will be June 13 – 17 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Eligible ages are 3 (potty-trained) to incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration information will be out soon. We have already had many volunteer to help, but we always need more, so if you haven't been contacted and want to help, please let us know. Even if you can help a day or two, all help is appreciated.

Plan now to join us as we learn about Joseph's story. Our critters, Harley, Miley, Howell, Rollo and Jet are anxious to meet you!!

Planning Committee:

Jan Spanger  
Nancy Tilly  
Lib Lemberg  
Jenny Anthis  
Pam Loheider  
Pastor Bryan

# **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

April 11, 2022

Present: Pastor Bryan Taylor, Carol Albrecht, Bobbie Hislip, Bonnie Organ, Brandon Spanger, Collin Tiek, Randy Hammelman, Christopher Nettles, Lisa Richter  
Absent: Clint Durall

Pastor's Report:

- Sermon prep for the month of March
- Officiated the funeral of Janice Courter
- Officiated the wedding of Taylor Held and Clayton Smith
- Baptized Peyton Smith
- Lenten services
- Confirmation class on Sunday during Sunday school
- Community Home service on April 3
- 14 home visits , 4 hospital visits

Secretary's Report: read and approved

Deacon's Report: Brandon Spanger

- average attendance - 188.5
- Total offering for March - \$24,146.40

Treasurers Report: Carol Albrecht

- Missions for the month of April:
  - 1) Christian campus fellowship CCF - \$500
  - 2) Gideons - \$400
  - 3) Robbins family - \$500
  - 4) Christian Radio - 88.7 Thy  
Word Network \$250 and 94.9  
K-Love \$250
- Taylor Stephens(ablaze)-waiting for approval from school for the conference
- Lenten offering
  - 1)Ukraine(Samaritan's Purse)
  - 2) Christ Community Center -

Bicknell.

3) Wabash Valley Teen  
Challenge - Terre Haute

Elder's Report: Randy Hammelman

- Pam Loheider and Bobbie Hislip sent out cards this month to shut-ins.
- Prepared Communion for Maundy Thursday and Easter.

Building and grounds Report

- Windows ordered for Sunday school classroom - waiting for them to come in
- Side door in sanctuary - glass fixed by D&H glass
- Check stain on ceiling in balcony and in bell tower
- Light bulbs for sanctuary coming in April

New Business

- Welcome Ministry- need brochure to tell about church, need signs for bathroom nursery etc, and need elders to announce nursery and children;s church
- Small groups-thinking about restarting

Old Business

- 175th Anniversary Committee-Ewing's quote for directory (use some old pics), bookmarks, Ramona Hammelman and Nicole Ricketts are working on a shirt, and bounce house and log ride will be there

Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned

## **Parish Records**

### **Attendance:**

Mar. 20 172

Mar. 27 186

Apr. 3 224

Apr. 10 228

**Ushers:** Michael and Brandy Toney

### **Nursery (Sunday School):**

May 1 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
8 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman  
15 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
22 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista McLaughlin  
29 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Autumn Cone

### **Nursery Notes (Worship):**

May 1 Kelci Johanningsmeier/Jennifer Stafford  
8 Madi Burress/Natatie Phegley  
15 Liberty and Cabella Lemberg  
22 Autumn Cone/Tracey Kahre  
29 Allison Rohlk/Hannah Summers

### **Children's Church:**

May 1 Jenny Anthis/ Amy Tiek/ Brandy Toney  
8 Tracey Kahre/Autumn Cone  
15 Janet Clinkenbeard/Rylee Hammelman  
22 Dale Tiek/Natalie Phegley/Autumn  
Burress  
29 All kids (preschool to 4<sup>th</sup> grade) meet in the  
Basement for praise songs

### **May Birthdays**

2 Vaughn Hislip (80<sup>th</sup>)  
3 Earl Linneweber (94<sup>th</sup>)

*Chimes news will be due on May 16<sup>th</sup>.*

May 2022

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