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Council members:

Collin Tiek, President (2025)

Lisa Richter, Vice President (2026)

Bobbie Hislip, Secretary (2025)

Carole Albrecht, Treasurer (2025)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

Ed Hagemeyer (2028)

Blaine Rohlk (2028)

Christopher Nettles (2026)

Bruce Clinkenbeard (2027)

Travis Kahre (2027)

Contact Info for Pastor Bryan

Just a reminder that Pastor Bryan can be reached on his cellphone at 812-236-9573, or via e-mail at btaylorbethel@gmail.com. He even has a Facebook page under the name “Bryan Taylor.”

North Knox Social Ministries

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Food Pantry Hours

Monday: 10 am to Noon

Wednesday: 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm

1st, 3rd, & 4th weeks

Friday: 1 pm to 3:15 pm

Clothing Give-Away Hours

2nd Thursday: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

4th Thursday: 10 am to Noon

Chimes news will be due May 20th.

Engage the Word

Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. – NIV

Among the livelier times in our Confirmation class are the days we participate in what we call Bible Challenge. It's akin to the "sword drills" where teams are formed, and a scripture is called out and the students thumb through their Bibles to find it. The team who finds it first and reads it wins a point. When all verses are found, the team with the most points wins, and that's important because we are competing for candy bars.

With chocolate as a motivator, the Challenge can become quite competitive. One week one of the confirmands was on a roll with consecutive finds. He couldn't miss. In the middle of the competition, I had to step out of the room for a moment, and upon my return I find that the other team had captured the Bible of the student who was getting them all and they hid his Bible under a couch cushion and wouldn't allow him to retrieve it. It was all in good fun as they "engaged" with the Word.

Moving beyond Bible Challenges, we need a greater engagement with the Word in our society these days. American Bible Society statistics showed that Bible reading had dropped dramatically in 2022. From 2011 to 2021, roughly 50 percent of American adults reported opening Scripture at least three times. That number declined to 39 percent in 2022. When we fail to read our Bibles, we miss the teaching, encouragement and hope found in them. As we move beyond Easter this spring, let's all strive to stay engaged with God's Word.

In Christ,



Pastor Bryan

Church Camp

Registration for Camp Illiana near Washington is now open. There are 13 choices for 5 different ages and needs. They are Day Camp, Overnight Camp, Elementary Camp, Middle School Camp, and a High School Camp. Register on campilliana.org. The cost ranges from \$29 for a Day Camper, Overnight Camper @ \$69 and all other camps @ \$299. Bethel Church and Bethel Sunday School pays for each camper. To assure this payment, include the code: BETHELEDWP100



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission/Outreach Committee met on February 19, 2024. The following events were discussed. Please mark your calendars and plan to help support our Missions.

April 21, 2024 - Family Night Mission at Bethel. Speaker will be Kim Williams for Jacob's Wells. The time will be announced at a later date. Refreshments will be offered, and the youth will be doing a fund raiser.

June 9, 2024 - Summer Bash. We will announce more details at a later date.

Our Mission Committee has remained active by attending the LAM Banquet on February 22, 2024 at Highland Woods. Easter bags are being prepared for the preschool children and will be delivered to the preschool in time for Easter. We continue to help

fill back packs for the North Knox Schools. We are supporting North Knox Social Ministries, and we are currently taking up laundry detergent for the month of March. The cart is in front of the sanctuary by the cross to collect the donations. The committee has found a need to help our Knox County 4-H.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help a 4-Her, please contact one of our committee members so we can get you approved to help in the program. There is a need, and we would appreciate anyone who can help keep and grow the 4-H program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Hebrews 13:16 “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Committee Members are Mike and Jean Johanningsmeier, Garland and Lisa Richter, Vaughn and Bobbie Hislip, Ken and Diane Carrico, Randy and Theresia Barrett, Earl and Theresa Pahmeier, Jake and Macey Alsman, and Jenny Anthis.

Preschool

Happy Spring! As I write this on a cold day during our spring break, I am thankful for the warm weather that has been coming and going. I can't wait for the warmth to be here for good, there is just something so refreshing about a good day of outside play with the kids! We have definitely taken advantage of the warmer days so far and have already made a couple trips over to the grove to play, colored with sidewalk chalk and created and popped GIANT bubbles!

March was good to us! We started it off with one of our favorite days, Donuts with Dad! The kids were all so excited to bring their dads to school and eat breakfast with them! I always love watching them walk in so proud with their dad or special guy, you can tell that the person they are bringing is so special to them! The kids start by singing a few songs (they did a great job!), they get a picture with their dad, we say a prayer and then it is time to eat the yummy donuts and fruit! It is always such a fun day and a big

thank you goes to our preschool board for all their help in providing the food. I know the kids and adults all enjoyed themselves.

As previously mentioned, we have been loving the warmer weather, during “Bb” week we were able to go outside and make giant bubbles. It was so fun and amazing to see how big they got although I think the kids had more fun chasing and popping them than they did making them! We also drew bubbles on the sidewalks with chalk and even practiced trying to blow bubbles with chewing gum!

During “Rr” week we sang a song to help us learn the colors of the rainbow and their order and I think most of the kids could sing it on their own by the end of the week. They had fun painting rainbows, sorting colors to make rainbows and reading about rainbows. They loved the story of Noah’s Ark and hearing about God’s promise to never flood the whole earth again. We made boats and put them in water to see how many animals they would hold before they sank. We practiced retelling the story so that now when they see a rainbow they will not only be amazed by its beauty but also be reminded of God’s love for each of us.

As always, I am so proud of each of these kids and love the time we spend together. It is such a joy to get to watch them grow in God’s Love!

Love,
Liberty Lemberg

Happy Spring! Hopefully mother nature will agree soon. March kept us busy as we talked about Jesus loving us so much that he died for all of us. We celebrate because He lives in heaven and all our hearts.

We celebrated our dads as we entertained them with our singing and donuts. It was good to have them all with us. I could write books about what the kids tell me about their special dad. I know a lot of good stuff and maybe not so good too 😊

Letter S was all about the Sea in the South as we played in the sand and wished for sunshine (That's a lot of S's). We worked on pounding squares and other shapes.

We talked about our teeth and telling the truth for the letter T.

We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and promoted "Read Across America". We read several of his books and did silly things that Dr. Seuss would definitely approve of.

Umbrellas and unicorns were very fun as we talked about letter U. We learned we can learn under a table or in a closet.

Vegetables – some we love, some we say no to, others we say yuck to! But they are all a great letter V lesson.

We had our own St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans where we had to mix our own slime and watch our volcanoes explode.

Happy Spring Break week! Holy Week will welcome us back with many more Easter lessons and party day!

I've heard many good prayers, sometimes our snack prayer is repeated as our goodbye prayer and 8 – 10 times a day. God hears all our prayers and that makes our hearts happy. One little boy said he couldn't say his prayer out loud, but he knows God thought it was a funny one. So cute and another reason I just love 3 – 4 year olds.

Love in Christ,
Beth Durall

50 year Confirmation Class

Pastor George Varns

Song: "Lord of the Dance"

April 3, 1977

Jo Ann Borgmeier

Terri Jean Grabbe

Brenda Sue Hagemeyer

Linda Lou Hagemeyer

Diane Ruth Hagemeyer

Janet Elaine Pepmeier

Deborah Ann Reynolds

Charles Ralph Buescher

Kevin Lee Hammelman

John Paul Kixmiller

Michael Earl Linneweber

Garland Ed Richter

Thomas Andrew Varns

Mark Douglas Sargent

25 year Confirmation Class

Rev. Herbert M. Schafale

Class Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

March 28, 1999

Eliza Jill Buescher

Craig Alan Cardinal

Travis James Malone

Cody Allen Miller

Trey Robert LaRoy Miller

Tylee Danielle Miller

Lindsay Jo Scott

Brandy Nicole Telligman

Brittany Ann Wesner

2024 Confirmation Class

Pastor Bryan Taylor

Class Song: "Reckless Love"

March 24, 2024

Owen James Lane

Cooper Brian Lemberg

Luke William Schroeder

Peyton Marie Smith

Vacation Bible School

VBS is scheduled for June 3-7. The committee decided to announce this date early since summer church camp schedules are out, and to help you plan with other various camps.

Bethel Church Council Minutes

MARCH 11, 2024

Those in attendance were Carol Albrecht, Bruce Clinkenbeard, Ed Hagemeyer, Travis Kahre, Christopher Nettles, Lisa Richter, Blaine Rohlk, Collin Tiek and Bobbie Hislip. Pastor was attending a conference in Indianapolis.

Opening Prayer : Lisa Richter

Pastor's Report:

February and part of March sermon preparation, preparation of Lenten Services including a video series and sermon.

Meetings: Council, N K Social Ministries, Mission/ Outreach, Schedule Discover Bethel Meeting – Apr 1

Confirmation Classes on Sunday, confirmation mentor dinner and Back Pack service project with Confirmands and Mentors

Attended Life after Meth Banquet

Attended Council Appreciation Dinner

Snow and ice removal

Ordered and received new bells for kid's bell choir

Community Home service (Great turnout of Bethel folks)

Helped with Back Pack program as needed

Saturday night prayer group

Column for March Chimes

Secretary's Report: Read and motion to approve by Bruce

Clinkenbeard and second by Blaine Rohlk.

Deacon's Report: Reported average attendance for February 155

Total Offering for February 2024 - \$20,540.15 (includes Lenten Offering)

Motion to approve by Lisa Richter with second by Travis Kahre.

Treasurer's Report: Carole Albrecht reviewed with no questions. Missions for month of March - \$1000 to Nurses Fund -- \$1000 to North Knox Social Ministries and \$500 to Ashley Reginald for her mission work. (She is the speaker at the Lenten Breakfast). Motion to accept and approve made by Bruce Clinkenbeard and second by Christopher Nettles. Ed Hagemeyer brought to our attention that the trash pick-up was rather high. Collin Tiek will look into this and get some new bids.

Elder's Report: Served communion to 69 on Ash Wednesday, attended Sunday service at the nursing home, reminder Communion on March 28th and 31st. Also will be taking part in Confirmation service on March 24th.

Motion to accept by Ed Hagemeyer and second by Blaine Rohlk.

Buildings and Grounds: D and H have not been here to look at front doors.

Wolfe Construction is installing door locks.

Jules Mominee will be doing 3 windows in the summer.

Water leak across the road. Will call Freelandville Water Dept.

Homes Plumbing bid for water supply, electrical, for baptismal, brings hot water heaters to code and various other plumbing - \$5100.

Furnace fixed in social room by Thomas Heating and AC.

Discussion on adding a changing station in the middle bathroom in Bethel Hall. Carole Albrecht will look into this, and making the bathroom handicap accessible. Motion to accept and approve report by Carole Albrecht and second by Bruce Clinkenbeard.

Old Business: No word on tables and chairs for shelter house.
Scripture for Baptismal
Work on Handbook for Council members
Playground equipment for preschool .

New office furniture for Pastor's office and a chair for Secretary's office. Carole Albrecht is working with First Impressions committee about curtain on Stage

New Business: Remodeling bathrooms in the basement area
Looking For bids.
Codes for door locks.
Discussion on Eclipse Day. Conclusion - be sure church is locked.

Meeting Closed with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting – April 8th 2024 (ECLIPSE DAY)

Parish Records

Monica Russell, 64, died on March 9, 2024. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on March 16, 2024

Attendance:

Feb. 25 174

Mar. 3 196

Mar. 10 202

Mar. 17 174

Ushers: Kirk and Nikki Mundy

Nursery (Sunday School):

Apr. 7 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer

14 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer

21 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer

28 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Apr. 7 Page Family

14 Liberty and Cabella Lemberg

21 Shaylie Phegley/Beth Durall

28 R. Hammelman Family

Children's Church:

Apr. 7 Amy Tiek, Kenzie Barrett, and Caleb Bottum or
Carter Lemberg, Jane Tiek, Jake Alsman

14 Theresia Barrett, Macey Alsman, Samantha Smith

21 Bonnie Organ and Shirley Bright or Jennifer Nettles
and Sherry Sheren, Laura and Lily Phegley

28 Natalie Phegley, Brenda Maddox, Carole Albrecht

April birthdays:

Apr. 2 Flo Ann Coker (87th)

5 Wilbur Boberg (95th)

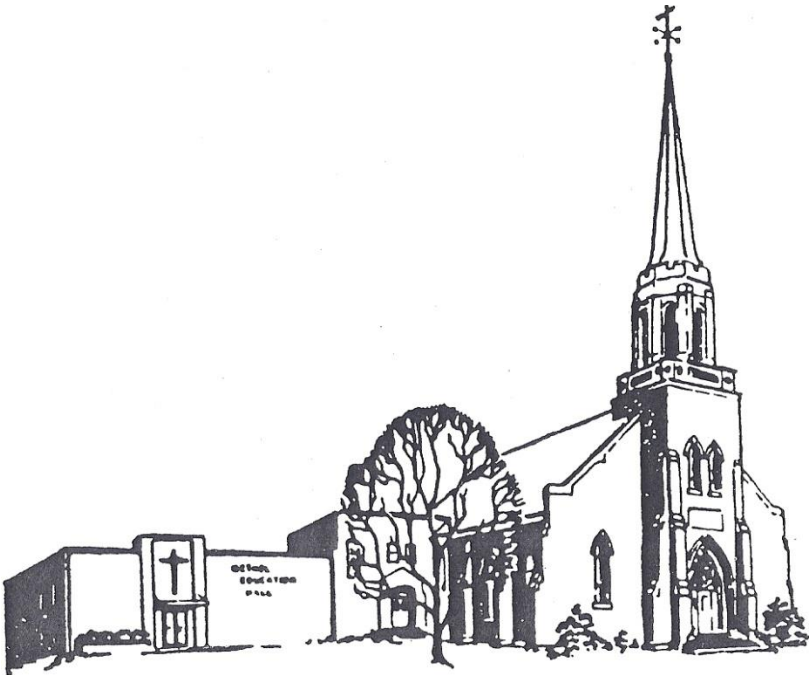
22 Nancy Tilly (81st)

25 Nancy Kixmiller (90th)

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