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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Luke 13:5 “But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

Have you ever put a sweater in a washing machine? If so, you know you have to be careful. Lots of times, you aren't supposed to do that. They must be dry cleaned or they get completely ruined. But even with the ones that don't demand to be dry cleaned, you must proceed with caution. And even when you follow the instructions and do everything the way you are supposed to, you are still guaranteed that the sweater you pull out of the machine will be stretched out and heavy from the water. But you can't put it in the dryer! No, you have to gently **push it back into shape** and let it dry in the air.

Lent is a little bit like that. It's a time for getting bent back into shape. Much like a sweater, we all come through the washing machine of life a little heavy-hearted, a little stretched out, and at times, a little traumatized. The good news is that God takes great care in bending us back into shape. One way, perhaps *the* way, he does so is through repentance. Lent is a special time in which Christians take time to remember the importance of repenting.

Repentance is more than feeling sorry for sin. It involves deep sorrow and regret, of course, but it also involves concrete action. It involves a decision to walk away from habits and attitudes, and it involves taking steps to make sure the sin in question stops or never happens again.

Are you bent out of shape? We all are! Allow God to bend you back.

Prayer: Gentle and forgiving God, grant that your Holy Spirit would show me the ways in which I am bent, and through your Spirit, lead me to repentance, that I might be restored to the way you created me to be. In Christ's name, amen.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council
Monday February 3, 2025

Called to order at 7:15 by President Pam O'Neal

Present

Elders: Pam O'Neal and Jen Reiff

Deacons: Judy Barten and Jennifer Latzke

Trustees:

Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion

M/S/C to approve the January minutes

Communications: None

Reports

Financial Secretary: Jennifer Latzke presented report

Treasurer: Judy Barten went over Treasurer's Report

Pastor's Report:

Work Summary for 1/6/25-2/2/25

Worship-Preached and/or led Sunday Worship 4 times, and at Homestead Memory Care, 1 Funeral

Administration Meetings: 1 Church Council, 1 Funeral Planning

Pastoral Care-13 Phone Visits, 2 Office Visits, 2 Home Visits, 4 Hospital Visits, 1 Funeral Visitation, 1 InPerson Visit

Other- 3 Confirmation Class, 1 Annual Meeting, 4 Cross Talk Local meetings, 1 Church Movie Night, 4 Volunteer Reading Sessions at Rural Center (Curious George and the Puppies, Don't Cross That Road, Ruby In Her Own Time). 4 Cross Talk Global Meetings.

Vacation This Month:0, YTD:0 Professional Development Days: This Month:0, YTD:0, Mileage: 158

Elder's Report: Pam O'Neal reported 45 people took communion 2/2/25

Deacon's Report: Judy Barten commented we did hurricane relief. Wondered if we should give relief to California for fires. Discussed giving quarterly mission updates to the congregation. Discussed youth passing the plate for offertory.

Trustee's Report: The HVAC contract will need to be renewed through Wuthnow Heating & Air

Reorganization of Council & Committees

President: Pam O'Neal

Vice President: Gary Foltz

Secretary: Jen Reiff

Financial Secretary: Jennifer Latzke

Treasurer: Judy Barten

Head Elder: Chris Bethe

Head Deacon: Judy Barten

Head Trustee: Drew Snitker

Discussed committee reassignment

Old Business:

Pam O'Neal reported that she visited with Michael Davidson about Men's bathroom upstairs. He stated to call his work and get on the schedule.

Valentine's Steak Night was discussed

New Business:

It was M/S/C to approve and pay bills

Spring Cleaning was discussed. We will talk about it more at next meeting.

Upcoming Events

February 9th - Superbowl watch party 5 pm Church Lounge

February 14th- Valentine's Steak Night

February 25th - ECHO articles due

March 2nd- Communion

March 3rd- Church Council

March 9th- Daylight Savings

Winter Jam March 13th

Adjourned at 8:16pm by President Pam O'Neal

Lord's Prayer was said in Unison

Jen Reiff, secretary

I want to thank my church family for all that has been done for me and my family since John's death. Thanks for the abundant food brought to the lunch after the service; for the generous amount given to John's memorial and especially for the prayers and concerns expressed. It was all so appreciated.
Peggy Meuli

Thank you so much for the wonderful steak dinner on Valentine's Day! It was very good and so nice of the Church! Also, thank you for coming to sing Christmas carols for me. So nice to be remembered.
God Bless,
Naoma

The 2025 New Basel scholarship application deadline is May 1st. Students wishing to receive a scholarship should be a graduating senior in high school or enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited institution of post high school level. For a scholarship application, please visit our website www.newbaselchurch.org and click on News tab.



Please Pray For.....

Maxine Kauffman
Naoma Foltz
Jane Haney
Judy Lauer

Tony Herman
Kelly Schrader
Family of Cecil Schrader
Holly Bethe family

MARCH INFORMATION



2nd Carolyn Graves
 3rd Marvel Meuli
 5th Clayton Gfeller
 6th Keenan Reiff
 7th Pastor Jamie
 12th Wyatt Hunnicutt

14th Gregg Beemer
 18th Savannah Smiley
 22nd Jace Latzke
 23rd Lincoln Gantenbein
 24th Kevin Smiley
 Duane Beemer
 31st Clarien Robson
 Naoma Foltz
 Marion Kamm
 Kenny Gantenbein

ANNIVERSARIES

14th Adam & Alyssa Gantenbein
 20th Mitch & Kara Cromwell

Upcoming April Birthdays

1 st Jan McAdams	7 th Larissa Cromwell
3 rd Katie Kamm	8 th Gabe Barten
4 th Judy Lauer	Michelle Meyer



Greeters, Acolytes and Usher for March

Greeters

Acolytes

2 nd	Greg & Jolene Beemer	Axie and Stetson Shrack
9 th	Gary & Deb Foltz	Janessa Latzke
16 th	Ron & Margaret Shouse	Tinley Moddlemog and Savannah Smiley
23 rd	Drew & Lindsey Snitker	Sterling Bonnema
30 th	5 th Sunday Breakfast	
Usher: Kenny Chamberlin		

Thank you to Mitch Cromwell for being the February Usher

Church Movie Night

March 9th at 5 pm

Harvey, starring James Stewart



This Easter, the church will be decorated with Easter lilies given in honor or memory of friends and/or relatives of New Basel Church. If you would like to have an Easter lily purchased in memory or honor of someone, please complete this form and return it to Kara Cromwell no later than Sunday, March 30th. The cost of the Easter lily is \$10.00.

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