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New Basel Newsletter

**APRIL 2022**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Riddles are sometimes fun, and I have a couple of riddles for you.

A man that goes to work each morning takes the elevator down to the ground level of his high rise apartment building, but when he returns each night, he only takes the elevator up to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor and then climbs the stairs for the rest of the way up to his apartment. That is, unless it is raining. On rainy days, he rides the elevator all the way to his floor. Why?

When I was in college, we used to ask each other riddles like these. You could ask 20 yes or no questions, and then you would try to guess the answer. In the example above, where the guy would ride the elevator only part way except on rainy days – he was a very short man who could not reach past the 6<sup>th</sup> button unless he was carrying an umbrella.

So here's another one: a man died on Friday and was buried that same day. But when his friends came to the grave 3 days later, he wasn't there. What happened?

Of course, we recognize this as the story of Jesus and what happened following his crucifixion. We can read the story in Luke 24. But it is the answer to this riddle that defines who we are, and not everyone has the same answer.

One answer people have claimed is that the disciples stole the body. In fact, it was the chief priests and elders of Jesus' day that came up with this version. Matthew 28:11-15 tells of how they paid the guards to say exactly that. But it doesn't explain how the disciples got past the guards, or why they took off the grave clothes.

Another idea was that Jesus wasn't actually dead. But in order to believe this, you have to believe that Jesus survived the scourging he received, not to mention the crucifixion itself, and that the Roman soldiers couldn't tell the difference between someone that was dead and merely unconscious. You also have to believe that Jesus was placed in a cold tomb, and got healed to the point where he could roll a huge stone out of the way. Dubious, at best.

Then there's the wrong tomb theory. 'Jesus really is dead, just in a different tomb.' This theory asks us to believe that the guards were posted at the wrong place, and that the women, the disciples, and the angels all forgot where they put him.

The Christian answer, the one that the disciples died proclaiming, is that Jesus conquered death and sin by rising from the dead. It was this belief that turned the disciples from a scattered bunch hiding in fear into a group that stood firm in the face of persecution to the point of death. The resurrection changed everything. And it does for us too.

The resurrection is arguably the cornerstone of the Christian faith. Without it, there would be no reason to think that Jesus was any different than any other prophet that managed to get himself killed. It is the reason Christians can look at death differently, and the reason we know we can be reconciled to God.

Celebrate Easter knowing that it changes everything. Celebrate your new relationship with God. Celebrate!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

**New Basel Church Council**

**Monday March 7, 2022**

Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Kenny Chamberlin

**Present:**

**Elders:** Kenny Chamberlin, Nicole Shrack, Pam O’Neal

**Deacons:** Holly Bethe, Francis Anderson

**Trustees:** Drew Snitker, Gary Foltz, Austin Murphy

Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion and prayer

Drew Snitker made motion to approve the minutes. Pam O’Neal seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Communications:**

Abilene Termite and Pest did their inspection in February

**Reports:**

**Financial Secretary and Treasurer:**

Pam O’Neal gave the Financial Secretary’s report for February.

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer’s report for February.

**Pastor’s Reports:**

See attached Pastor Report

**Elders-**

Pam O’Neal reported 45 took communion on March 6th.

**Deacons:**

None

**Trustee:**

Will be working with a licensed and insured electrician the first 2 Saturdays in April to hook up the AC units to the Parish Hall.

**Old Business:**

Will start with a Sunday School room downstairs this week to see how it looks before doing the whole church. They will be removing the “popcorn” ceiling sanding and texturing it.

Dave Ramsey's class has started and will go on for 9 weeks.

Pew Bibles are here and the tags are made. They just need to be finished.

Pastor Parish Committee- council is still searching for a member to serve on the committee

### **New Business:**

M/S/C to pay bills that were presented. Pam O'Neal moved we pay the bills. Francis Anderson seconded the motion.

Lent offering boxes will be handed Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> to all families of the church. Gary Foltz made a motion to donate our Lenten offering to the Junction City Pregnancy Services. They aid in services for expecting mothers and they promote a healthy pregnancy vs abortion.

Church Work Night will be April 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm. A light meal will be provided for those who are able to attend and work. Austin Murphy, Gary Foltz and Drew Snitker will come up with a list of items that need attention.

Lawn Mowing- there will be a pre sign up before the list will be hung up.

Graduating Seniors- Parker O'Neal, Sydney Taylor, Travis Beetch. Celebration for them in May. Date to be announced.

Women's fellowship will be purchasing a new refrigerator for the kitchenette. Randy will measure the space and Judy will check about refrigerators.

There are a few months that have 5 Sundays in them (May, July and October). On those Sundays we will start having a brunch at 9:30am and service at 10am in the Parish Hall. It will be a potluck brunch each family bring an item to share. Holly Bethe made motion that we have a potluck brunch the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month. Pam O'Neal seconded the motion

Pam O'Neal moved we adjourn. Austin Murphy seconded.

### **Upcoming Events:**

March 13<sup>th</sup> Day Light Savings

March 24<sup>th</sup> ECHO Articles Due

April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Communion

April 10<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

April 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

### **No Other Announcements:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison

Nicole Shrack, Secretary

## New Basel Church, Abilene KS

Pastor's Report to Church Council- Pastor Jamie Bonnema

3/7/22

Work Summary for 2/7/22- 3/6/22

**Worship-** Preached and/or led Sunday worship 3 times

**Administration Meetings-** 1 Church Council, 2 Financial Peace University Planning (phone) 1 Financial Peace University Planning (Temple Baptist), 1 Memorial (phone), 1 Worship Planning

**Pastoral Care-** 4 Hospital Visits, 1 Home visit, 7 Phone visits

**Other-** 2 Dinners with the Bonnema's, CrossTalk Zoom Meeting, 10-33 Zoom Meeting, 1 Financial Peace University Class, purchased and installed AV equipment in Parlor.

Vacation Days Taken: 1

New Business:

- Vacation—March 14-16
- May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Milage = 169

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We would like to thank our New Basel family and friends for the prayers, cards, visits and other acts of kindness we received while mom was in the hospital and after she passed away. Thank you Pastor Jamie for your message and Peggy Meuli for the music during the memorial service. Also, thank you to all those who planned, prepared food, and served the meal after the service. We are truly blest to be part of such a thoughtful and caring community. We appreciate everyone's support during this time of loss.

The Family of Eunice Pryor

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Elaine Bethe  
Naoma Foltz  
Harold Provance  
Dwight Meuli  
Cecil Schrader

Kelly Schrader  
Tammy Anderson  
Judy Lauer  
Pryor family  
Tim Jonhson family

## March 16, 2022 Women's Fellowship

New Basel Women's Fellowship met in the church lounge on March 16th, 2022 at 2:00 PM with Janis Haugh as hostess. There were 10 ladies present.

Peggy Meuli opened the meeting with devotions on how Saint Patrick's Day came about and the religious aspect of it. Clarine Robson presided over the meeting.

The February 16th minutes were read and approved.

For communications Clarine had Janis read a letter from Felmar, whom we sponsor in the Philippines. A letter from Diane Loftness telling of her work with Family Life was passed around.

Peggy gave the treasurer's report. It was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

For old business the budget was accepted. Janis looked into prices and sizes of lilies for Easter. After discussing it Peggy moved that we order 20 lilies from Dillons. Motion carried.

For new business officers for the new year are Janis Haugh - president, Carolyn Beetch - secretary and Peggy Meuli - treasurer. Judy Barten looked into a new refrigerator for the church kitchenette. After checking with two businesses in Abilene on sizes, brands and prices, Clema moved we purchase an 18' Whirlpool refrigerator from RHV. Motion carried.

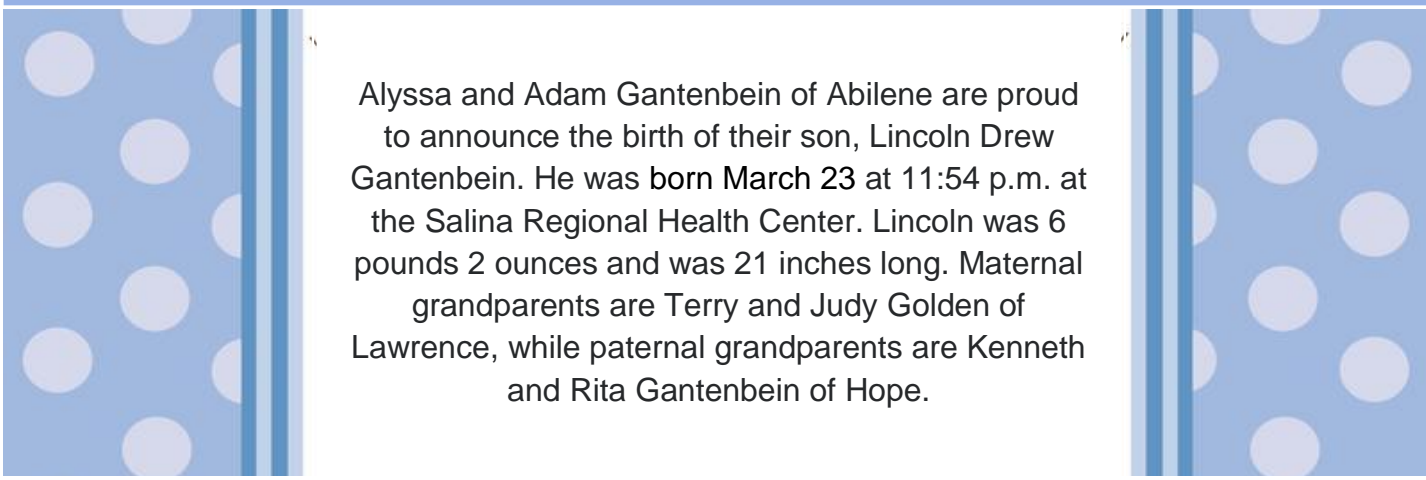
Clarine asked if we would like to change our meeting day from the third Wednesday to the second Wednesday so it wouldn't always fall so close to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Clema moved that we keep it on the third Wednesday. Motion carried.

Peggy's lesson was on Zacchaeus and the things we don't generally hear about him. The meeting adjourned by standing and repeating the Mizpah benediction.

Ila Beemer volunteered to be in charge of the lesson for next month and Peggy volunteered to be hostess. The next meeting will be April 20th in the church lounge.

The meeting adjourned and Janis served refreshments.

Carolyn Beetch, Secretary



Alyssa and Adam Gantenbein of Abilene are proud to announce the birth of their son, Lincoln Drew Gantenbein. He was born March 23 at 11:54 p.m. at the Salina Regional Health Center. Lincoln was 6 pounds 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Terry and Judy Golden of Lawrence, while paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Rita Gantenbein of Hope.

## APRIL INFORMATION

### Happy Birthday

1 <sup>st</sup> Jan McAdams	22 <sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Haynes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Katie Kamm	Katie Haynes
4 <sup>th</sup> Judy Lauer	24 <sup>th</sup> Ryan Reiff
8 <sup>th</sup> Gabe Barten	25 <sup>th</sup> Andrea Koster
11 <sup>th</sup> Devin Kamm	Kaityn Gantenbein
12 <sup>th</sup> Logan Palenske	27 <sup>th</sup> Sandy Miller
19 <sup>th</sup> Angela Bonnema	Sam Shrack
21 <sup>st</sup> Nicole Shrack	29 <sup>th</sup> Mark Bethe
	Ty Barten

### Anniversaries

April 10<sup>th</sup> Lynn & Suzie Barten  
 April 25<sup>th</sup> Sam & Nicole Shrack

### Upcoming May Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup> Austin Murphy	8 <sup>th</sup> Andrew Gantenbein
4 <sup>th</sup> Dwight Meuli	Lyle Miller
7 <sup>th</sup> Clema Anderson	

## Scholarships

The 2022 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](http://www.newbaselchurch.org) and click on the News tab.



### Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers for April

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Austin & Jessica Murphy	Scarlett Murphy
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Kevin & Stacy Smiley	Benson Smiley
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Mark & Holly Bethe	Wyatt Hunnicutt
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Maxine Kauffman & Clarine Robson	Blake Murphy

April Usher: Austin Murphy

Thank you to Mitch Cromwell for being the March Usher



