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 New Basel Newsletter

JULY 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again, the weather turns hot, the children are out of school for summer break, the sports channels are full of baseball, and people gear up for their Independence Day celebrations. There are guests to invite, houses to clean, food to prepare, and fireworks to buy. And somewhere in the middle of all the activity, we (hopefully) remember the United States, its birth, and the men and women who struggled to establish it.

It was on July 4th that the Declaration of Independence was published: hence the date of our holiday. In this document, representatives assembled from their various states declared their independence from Great Britain. But in doing so, they repeatedly referenced God, calling him Nature’s God, Creator, and Supreme Judge, as well as stating a reliance upon divine Providence. Despite what so many today would try to tell us, the authors of this document clearly wished to be independent of British rule, but *dependent* on God.



And one of the biggest ways they acknowledged their dependence on God was through prayer. The very first National Day of Prayer was in fact held in 1775, the year before the Declaration of Independence was signed. But before and after July 4, 1776, Congressional meetings and government functions of all kinds began with prayer. This was not only to ask for divine Guidance, but to acknowledge the country’s dependence upon God.

Prayer is, at its most basic level, a Declaration of *Dependence*. It is an acknowledgement of God’s sovereignty; a declaration that God is worthy of our praise. It is an agreement with John 15:5, in which Jesus describes the relationship between a vine and its branches and says, “apart from me, you can do nothing.” This doesn’t mean that without God’s blessing that nothing would ever get done. Indeed, there are lots of things that people do in this world that Jesus has no part of. No, it means that nothing worthwhile can be done; nothing Godly can get accomplished without God. Prayer, in its many forms, acknowledges this vine-and-branches relationship.

So amidst the business and craziness that is the 4th of July, slow down for just a moment. Pause at the beginning of your celebration for a word of prayer. Give thanks for the founders of this nation, the authors of the Declaration of Independence, and give thanks for their dependence on God. And in so doing, proclaim once again your own dependence on Him.



Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council
Monday June 6, 2022

Called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Kenny Chamberlin

Present:

Elders: Kenny Chamberlin, Pam O'Neal

Deacons: Holly Bethe, Francis Anderson

Trustees: Drew Snitker

Pastor Jamie opened with a prayer

Minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Communications:

Shiloh Ranch Ministries asking for donations

Reports:

Memorial Committee

Randy Barten was present and gave an update on purchases made by the Memorial Committee and remaining balance in the account.

Financial Secretary and Treasurer:

Pam O'Neal gave the Financial Secretary's report for May.

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer's report for May.

Pastor's Reports:

Work Summary for 5/2/22 – 6/5/22

Worship- Preached and/or led Sunday worship 5 times

Administration Meetings- 1 Church Council, 1 Women's Fellowship, 4 VBS Planning,

Pastoral Care- 4 Home Visit, 9 Phone Visits

Other- 2 Dinners with the Bonnemas, 5 Cross Talk Zoom Meetings, 1 Financial Peace University Class, 2 Volunteer Reading Sessions, 5 Vacation Bible School Days, Purchased Projector, Ordered Memorial Cards.

Vacation Days

Professional Development Days

This Month:0

This Month: 5

YTD: 3

YTD: 10

Milage: 396 miles

Elders-

Pam O'Neal reported 39 took communion on June 5th

Deacons:

None

Trustee:

Mark Larson Rescue Roofers will start Re-Roofing the Parish Hall this week.

Old Business:

It was decided to combine the 5th Sunday Brunch for the month of July with the Church picnic. This will be held on Sunday July 31st. Bring your favorite breakfast dish.

New Business:

M/S/C to pay bills that were presented.

Harvest Home will be Sunday Oct. 2nd.

5th Sunday brunch will be October 30th.

M/S/C that the Pastor could authorize to distribute monies from the benevolence fund up to \$500 per incident without council approval.

Carlton Presbyterian Church will hold its last service on Sunday July 31st. It was decided that we will get a card for anyone to sign and send flowers in honor.

M/S/C to adjourn the meeting

Upcoming Events:

July 3rd Communion

July 4th Independence Day

July 11th Council Meeting 7pm

No Other Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 8:09p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison

Pam O'Neal, Acting Secretary

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Elaine Bethe
Naoma Foltz
Harold Provance
Dwight Meuli
Cecil Schrader

Kelly Schrader
Tammy Anderson
Rodney Anderson
Judy Lauer
Peggy Meuli

JULY INFORMATION

Anniversaries

10 th Robby and Emily Haynes	27 th Nathan & Katie Kamm
12 th Bob & Pam O'Neal	28 th Lyle & Sandy Miller
14 th Kenneth & Rita Gantenbein	Greg & Kari Beetch
17 th Ed & Jan McAdams	29 th Austin & Jessica Murphy

Birthdays

5th Diane Loftness
Deborah Lathan
6th Sara Hunnicutt
9th John Meuli
13th Kim Palenske
29th Tim Reiff
30th Casey Stalder
31st Chris Bethe
Glenna Dautel



Upcoming August Birthdays

1 st Maxine Kauffman	7 th Elaine Bethe
2 nd Joleen Beemer	Kaynan Anderson
4 th Harold Provance	8 th Stephanie Gfeller
5 th Troy Palenski	10 th Stetson Shrack

Thank you!

Thank you so much all that volunteered and contributed to make our 2022 Vacation Bible School a success. Whether you gave donations to help with snacks and supplies, helped set up or tear down, taught classes, served food, or simply prayed over us; your help was greatly appreciated.

Greeters, Acolytes, and Usher for July

	<u>Greeters:</u>	<u>Acolytes:</u>
3 rd	Dwight & Marion Kamm	Devin Kamm
10 th	Holly Bethe and Chris Bethe	Benson Smiley
17 th	Carolyn Beetch and Travis Beetch	Farrah Rothchild
24 th	Sam & Nicole Shrack	Scarlett Murphy
31 st	Gordon & Sara Hunnicutt	Wyatt Hunnicutt
July Usher: Randy Barten		

Thank you to Kevin Smiley for being the June Usher

