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## FEBRUARY 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Maybe you heard of a recent product recall, in which several brands of Italian cold cuts were suspected of being contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The decision to pull nearly 53,000 pounds of product off the shelves came from fears that customers could become sick if they were to eat contaminated food.

We hear about product recalls like this, it seems, with increasing regularity. It is not uncommon for news broadcasts to tell listeners about recalls on everything from baby seats to vehicles to peanut butter, even to the point now where listeners barely notice another recall has been issued. Even so, when you think of the thousands and millions of products available for public purchase (even at the local grocery store, let alone online) the number of recalls is pretty small by comparison. This is because companies spend an enormous amount of money trying to find and fix problems before their products hit the market.

There are several reasons to spend money like that. One reason is simply safety, like in our example here. Manufacturers want their customers to be safe! And not just to avoid lawsuits, either – repeat customers are good business. But another reason is because *companies try to associate the company name with quality and dependability*. They fix problems because their name is on the product.

A long time ago, Ford came out with a brilliant ad campaign, telling potential customers that their company slogan was “Quality Is Job One.” The goal of this

campaign was to reassure customers, and to associate the company name and reputation with excellence and trustworthiness.

But did you know that God feels the same way about his name? Psalm 25:11 reads, “For Your name’s sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.” You see, we are Christians, and as such, *we bear the name of Christ*. Each and every one of us has had problems, of course. But when we give our lives to Christ, we are ‘recalled’, so to speak. Then, when people around us ask about our shortcomings, we can say that yes, we are flawed, but God is perfecting us.

God wants his name to be associated with excellence and dependability because God IS excellent and dependable. God fixes problems, God fixes us, *because His name is on us!*

And here’s the thing...God is the Creator; the Manufacturer, if you will. There is no problem we can have that is too big for God to fix. He knows every one of us, inside and out, and better than we know ourselves, because he made us. He knows what we were designed to do, and what we need to be effective and productive.

Remember, though, that bearing God’s name carries responsibility. People around us need to see that we bear the name of God, and they need to associate that name with righteousness. With quality. Pray that God helps you see things that need to be fixed, and that people might see God in your actions!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council  
Monday January 2, 2023

Called to order at 7:11 p.m. by President Kenny Chamberlin

**Present:**

**Elders:** Kenny Chamberlin, Nicole Shrack

**Deacons:** Holly Bethe

**Trustees:** Gary Foltz

No business could be conducted because a quorum was not met.

Minutes were correct but not approved by a vote since a quorum was not met at the meeting.

**Communications:**

Thank you from Neighbor to Neighbor for donation that New Basel gave from the benevolence fund.

**Reports:**

**Financial Secretary and Treasurer:**

Holly Bethe gave the Financial Secretary's report for December.

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer's report for December.

Christmas Eve service offering (Hospice of Dickinson county) \$481.00

**Pastor's Reports:**

Pastor was not present to give a report

**Vacation Days**

**Elders-**

Kenny Chamberlin reported 28 took Communion on January 2nd.

**Deacons:**

None

**Trustee:**

None

**Old Business:**

Annual Meeting Meal A-G dessert, H-Q½ dozen double sliced sandwiches, R-Z Salad or side dish

Confirmation Class will start January 15<sup>th</sup>. On Easter Sunday the confirmands will then be confirmed.

**New Business:**

No New Bills were presented.

## Upcoming Events:

January 20<sup>th</sup> ECHO Articles Due

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

February 5<sup>th</sup> Communion

February 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting 7pm

## No Other Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Nicole Shrack, Secretary



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## Women's Fellowship

New Basel Women's Fellowship met in the church lounge on January 18, 2023 at 2:00 PM. There were five ladies and pastor Jamie present.

The afternoon was spent discussing the future plans of the New Basel Women's Fellowship. Since so few members were present, it was moved and seconded to have a meeting on February 15th to determine whether New Basel Women's Fellowship continues or not. Motion carried.

Ila moved we adjourn. Motion carried.

Carolyn Beetch, Secretary

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Elaine Bethe  
Naoma Foltz  
Dwight Meuli  
Cecil Schrader

Judy Lauer  
Kelly Schrader  
Tammy Anderson  
Rodney Anderson

# FEBRUARY

**Happy  
BirthDay**

2<sup>nd</sup> Janet Chamberlin  
6<sup>th</sup> Duncan Reiff  
10<sup>th</sup> Bob O'Neal  
13<sup>th</sup> Nichole Riffel  
13<sup>th</sup> Gary Foltz

15<sup>th</sup> Lynn Barten  
16<sup>th</sup> Rick Hoffman  
19<sup>th</sup> Deanna Stalder  
21<sup>st</sup> Jennifer Barten Leichner  
Austin Smiley  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ron Pryor  
24<sup>th</sup> Justin Beetch  
Kayce Reiff  
28<sup>th</sup> Ila Beemer

### Upcoming March Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Shaila Miller  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cecil Schrader  
Carolyn Graves  
3<sup>rd</sup> Marvel Meuli  
5<sup>th</sup> Clayton Gfeller  
6<sup>th</sup> Keenan Reiff  
7<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jamie Bonnema  
8<sup>th</sup> Kialyn Anderson



## Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers for February

### Greeters

### Acolytes

5 <sup>th</sup>	Duane & Ila Beemer	Savannah Smiley
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn & Julie Kauffman	Axie Shrack
19 <sup>th</sup>	Gregg & Jolene Beemer	Blake Murphy
26 <sup>th</sup>	John & Peggy Meuli	Benson Smiley

February Usher: Kenny Chamberlin

*Thank you to Chris Bethe for being the January Usher*

Nothing can  
separate us  
from the love  
of God.  
Romans 8:39

