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New Basel Newsletter

## MARCH 2023

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As impossible as it seems, March is already upon us. We look forward to the coming of Spring, with its promise of new life, the color green, basketball, and of breaking the grip of winter. This year, March is busy with activity as well. And right in the middle of all the holidays is St. Patrick's Day. It seems to me that Americans love to celebrate this day, but really have no clue who St. Patrick was!

For example, how many people realize that St. Patrick was not Irish? He was born, somewhere around 385 AD, in Scotland! He can't really be called a Scot, though, because his parents were actually Romans, who were living there as part of the Roman rule of Britain. When Patrick was about 14 years old, he was captured by a raiding party from Ireland, and drug off in captivity.

Ireland was not ruled by the Romans, and Christianity was not known there. They were druids and pagans, and Patrick was forced into slavery as a sheep herder. Naturally, he slowly learned the language and the people, but he turned to God for strength. It is said that he would pray as much as one hundred times a day, and that much again at night. One night, when Patrick was twenty, God spoke to him in a dream.

After six years of captivity and forced labor, Patrick dreamt that God told him to escape to the coast. He fled, and probably walked some 200 miles before he hopped a ship bound for Britain, and was reunited with his family.

Patrick never forgot his reliance upon God, however, and continued his habit of prayer. Not long after his return he had another profound dream. Whereas God spoke to him directly in the first, this time he saw the Irish people begging him to return "to come and walk among us once more." He began to study at St. Martin's monastery in Tours, France, and was soon ordained as a bishop and commissioned to return to Ireland.

Bishop Patrick landed in Ireland on March 25, 433 AD, this time as a free man. Charged with spreading the Gospel to the Irish, he began preaching, and would continue to do so for 40 years. As he explained the mysteries of God to a pagan people, he used symbols and ideas they were familiar with. For example, druids were used to worshipping the sun, so he overlaid the cross over an image of the sun, and so created the Celtic Cross we see today.

A similar reason explains the connection between St. Patrick and the three leaf clover. As he tried to explain the nature of the Trinity, he bent down one day and picked a clover from the ground. Holding it up, he explained that the clover also had three parts, but made one clover.

St. Patrick died on March 17, 460, which is why we celebrate on the 17<sup>th</sup>. As we celebrate this year, remember that it is a day about more than just green beer and funny little plastic hats. It is a day honoring a great evangelist and man of God. And whenever you see a clover, remember his message and his incredible life.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Jamie

**New Basel Church Council**  
**Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Kenny Chamberlin

**Present:**

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

**Deacons:** Holly Bethe, Francis Anderson, Mitch Cromwell

**Trustees:** Gary Foltz, Austin Murphy

**Devotion:** Pastor Jamie lead us in a devotion before the monthly business meeting.

Kenny made a date correction to the January minutes. The January minutes were corrected. Pam moved we approve the January minutes. Gary Second the motion. Minutes were approved.

**Communications:**

Pregnancy Center newsletter

Salina Rescue Mission asking for donations

Assembly God Kansas donation notification (how much we donated in 2022 to the camp)

Hollaway thank you for donation

**Reports:**

**Financial Secretary and Treasurer:**

Pam O’Neal gave the Financial Secretary’s report for January

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer’s report for January

**Pastor’s Reports:**

**1/1/23 January Report**

**Work Summary for 12/5/22-1/1/23**

**Worship-** Preached and or/led Sunday worship 4 times, Christmas Eve Worship

**Administration Meeting-** 1 Church Council

**Pastoral Care-** 4 Phone visits, 2 Hospital Visits, 2 Home Visits

**Other-** 1 Cross Talk video conference, 1 Church Movie Night, 1 Volunteer Reading (RCGS), 1 Ministerial Alliance

**Vacation Days:**

This Month: 1

YTD: 15

**Profession Development Days:**

This Month: 0

YTD: 10

**Pastor's Report: 2/6/23**

**Work Summary for 1/2/23-2/5/23**

**Worship:** Preached and/or led Sunday worship 4 times

**Administration Meeting-** 0 Church Council, Annual Meeting

**Pastoral Care-** 1 Phone Visit, 1 Hospital Visit, 6 Home Visits, 1 Pastoral Visit

**Other-** 4 Confirmation Classes, 5 CrossTalk Class sessions, 4 CrossTalk Local meetings, 1 Church Movie Night, 4 Volunteer Reading (RCGS), 1 10-33 Debrief (Pratt)

**Incoming Calls-** Cemetery questions calls (referred them to Greg Beemer), Wilson Family Funeral Home (Minneapolis) RE Rutz Funeral, Justus RE financial assistance needed.

**Vacation Days:**

This Month: 0

YTD: 0

**Professional Development Days:**

This Month: 5

YTD: 5

**Milage:** 120 (home/hospital visits)

291 (CrossTalk class)

411 Total

**Elders-**

Nicole Shrack reported 47 took Communion on February 5th

**Deacons:**

None

**Trustee:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

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

Installation of New Council Member's will be held Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> for Jen Reiff and Judy Barten.

Church Spring Cleaning will be discussed at the next council meeting.

**Reorganization of Council & Committees:**

Officer Elections: Pam O'Neal nominated Kenny Chamberlin; Francis Anderson cast unanimous ballot; Gary Foltz seconded the motion. Motion was carried

Vice President: Pam O’Neal nominated Francis Anderson; Judy Barton cast unanimous ballot; Mitch Cromwell second the motion. Motion was carried

Secretary: Francis Anderson nominated Pam O’Neal and cast unanimous ballot; Judy Barten seconded the motion. Motion was carried

Financial Secretary: Judy Barten nominated Mitch Cromwell and cast unanimous ballot. Pam O’Neal second the motion. Motion was carried

Treasurer: Holly Bethe nominated Judy Barten. Pam O’Neal moved to cast unanimous ballot. Gary Foltz seconded the motion. Motion was carried

Head Elder: Jen Reiff agreed to take the position.

Head Deacon: Judy Barten agreed to take the position.

Head Trustee: Austin Murphy agreed to take the position.

### **Upcoming Events:**

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

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday

March 5<sup>th</sup> Communion

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

March 12<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time

### **No Other Announcements:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. by praying the Lord’s Prayer in unison

Nicole Shrack, Secretary



*Jen Reiff and Judy Barten were installed as new council members on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Jen was installed as an Elder and Judy was installed as a Deacon.*

## Women's Fellowship

New Basel Women's Fellowship met in the church lounge on February 15, 2023 at 2:00 PM. There were six ladies and Pastor Jamie and Ken Chamberlin present.

Janis Haugh called the meeting to order and Peggy Meuli gave the devotions.

Everyone said they had read the minutes in the Echo.

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

It was moved that the Women's Fellowship will remain an organization for fellowship only with all responsibilities of the organization being transferred to the church council. Motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved that the Women's Fellowship funds be transferred to the church general fund. Motion was seconded and carried.

Jan gave the lesson on "Love".

It was moved we adjourn. Motion carried.

Peggy served refreshments.

Carolyn Beetch, Secretary



### *Please Pray For.....*

Elaine Bethe  
Naoma Foltz  
Dwight Meuli  
Cecil Schrader

Judy Lauer  
Kelly Schrader  
Tammy Anderson  
Rodney Anderson

# MARCH INFORMATION



- 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
- 8<sup>th</sup> Kialyn Anderson
- 10<sup>th</sup> Laura Cox
- 12<sup>th</sup> Wyatt Hunnicutt

- 14<sup>th</sup> Gregg Beemer
- 18<sup>th</sup> Savannah Smiley
- 24<sup>th</sup> Kevin Smiley  
Duane Beemer
- 26<sup>th</sup> Kevin Beetch
- 31<sup>st</sup> Kenneth Gantenbein  
Naoma Foltz  
Marion Kamm  
Clarine Robson

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 10<sup>th</sup> John & Peggy Meuli, Jr.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Adam & Alyssa Gantenbein
- 18<sup>th</sup> Bob & Patti Anderes
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mitch & Kara Cromwell

### Upcoming April Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jan McAdams
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Katie Kamm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Judy Lauer
- 8<sup>th</sup> Gabe Barten



## Greeters, Acolytes and Usher for March

### Greeters

### Acolytes

5 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Bethe & Tony Herman	Wyatt Hunnicutt
12 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Pam O'Neal	Larissa Cromwell
20 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Margaret Shouse	Bo Rothchild
27 <sup>th</sup>	Drew & Lindsey Snitker	Sterling Bonnema

Usher: Mitch Cromwell

Thank you to Kenny Chamberlin for being the February Usher

## St Columba Catholic Church Soup Luncheon

**When:** March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
11 am – 1 pm

**Where:** St Columba Catholic Church, Elmo

**What:** Chili / Chicken Vegetable Soup with homemade noodles  
Ham & Turkey sandwiches/homemade pies

Come eat in the dining room for food and fellowship. Take outs are available.

*Free Will Donation*

