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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Whom do you consider an enemy?

If we're honest, our list of enemies is large. The bully that picked on us at school. The co-worker that drives us crazy or competes for that promotion. Drug dealers and the addictions they sell. Political opponents might make that list, but terrorists should. What about the nations that sponsor them? The truth is that we have lots of enemies.

But does God make that list? Is God our enemy? Does God have enemies at all? The idea sounds pretty strange. *If God did have enemies, who would they be?*

Well, according to Paul and the book of Romans, *we are!* Or at least we were. Allow me to explain.

As Paul rightly notes in Romans 8:7-8, "The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God." The opposite of a mind governed by the flesh, as Paul puts it, is a mind governed by the Holy Spirit. This means that anyone not living and acting perfectly and without sin cannot possibly be on God's good side.

That's sobering, to say the least. But it gets worse. According to Romans 5:10, we were enemies with God! It may be uncomfortable to think about, but our thoughts and actions betray us – we think and do things that declare our rebellion from God all the time. We are not, cannot, be on God's good side by being completely governed by the Holy Spirit 24/7. It is these very things, our sinful nature, that set us in opposition to a Holy God and make us enemies. At least they would if not for Jesus, as it says in Romans 5:10: "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

When we have an enemy, we fight them. We drop bombs on them. But God is totally different. Christ died for his enemies so that we wouldn't be his enemies!

And THAT is what Easter is all about!

Grace and Peace

Pastor Jamie

**New Basel Church Council**  
**Monday March 3,2025**

Called to order at 7:00 pm by President Pam O'Neal

**Present**

**Elders:** Pam O'Neal, Chris Bethe, and Jen Reiff

**Deacons:** Judy Barten and Jennifer Latzke

**Trustees:** Gary Foltz and Drew Snitker

Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion

M/S/C to approve February minutes

**Communications:** We received thank you notes from Hospice of Dickinson County and from the Church Members who we delivered Valentine Steak dinners

**Reports**

**Financial Secretary:** Jennifer Latzke presented report

**Treasurer:** Judy Barten went over Treasurer's Report

**Pastor's Report:**

Work Summary 2/3/25-3/2/25

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

**Administration Meetings-** 1 Church Council

**Pastoral Care-**11 Phone Visits,4 Home Visits, 5 Hospital Visits, 1 In Person Visit, 2 Funeral Visitations.

**Other-**4 Confirmation Classes, 4 CrossTalk Local meetings, 1 Church Movie Night, 3 Volunteer Reading Session at Rural Center (Berenstain Bears and the Substitute Teacher, Fortunately,) 1 Valentine's Day Dinner, Shopping for dinner, picked up grill

Vacation Days: This month:0, YTD:0, Professional Development Days: This month:0, YTD: 4 (from January)

Mileage: 392

**Elders:** 42 people took communion 3/2/25, Brittain Stites will preach March 16th

**Deacons:** No report

**Trustees:** No report

**Old Business:**

Men's restroom. Michael Davidson told Drew that he would get a hold of him when he comes out.

Pam O'Neal went over 2025 committees. Noted we need one more person to serve on the hospitality committee.

Valentine's Dinner Review: 56 meals were served.

**New Business:**

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

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch March 30<sup>th</sup>: Randy and Judy Barten will make biscuits and gravy; church will be in the parish hall that Sunday

Church Spring Cleaning: late April or May would be the earliest

Lawn Mowing: Drew Snitker will get signup sheet ready

Discussed Graduation Recognition

Bible School dates May 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>?

A Quartet contacted the church to see if we wanted them to come sing on any given Sunday. Discussed possibly doing it on a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch

**Announcements****Upcoming Events**

March 9<sup>th</sup>- Daylight Savings Time

March 9<sup>th</sup>- Church Movie Night

March 25<sup>th</sup>- Echo Articles Due

April 6<sup>th</sup>- Communion

April 7<sup>th</sup> Church Council

Adjourned at 7:40 pm by President Pam O'Neal

Lord's Prayer was said in Unison

Jen Reiff, secretary

## VALENTINES STEAK DINNER

What a wonderful Valentines steak dinner we got to enjoy! Thanks to the Church Council for planning it, the men who grilled the steaks, the ones that prepared the food, the ones that furnished delicious desserts and those who decorated the Parish Hall. We also want to thank those that delivered the meals to those of us who were unable to get out. We want to sincerely thank all of you who made it possible. May God bless you.

Carolyn Beetch

Seth and Judy Lauer

Naoma Foltz

Marvel Meuli

Jane Haney

Clarine Robson

Thank you so much, my dear New Basel Family, for all your thoughts, prayers, and cards after my father's passing. I appreciated it so much during this difficult time. God

Bless You All!

Love, Holly



Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost for as dark the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled and may wonderful blessings be upon you and all your loved ones on this very special day. Happy Easter.



Maxine Kauffman

Naoma Foltz

Jane Haney

Judy Lauer

Tony Herman

Kelly Schrader

Clema Anderson

## APRIL INFORMATION

Happy Birthday

1 <sup>st</sup> Jan McAdams	21 <sup>st</sup> Nicole Shrack
4 <sup>th</sup> Judy Lauer	Janessa Latzke
7 <sup>th</sup> Larissa Cromwell	22 <sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Haynes
8 <sup>th</sup> Michelle Meyer	Katie Haynes
Gabe Barten	25 <sup>th</sup> Andrea Koster
11 <sup>th</sup> Devin Kamm	Mitch Cromwell
19 <sup>th</sup> Angela Bonnema	27 <sup>th</sup> Sam Shrack
	29 <sup>th</sup> Mark Bethe

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

Church Movie Night

Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

*Singing In The Rain*

starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, and Donald O'Connor.

### **Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers for April**

	<u><b>Greeters</b></u>	<u><b>Acolytes</b></u>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	Austin & Jessica Murphy	Scarlett Murphy
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Kevin & Stacy Smiley	Sterling Bonnema
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Loren & Linda Barten	Farrah Rothchild
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	Larry & Janis Haugh	Devin Kamm

April Usher: Austin Murphy

Thank you to Kenny Chamberlin for being the March



### **Joint Maundy Thursday Worship**

New Basel has been blessed in many ways, including the unique and warm relationship with area churches. Each year, we are grateful for the opportunity to worship God for his faithfulness alongside people from Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian and Ebenezer Baptist Churches. This year's joint service will be held at Mt. Pleasant Church at 7pm, so please make plans accordingly and support the relationship between these three churches, while contemplating anew the staggering truth of God's love toward humankind.