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New Basel Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Weren't there, like, lots of sick people around when Jesus came to Earth?

When Jesus was alive and walking around Judea those last three years of his life, he was a very busy guy. The Bible clearly tells us that he liked to teach, and he taught all kinds of people in all kinds of places. The Sermon On The Mount, for example, was a special event which saw Jesus teaching a large group at once. He would frequently teach people in less formal ways as well, like while walking down the road with his disciples (Mark 10:17ff), or when confronted by Pharisees when coming out of a grain field (Matthew 12:1ff). These were more spur of the moment type encounters. He taught directly, as he did with Nicodemus in John 3, and he taught indirectly with parables, as he did in Luke 10 with the story of the Good Samaritan.

Besides teaching, Jesus also performed lots of miracles. Depending on how you look at things, the Gospels and Acts record that he performed somewhere between 30 and 40 miracles, ranging from changing water into wine to healing the blind to walking on water to casting out demons to rising from the dead.

Clearly, Jesus was willing to teach anyone he could, and in all kinds of situations. But surely, there were more people in need of a miracle than people that actually received a miracle. The Bible tells us that Jesus raised three people from the dead (daughter of Jairus the Priest, son of Widow of Nain, and Lazarus.) Surely more people died in that three-year span than that!

More people wanted Jesus to bring their loved ones back! How are we supposed to understand this?

It occurs to me, that Jesus' teachings and Jesus' miracles should not really be thought of as two separate efforts. What I mean is this: Jesus helped lots of people, but in every instance, there was a larger message being sent. His miracles were not just disconnected displays of power, and they were not just favors for people he liked more than everyone else. There was a point to them. Each was intended to show us something about Him. Each miracle was specifically intended to teach us a truth about God.

When thought of in this manner, it seems that miracles are more of a teaching aid, sort of an A/V demonstration in living color. The people that observed Jesus cast out a demon at the beginning of the Gospel of Mark seemed to catch the significance:

"They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.'"
Mark 1:27

What this means for us is that we should not focus on the miracles themselves so much, but try to understand what it was that Jesus was trying to teach us.

Keep reading your Bibles, and see what God wants to teach you!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council

Monday May 5th, 2025

Called to order at 7:03pm by President Pam O'Neal

Present

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

Deacons: Judy Barten, Jennifer Latzke, and Francis Anderson

Trustees: Drew Snitker

Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion

M/S/C to approve April minutes

Communications:

Thank you notes from Blake Murphy and Austin Smiley for their confirmation bible and cross.

Reports

Financial Secretary: Jennifer Latzke presented report

Treasurer's Report: Judy Barten presented report.

Pastor's Report: Work summary for 4/7/25-5/4/25

Worship-Preached and/or led Sunday Worship 4 times, 1 Maundy Thursday

Administration Meetings: 1 Church Council, Celebration Quartet (2)

Pastoral Care- 8 Phone Visits, 6 Home Visits, 8 Hospital Visits, and 1 Pastoral Visit

Other- 2 Confirmation Classes, 4 Cross Talk Local meetings, 1 Church Movie Night, 3

Volunteer Reading Session at Rural Center.

Vacation Days This Month:0, YTD:5 Professional Development Days: This month 0, YTD:4

Mileage 221

Elders: Chris Bethe reported 89 took Communion Easter Sunday

Deacons: Judy Barten discussed planning a" mission moment "in church. Judy reached out to the Irish Den, and they responded with a newsletter updating us on their recent activities. We will choose a Sunday soon to share this update with the congregation to highlight the work being done at the Irish Den.

Trustees: Drew Snitker gave us a report

*Alarm System: reported that the alarm system is in the process of being transferred from

Dickinson County Emergency Communications to Homman Electric due to AT&T not supporting copper-based phone lines in early 2026.

*Upstairs Bathroom: All work is complete except the bathroom floor.

*Downstairs Bathroom: New lights have been purchased for the downstairs bathroom

*Landscaping: Pastor Jamie did some landscaping at his place

Old Business:

Spring Cleaning will wait until after Bible School

The parish Hall Lights project has been placed on hold for now.

Bible School is on track for 5/27-5/31

Discussed Church Camp

Benevolence report” Mission Moment” to the Congregation will be given May 18th

Bulletins- Pastor Jamie looked at what it would look like for us to get the capability to print our own bulletins or keep what we have.

New Business:

It was M/S/C to approve bills

Chris Bethe reported that Riley Hunnicutt was the only one that applied for a scholarship He stated scholarship committee discussed raising amount from \$500-\$1000

Pastor Jamie showed us a painting that was in Cecil Shrader’s house of New Basel. Lon Shrader donated it to the congregation.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

May 11th - Mother's Day

May 25th - Echo Articles Due

May 27th - Bible School Begins

June 1st Communion

June 2nd Church Council

June 29th - Church Picnic at New Basel in the Parish Hall after service

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm

The Lord’s Prayer was said in Unison

Jen Reiff, secretary



Thank you to all that volunteered their time and
contributed to make Vacation Bible School 2025 a success!!
There were 56 kids in attendance.



VBS at New Basel 2025

Thank you to the Scholarship
Committee for granting me a
scholarship to support my continued
education at Kansas State University. I
truly appreciate the congregation's
generous support and well wishes.

Riley Hunnicutt

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.



Maxine Kauffman
Naoma Foltz
Jane Haney
Judy Lauer

Tony Herman
Kelly Schrader
Clema Anderson

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

10th Owen Cromwell
 14th Nathan Kamm
 15th Bo Rothchild
 Ron Shouse
 20th Doug Pryor
 29th Tony Herman



ANNIVERSERIES

7th Bill and Carolyn Graves
 10th Bobby Greenwood & Judith Stevens
 11th Kevin & Stacy Smiley
 14th Duane & Ila Beemer

Upcoming July Birthdays

5th Diane Loftness 6th Sara Hunnicutt
 Deborah Lathan 8th Justin Meyer

Movie Night

June 8th at 5pm

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

**Happy
 Father's
 Day!**

"THE RIGHTEOUS MAN
 WALKS IN HIS INTEGRITY;
 HIS CHILDREN ARE
 BLESSED AFTER HIM."
 -PROVERBS 20:7

Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers for June

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
1st	Kenny & Janet Chamberlin	Jace Latzke
8th	Gordon & Sara Hunnicutt	Janessa Latzke
15th	Brady & Marissa Moddlemog	Sterling Bonnema
22nd	Randy & Judy Barten	Devin Kamm
29th	Larry & Janis Haugh	Janessa Latzke

June Usher: Kevin Smiley

Thank you to Drew Snitker for being the May Usher.

Church Picnic

Sunday June 29th

After Church Service in the Parish Hall

Brisket will be provided. Please bring a side dish or
 dessert to share.

