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New Basel Newsletter

MARCH 2026

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever been snorkeling? If you have, you know it is a lot of fun. If you haven't, let me tell you: it's a lot of fun and you should try it. But it turns out there are a couple of rules you need to know.

One: be careful if you have a mustache. That little rubber seal is made to sit directly on skin, and a mustache interferes with proper contact. You don't have to shave it off, but you may have to put Vaseline or something on it to keep from leaking.

Two: Don't inhale through your nose. With a really good seal, if you inhale through your nose you will suck your own eyeballs out. Not really, but the mental image is pretty descriptive of how it feels!

Three: Don't inhale under water. This sounds pretty obvious, but it's harder than you might think. The tricky thing is that when you are face down on the surface of the water, it is pretty easy for passing waves to cover your snorkel intermittently. It takes a little time to figure this out.

Four: Don't just know these rules while sitting on the beach. You actually have to obey them.

Christianity is like that. Christianity is not supposed to be the sort of knowledge that has no effect on our lives.

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul told a struggling church that he was praying for them, specifically that they would increase in the knowledge of God and God's will for their lives. The reason he did so, according to chapter 1 verse 10, was "so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every

good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God."

As Christians, we are supposed to pray, as Paul showed. As Christians, we are supposed to come to church. As Christians, we are supposed to learn about God. And according to this verse, we are supposed to lead lives worthy of the Lord and have some sort of good work associated with us.

When I was in high school, I took an AP Calculus course. It was pretty hard, and during one study hall, I asked one of the teachers there, an algebra teacher, for help. After looking at the problem for a moment or two, he sheepishly apologized and said that he couldn't remember how to do Calculus anymore. I was floored! He then said something that was a new thought for me at the time: Calculus was one of those things that if you don't use it, you forget.

He learned Calculus, but since he didn't practice it, that skill was lost.

Reading your bible, praying, and coming to church are all worthwhile, even vital, activities. But these are not just ends in themselves. They help us to "endure everything" (v11), "give thanks to the Father" (v12), and to recognize how he has "rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son" (v13). And like Calculus, it needs to be done frequently in order to keep in practice.

May you also lead a life worthy of the Lord!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council

Monday February 2nd, 2026

Called to order at 7:04pm by President Pam O'Neal

Present

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

Deacons: Francis Anderson and Jennifer Latzke

Trustees: Gary Foltz

Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the January Minutes

Communications: A thank you note was received from Maddox Johnson's family. We also received a letter from St. Judes asking for donations.

Reports

Financial Secretary: Jennifer Latzke gave report

Treasurer's Report: Pam O'Neal presented Judy's report

Pastor's Report: Work summary for 1/5/26- 2/1/26

Worship- Preached and/or led Sunday Worship 4 times, and at Homestead Memory Care

Administration Meetings: 1 Church Council

Pastoral Care- 3 Phone Visits, 3 Home Visits, 1 hospital visit

Other- 1 Movie Night, 1 Cross Talk Local meetings, 4 Cross Talk Global meetings, 3 Volunteer Reading at Rural Center, 10-33 Debrief, Men's Encounter

.Vacation Days This Month: 0, YTD: 0

Professional Development Days: This month 4 (CrossTalk Global, Men's Encounter)

YTD: 4 Mileage: 58

Elders: Chris Bethe reported 33 took communion on February 1st

Deacons: Jennifer Latzke reported volunteers from the congregation served 100 people at the Irish Den last on January 14th. A meal of chili was served, left over chili was sent to the Clover Pantry in Chapman.

Trustees: Gary Foltz reported they are still plugging away in the basement. Classrooms are basically ready to paint. The lights are working.

Old Business:

Repairs/Parsonage(faucet)

New Business:

It was M/S/C to approve bills

Vacation Bible School Curriculum has been ordered. Dates of VBS are 5/26-5/30

Pastor Jamie discussed women's encounter coming up in March and we discussed the church would cover the cost for ladies wanting to go. Dates are 3/20-3/22 at Webster Conference Center in Salina, KS

Announcements

Upcoming Events

Feb. 8th- Super bowl watch party 5 pm Church Lounge

Feb. 15th- Sunday School Bake Sale Fundraiser

Feb. 15th- Rescheduled Annual Meeting and Lunch

Feb. 25th Echo Articles due

March 1st Communion

March 2nd Church Council

March 8th – Day Light Savings

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison

Jen Reiff, Acting Secretary

Please Pray For.....

Naoma Foltz

Judy Lauer

Kelly Schrader

Tony Herman

Bobby Greenwood & Judith Stevenson

Rachel Prichard

MARCH INFORMATION



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| 2 nd Carolyn Graves | 14 th Gregg Beemer |
| 3 rd Marvel Meuli | 18 th Savannah Smiley |
| 5 th Clayton Gfeller | 22 nd Jace Latzke |
| 6 th Keenan Reiff | 23 rd Lincoln Gantenbein |
| 7 th Pastor Jamie | 24 th Kevin Smiley |
| 12 th Wyatt Hunnicutt | Duane Beemer |
| | 31 st Clarine Robson |
| | Naoma Foltz |
| | Marion Kamm |
| | Kenny Gantenbein |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14th Adam & Alyssa Gantenbein
 20th Mitch & Kara Cromwell

Upcoming April Birthdays

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| 1 st Jan McAdams | 7 th Larissa Cromwell |
| 3 rd Katie Kamm | 8 th Gabe Barten |
| 4 th Judy Lauer | Michelle Meyer |



Congratulations to Adam and Alyssa Gantenbein, who along with Lincoln and Owen, welcomed home Dalen Greigh, born January 23, 2026.



Greeters, Acolytes and Usher for March

Greeters

Acolytes

1 st	Greg & Jolene Beemer	Axie and Stetson Shrack
8 th	Gary & Deb Foltz	Janessa Latzke
15 th	Ron & Margaret Shouse	Tinley Moddlemog and Savannah Smiley
22 nd	Drew & Lindsey Snitker	Sterling Bonnema
29 th	5 th Sunday Breakfast	
Usher: Kenny Chamberlin		

Thank you to Mitch Cromwell for being the February Usher

The 2026 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 and click on News tab.

Please see attached Easter Lily form due March 15th

