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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I love Spring. I love the flowers, and how much of the color green there seems to be all around us. It's so much nicer than the monotonous browns we see all winter. We are reminded of the beauty of new beginnings, and of the splendor of new life. We are reminded of the precious presence of God. I am also reminded of the importance of remembering the many blessings that God pours out on us each and every day.

It seems to me that as humans, our nature is to overlook or forget the things that God does for us. Some are the common everyday blessings we experience every day, like the presence of our families and church, and even the color green. Some blessings are more momentous, life-changing blessings, which occur more infrequently. We sometimes take for granted the presence of God in our lives.

The danger here is that we can grow so accustomed, so used to the blessings of God that we can't see God's presence in times of despair. I think it is important to intentionally remember. Please take a moment to read Joshua 4:1-7. This passage takes place as the Israelites cross the river Jordan and enter the Promised Land, and they are told to build a memorial. Building memorials is an important thing in our spiritual lives as well, not only because it reminds us of the things the Lord has done for us,

but it also teaches our children and those around us of God's providence.

We need to find ways to remind ourselves of God's involvement in our lives, whether that be in sharing our stories with family or friends or writing them down in a journal, or building monuments. One of my greatest regrets in the months following a motorcycle accident is that I didn't write down all the times I felt or saw the presence of God as he took care of me when I couldn't. At the time, I thought I would never forget. I was wrong. Those memories fade with time.

Build memorials to God's blessings to us. By placing things in our lives that remind us of the ways we are blessed, we remind ourselves and teach those around us.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council
Monday, May 4th, 2026

Called to order: 7:08 PM by Jennifer Latzke

Present

Elders:

Chris Bethe, Lynn Kauffman, and Brady Modellmog

Deacons:

Judy Barten, Jennifer Latzke, and Loren Barten

Trustees:

Drew Snitker and Gary Foltz

Devotions: Pastor Jamie opened with a devotion.

Approval of April minutes:

M/S/C to approve the April minutes with one amendment (to approve pastor to have the time to participate in crosstalk global in Nepal) 2 weeks was removed from the motion.

Communications: None

Reports:

Financial Secretary: Drew Snitker gave the report.

Treasurer: Judy Barten gave the report

Pastors Report:

4/6/26-5/3/26

Worship: preached and or led Sunday worship 5 times, and at Homestead Memory Care

Administration meetings: 1 church council meeting

Pastoral care: 1 phone visit, and 8 home visits

Other: 3 crosstalk local meetings, 4 volunteer reading sessions at Rural Center, 1 game night, Gideons International Pastor Appreciation Dinner, 2 work days, and VBS planning

Vacation Days: this month: 0 YTD:1 **Professional Development Days:** this month:0 YTD: 4
Mileage:71

Elders Report: Chris Bethe reported that 38 people took communion on Sunday May 3rd.

Deacons Report: no report

Trustees report: Drew reported that one room in the basement still needs painted.

Old Business: Sterling agreed to trim the yard at the church.

All teaching spots for VBS are filled, but a few people are still needed to help out.

New Business:

It was M/S/C to pay the bills.

It was M/S/C to pay \$200 to each kid who goes to Christian camp this summer.

It was M/S/C to have Brian's Plumbing replace the sinks in the kitchenette, the handicapped restroom, and the Parsonage kitchen.

It was M/S/C to replace the window A/C unit in the office.

Upcoming Events:

Movie night on May 10th

Mother's Day May 10th

Echo articles due May 25th

Church council June 1st

Communion June 7th

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Chris Bethe, Secretary

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.



Naoma Foltz

Judy Lauer

Kelly Schrader

Tony Herman

Rachel Prichard

Bobby Greenwood &

Judith Stevenson

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

Happy Father's Day!



June 14th at 5:00

Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers for June

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
7 th	Kenny & Janet Chamberlin	Jace Latzke
14 th	Gordon & Sara Hunnicutt	Sterling Bonnema
21 st	Tony Herman and Doug Pryor	Janessa Latzke
28 th	Randy & Judy Barten	Farrah Rothchild

June Usher: Drew Snitker

Thank you to Larry Haugh for being the May Usher.



Thank you to all that volunteered their time and contributed to make Vacation Bible School 2026 a success!!

