



Parish Newsletter

**"If we can just communicate,
Together we'll walk thru Heaven's Gate"**



ST. WENDELIN'S - LUXEMBURG, MN *

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NEXT NEWSLETTER

January 30, 2022

DEADLINE for News:

Monday January 24, 2022

**If you can get your items in earlier,
it would appreciated.**

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WANTED

Items for The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium at St. Wendelin School. Our new catechism program is in need of religious items that are in good condition. Grandma's box of treasures? Your Aunt's belongings stored in the attic? Long forgotten items in Grandpa's trunk??? We would love to put those items to good, educational work! Please be aware that duplicate items or those we cannot use will not be returned but passed on to other Atriums in need, no matter where they are used, they will be loved!

Leather or White covered Bible

Risen Christ Crucifix

Small, printed religious artwork – Prayer Cards etc.

Misc. Statues approximately 5 – 9 inches tall

Christ the Good Shepherd

Madonna and Child

The Holy Family

Older baby Jesus, toddler like in Appearance.

And always welcomed are prayers for the students and teachers!

Link to video for more information about The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

<https://youtu.be/hfg9RfBk-fY>

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep."
John 10:11

*Merry
Christmas
& Happy
New
year*

SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

As I look back at 2021, there are many blessings that have made it our ways. One being an amazing staff. Teaching wasn't easy this past year. But their positive attitude and collaboration helped them through it with great success. I am grateful for my support team, Pat and Karen. They help in more ways than I can say. We have fantastic volunteers who work with our students and in the kitchen. Our generous donors are a true blessing. And, what would we do without Keith? I'm surprised he still answers my phone calls ☺ Soooo many blessings, and I am grateful for them all.

No, looking ahead... Due to illnesses throughout our building, we postponed our Christmas program until Jan. 13th. We will have a 9:30 dress rehearsal and a 6:30 evening show. Both will be held in the church.

SPREAD THE WORD: We are having an open house on Wednesday, Jan 12th from 5:30pm – 7:00pm for perspective new families. Contact school for more information.

I am excited to see what 2022 will bring. The atrium is ready to bring our students over. I can't wait for them to experience all there is to learn about Jesus and the bible.

The halls are quiet, but not for long. We will be back in session Jan. 4th. Have a wonderful start to 2022.

Lynn Rasmussen – Principal



ENVISION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

December 7, 2021

Attendance

Members present: Jeanne Lommel, Kathy Watrin, Virginia Meyer, John Honer, Tracy Dombrovski, and Nick Lieser

Members absent: Kevin Kieke, Steve Torborg, Joe Bartell

Open Prayer

Led by John Honer

Mission Statement

Discussion on what should be in our Envision Committee Mission Statement. Jeanne presented a draft mission statement. This will help define the goals of this committee.

Our goals may focus around preservation of our parish and assets for any future event that may happen. Creating instructions for the future which can be part of our parochial statutes. Father Crane created these for St. Mary Help of Christians, and we will consider doing something similar.

Closing Prayer

Led by John Honer

Next meeting

February 1, 2022, 7:00 p.m. at St. Wendelin School Library

Minutes submitted by **Nick Lieser**



PRESCHOOL NEWS

NO REPORT WAS GIVEN

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have been experiencing such a wonderful Advent season! For the last three weeks, we have gathered as a school community for Advent prayer services. In our classroom, we have been learning several Advent songs, listening to scripture daily, and doing daily activities to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. It's almost hard to describe how amazing it is to spend every day of Advent in a faith filled environment...what a blessing for our students and all who are a part of our special community! Lots of time and effort has been put into preparing the children for our Christmas program, and I can't wait to see the performance!

Mrs. Matchinsky

1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWS

We have been busy preparing for Christmas! We started the month of December learning about Advent. We learned about saints such as St. Elizabeth and St. John the Baptist! We learned that we must prepare the way! We made candy cane tree ornaments as Christmas gifts for our families! We know they are going to love them!

We are excited to start 2022 with a bang! When we come back in 2022 we are going to prepare and practice some more for our Christmas program! We hope you come and see all our hard work!

Please keep us in your prayers!

St. Wendelin Grades 1 and 2

Paige M. Becker

3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADE NEWS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Mrs. Meyer's 3rd-5th graders!

This year, we are thinking "Outside the Box" with our Christmas Wish Lists and we have a few students that wanted to take this opportunity to share them with you!

Elizabeth

Something I want: princess Barbie dolls

Something to wear: nightgowns

Something to read: A to Z Mysteries and Nancy Drew

Something to do: watch Princess Diaries 2

Something for my family: make my Christmas hearts

Something I need: regular paints

Rylee

Something I want: karaoke machine

Something I need: leotard

Something to wear: sweatshirt

Something to read: Junie B. Jones

Something to do: play on my trampoline

Something for my family: go outside and walk in the woods

Elenore

Something I want: squares of cloth for sewing

Something I need: leotard

Something to wear: diamond necklace

Something to read: Cupcake Diaries

Something to do: make a snowman

Something for my family: look for deer antlers

Bryn

Something I want: trampoline

Something I need: socks

Something to wear: necklace

Something to read: chapter book with a dog

Something to do: build a snowman

Something for my family: watch a movie

Something to do: go ice fishing

Something for my family: watch a movie

Aiden

Something I want: Wings of Fire books and a dragon sculpture

Something I need: fishing pole, casting reel, six-pound line, silver and gold casting spoon

Something to wear: gloves and snowpants

Something to read: Wings of Fire books

Something to do: build a lego set

Something for my family: go ice fishing

3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADE NEWS

Abigail:

Something I want: trampoline
Something I need: soccer socks
Something to wear: regular socks
Something to read: mystery books
Something to do: build a snowman
Something for my family: play a game

Isabella

Something I want: winter wonderland snow globe
Something I need: warm sweatshirt
Something to wear: fuzzy jacket and soft scarf
Something to read: chapter book of any kind
Something to do: movie night
Something for my family: board game - Checkers

Ava

Something I want: Nintendo and a bearded dragon
Something I need: karate gi and beginner karate belt
Something to wear: sunglasses and jeans
Something to read: Captain Underpants and Wings of Fire graphic novels
Something to do: a ball to play or coloring pencils and Marvel coloring books
Something for my family: build a snowman or snow angels

Trinity

Something I want: camera that has games
Something I need: ukulele stand
Something to wear: snow pants
Something to read: nonfiction or fiction about adventure
Something to do: play Candyland
Something for my family: go sledding

Michael

Something I want: a remote car
Something I need: basketball
Something to wear: blue shoes
Something to read: Dog Man book
Something to do: go on an adventure
Something for my family: look for deer tracks

Brooke

Something I want: guitar
Something I need: new volleyball
Something to wear: a space sweatshirt
Something to read: a new comic book
Something to do: go ice fishing
Something for my family: watch a movie

Carter

Something I want: a dart board and a hot tub
Something I need: brand new baseball gloves
Something to wear: sweatpants
Something to read: Dog Man books
Something to do: go to the movie theater to see Sing 2
Something for my family: watch the movie Encanto on Disney+

Tenley

Something I want: fabric, art, and crafts
Something I need: snowpants
Something to wear: camouflage heated vest
Something to read: comic books
Something to do: snow cone maker
Something for my family: road trip car game

Leo

Something I want: a black lab
Something I need: soccer ball
Something to wear: tennis shoes
Something to read: an adventure book
Something to do: play on my Wii game
Something for my family: watch a funny movie

Landon

Something I want: a Nintendo Switch
Something I need: two soccer nets
Something to wear: new pj's
Something to read: Brian's Hunt
Something to do: hunt for squirrels
Something for my family: a new board game

Mrs. Meyer

Something I want: fancy coffee
Something I need: curtains
Something to wear: winter gloves
Something to read: a good book for Catholic working mothers
Something to do: try snowmobiling this winter
Something for my family: enjoy a walk-around light show

Have a joyous Christmas season!

Mrs. Meyer

MINUTES FROM ST. ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MEETING

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, December 14th, at Mary Hall with 15 members present. The evening began at 6:30 p.m. with the group enjoying fellowship and refreshments while sharing a light evening meal. Membership filled a table with numerous baby items for Elevate Pregnancy Center (formerly Birthline) and personal care items for Place of Hope. They also surprised Char with a cake and song in acknowledgment of a milestone birthday she'll celebrate soon.

Following this, treasurer, Jean Schabel, (in absence of President Pat Salzbrun) opened the business meeting at 7:05 p.m. with an opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the November 9th meeting were approved as read. Also approved was the treasurer's report showing a checking balance of \$5,468.34 and savings balance of \$2,439.18 for a total of \$7,907.52.

Old Business:

November Breakfast... was highly successful with a total profit of \$4,264.84, our best ever, broken down as follows: Breakfast, \$1,227.09; Raffle, \$2,128.00; Bake Sale \$466.75; Craft Sale, \$353.00 and separate quilt raffle, \$90.00. Attendance was 220 (204 adults and 16 youth). Some of our increased profits likely resulted from the fact that we raised our adult breakfast price from \$8.00 to \$10.00 and raffle chance books were 20 per book. All in all, the breakfast went very well!

Purchase of Teflon Pans and Spatulas for Kitchen... as approved at our November meeting has been completed at a cost of \$56.76 (per word from Pat Salzbrun) with the pans already in use.

Lenten Chaplets... Supplies for making Father Statz's rosary chaplets are on hand. Pat will contact those who had shown interest as to when they'll get together to make them. Chaplets are to be ready for Lent which begins March 2nd.

1st Communion/Confirmation Gifts... As in the past, we'll continue to purchase gifts for our young people as they receive these sacraments. At present, we have 4 people who will receive 1st Communion on March 27th; we have no info yet as to Confirmation. Virginia Meyer will purchase these gift items; she'll be in touch with Char who has done the purchasing in the past.

No Resurrection Party in 2022... as no Mass is scheduled at St. Wendelin's on Holy Saturday, April 16th.

New Business:

Donations... As a result of our very successful breakfast, Treasurer Jean stated we had \$3,000.00 available to spend on donations. Following discussion, a motion was made and approved to donate as follows:

\$1000.00 to our St. Wendelin School

\$200.00 each to Poor Clares, Quiet Oaks Hospice, Pregnancy Resource Center, Anna Marie's Womens' Shelter, our St. Wendelin Quilters, our Faith Formation program for Catechesis of The Good Shepherd Atrium supplies and Jack Massmann, seminarian from SMHOC.

\$50.00 to our school for purchase of Christmas candy. Per membership decision, distribution of remaining funds designated for donation, will be determined at our April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm with closing prayer by Jean. Evening concluded with membership enjoying a light hearted time of seasonal fun and games led by Lisa Lichte and music by Virginia Meyer.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONTINUED.

Thanks to Lisa and Virginia for leading the entertainment; also heartfelt thanks to Jean Schabel for preparing and bringing the food for the evening meal as well as leading the meeting, to Karen Des Autels for decorating and to Micki Schriml for helping with set up and wherever needed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Char Volkmuth, Secretary

KINDNESS CLUB

In the Kindness Club meeting, I asked some members to tell me why they are in the Kindness Club, here are a couple of responses. Trinity says, "I am in Kindness Club because I like to help poor people and being kind is good!" Hope says, "I am in the Kindness Club so I can do things to make others happy."

I asked them why they like being in The Kindness Club too. Here are a few of their responses. Abigail says, "I like being in the club because when we give people in need things, it gives me a special feeling." Rylee says, "I like it because it's fun and we get to make cards for other people." Ava says, "I like it because we get to spread joy, laughter and kindness every Tuesday and Friday." Landon says, "I like the club because we get to make others feel loved and when we send people cards they feel joy."

We are still working hard as a club to learn more ways to be kind and to spread joy. This month we plan on decorating lunch bags or placemats for Meals on Wheels. We hope that the New Year is treating everyone well!

God Bless,

The St. Wendelin's Kindness Club

OUR NEW YEAR PRAYER

*Dear God, we see the end
of another year,*

*Another year of joy and sadness,
work and fun,*

Pleasure and pain, good and bad.

We thank you for all of these, Lord,

*And ask for your continued
blessings upon us.*

*We want to remember all the
people who have died*

*This past year, especially those who
were buried from our parish.*

*Take them into your heavenly care,
Lord, and grant them*

*The eternal peace which you promise to
all our faithful servants.*

*We pray also for those souls which you
will call home in 2022.*

*Give them the help they need
to be spiritually ready.*

*We ask that you guide us
all through the New Year.*

*Show us the way as we take
each step closer to you.*

We thank you, Lord. Amen.

**CHURCH CLEANING
JANUARY 2022
GROUP ONE
8:00 A.M.**

JANUARY 1

Mark & Lori Buettner
Keith & /Erin Lommel
James & Michelle Groinus
Travis & Laura Lund*****
Jim & Tracy Kollman
Greg & Doreen Mackedanz
Ron & Cheri Kraemer
Lisa Mullen

JANUARY 8

Ron & Jeanette Greener
Henry & Pam Hayenga
Scott & Rochelle Mercer
Mary Neidermeier
Doug & Jessie Schmitt
Gene & Jane Szczech
Lee & Julie Wenz*****

JANUARY 15

Vic & Ann Eldred*****
Jenna Mackadanz
John & Lisa Rist
Robert & Jane Stang
Ron & Holly Symanietz
Kevin & Mary Vanderwerf
Jason Wurst
Gary & Cindy Zwilling

**Anyone who stops learning is old,
whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone
who keeps learning stays young. The
greatest thing in life is to keep your
mind young.**

JANUARY 22

Phillip & Robin Bautch
Kelly & Shannon Heisick
Roger & Terri Jochim
Mike & Joan Schlangen
John & Bernice Stang
John & Terese VanderEyck
Jodi Warzecka
Patrick & Stacey Watrin*****
Brian & Victoria Weisen
Richard Wilson & Amanda Eisenhoefer

JANUARY 29

Al & Mary Bloch*****
Randy & Brenda Dingmann
Robert & Judy Fandel
Joe & Sandy Harren
Joe & Jeanie Harren
Keith Koltes
Jim & Julie Nistler
Jeffrey & Nicole Schmitz

If you have ***** by your name, PLEASE call
the other people to remind them to assist in
the cleaning of God's House. If you are
unable to work, please find your own
replacement. Thank You!!!

**DO NOT WAIT; THE TIME WILL
NEVER BE "JUST RIGHT". START
WHERE YOU STAND, AND WORK
WITH WHATEVER TOOLS YOU MAY
HAVE AT YOUR COMMAND, AND
BETTER TOOLS WILL BE FOUND AS
YOU GO ALONG.**

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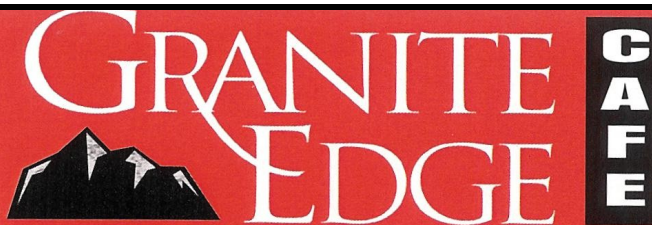
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