



Parish Newsletter

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



ST. WENDELIN'S - LUXEMBURG, MN *

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Nothing can stop a person with the
right mental attitude from achieving their goal.

Give and give again.
Keep hoping, keep trying, keep giving!
People who give will never be poor.

The most fulfilled people are those who get
up every morning and stand for
something larger than themselves.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

February 27, 2022

DEADLINE for News:

Monday February 21, 2022

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

Get your articles to Sheila Albers

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"THANK YOU" GROUP 5

A big THANK YOU to Group 5 members who
sent in their donations for our parish
fundraiser in place of the breakfast for
January! Our group made \$2,950.00!
We have been so fortunate to work with such
wonderful people!

The lucky winners of the four Cash Wise/
Coborn's gift cards are:

Delores Heid

John & Linda Kaiser

Dennis & Terri Gill

Leon & Janet Kieke

Thank you again and wishing you all a
healthy and safe 2022!

**Barry & Patti Brix
Bob & Jeanie Massmann**

FESTIVAL NEWS

We are still in need of chairpersons and
co-chairs. All duties are well documented
including timeline. This would be a fun
opportunity for a few couples to work on
together.

Planning meeting is set for Tuesday, April
19th in the school library.

All chairs are asked to attend. Bring updated
workers lists, items/requests you may need
etc.

Contact Tracy or Charlie Dombrovski if
interested. 320-255-9354

Thank You...

St. Wendelin Parish Council

THANK YOU

From the Family of Lloyd Lommel:

Thank you seems like such a small thing to say for all the love, kindness and support we have received. We have so much to be thankful for starting with the numerous prayers and thoughts for Lloyd as he underwent heart surgery and then fell ill due to complications. We are thankful for Father Ron Weyrens as he officiated the funeral. He took our loss and made it beautiful with his words. To Norb Fischer for serving at the funeral, we thank you, as we know Lloyd was an old friend of yours, it meant a great deal to us. To Mary Neidimeyer and the St Wendelin's choir, thank you for sharing your musical talents that enhanced the service and made our goodbye special. To Fred Walz, thank you for helping Carter, Savannah, and Brynn prepare for their readings. To the pallbearers, his nieces and nephews that guided Lloyd to his final resting place; Sandy Weber, Keith Lommel, Mike Lommel, Heather Gohman, Susan Lahr, and Ryan Koshiol, we thank you. To Mike Ritzer and Dale Tschida, for your time on getting the burial site prepared. We appreciate all the work and effort that it took to be ready. To the Military men that provided the Military Honor Guard service, we are so grateful for your service to our country and for the touching farewell moment you provided for us. To the many who cooked, served, set up and took down tables and chairs we thank you for your time and help in providing nourishment and manpower in these moments. To Pat Salzbrun for overseeing the kitchen and Judy Walters for ordering the food for the meal, we thank you both for your efforts and constant reliability to this parish and community. To the Hayloft Staff, thank you for opening your doors for us to have a place to share memories and stories of Lloyd.

As Father Ron used the phrase in his homily that Lloyd would ask his kids in their younger years, "Verstehst du?" Which translates, "Do you understand?" We as a family ask you, this parish and community, do you understand how much your prayers, love, support, and kindness have meant to us during this difficult time? We hope you do. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for all the prayers, cards, flowers, food, and compassion that has been shared with us over this difficult time.

Thank you!

The Family of Lloyd:

Cheryl

Michele & Keith Walklin

Kevin & Cyntia

Nate & Sara

A.J., Maddi, Raegan

Carter, Keegan, Savannah

Brooklyn, Brynn



Minutes of the
St. Wendelin's Parish Council Meeting
January 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
St. Wendelin's School Library

Members Present: Father Matthew Crane, Tracy Dombrowski, Dan Greenwald, Keith Koltes, Char Volkmuth

Members Absent: Kathy Watrin. **Trustees Absent:** Erin Lommel, Joe Watrin

Guests Present: None

I. Opening Prayer

Father Matthew led the opening prayer to begin the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded and passed.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Finance

No Finance report was presented for this meeting.

B. Faith Formation

It was reported that the Faith Formation Program is going along very well. A diocese mask mandate is starting at this time, which includes our Faith Formation program. There was some discussion about having an additional program for adults.

C. Holy Saints ACC

It was reported that all five parishes are progressing well with the Pastoral Council. St. Wendelin's Parish Council will continue for approximately one year as needed. The St. Wendelin's Finance Committee, along with sub-committees, will handle operational functions including building, property, and finances of our parish. The ACC Pastoral Council will handle ministry. The ACC Pastoral Council will hold a by-laws approval vote on January 25, 2022 and will be in effect at the next Pastoral Council meeting.

D. Catholic Community Schools (CCS)

Catholic Schools Week is coming up. It is a chance to promote our school.

E. Maintenance

Keith Koltes distributed the current maintenance projects and gave the following update:

- ❖ Snow Removal - Troy Thompson of PLM will be doing it again this year.
- ❖ Snow Shoveler - Keith is taking care of this for the time being. The new snowblower is working good.
- ❖ Snow Shoveler Backup - Steve Brang has agreed to do this if Keith is unavailable.

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- ❖ **Church Interior Painting** - Keith is leading effort to get bids. Keith looking into finding a good lift that will greatly ease the effort and allow us to easier find painters. He has located one nice lift that should work. A couple bids are expected to come in soon.
- ❖ **Person to mow, weed whip church/school grounds** - There are a couple people interested in this.
- ❖ **Break-in at school** - Recent break-in resulted a broken windows and petty cash loss. This is not the first break-in. We are currently getting bids for a security system. Keith may also contact SMHOC School regarding their security system as they have also had at least one break-in in the past.
- ❖ **Tuck Pointing in church basement and rectory basement** - Looking for ideas on what to do with this. In both buildings, the mortar between stones is in very poor condition. Keith will attempt to fix this himself and see how that goes.
- ❖ **Insulate Parish House Attic** - Very little insulation exists in parish house attic. R30 or R49 options. It was suggested to go with the better R49 since the cost is under \$300 more. Keith has consulted Bob Massmann about this. Father Crane has tentatively approved this work if it comes in at the projected ~\$1500 cost.

F. Envisioning Our Future Committee

Tracy distributed the minutes of the last Envisioning Our Future Committee. These minutes were also submitted to the parish newsletter. Father Crane agreed that the preservation of our parish and assets for any future event that may happen is at least one of the goals for this committee. This also will help guide future leaders.

V. Old Business

A. Festival Business (Past and Future)

We continue to look for ways to lead our festival as there currently is no chairperson and co-chair. Certain items like gambling and beer license need to be started now. Tracy will contact John Ludwig to get information to get the licenses.

B. Parish Group Leaders

Discussion about possibly reducing the number of groups from 5 to 4. Tracy will contact Judy Walters and set up a meeting regarding this.

VI. New Business

A. No new business

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2022 (7:00 pm) at St. Wendelin's.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

IX. Closing Prayer

Father Crane closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Lieser, Acting Recording Secretary

SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope 2022 has started off well for everyone. We started the year sharing our postponed Christmas program. Boy, can our students sing!!! It was nice sharing our program after Christmas. I've always felt the Christmas season was too short. Thank you, Ms. Molitor and our classroom teachers, for all your work preparing our students for the program.

We kicked off the Catholic United Financial raffle this month too. Tickets are \$5 a piece, and all money raised stays right here in our school. Prizes this year include: a 2022 Ford Escape OR \$20,000, a \$5,000 dream vacation, 4K Smart TW's, Traeger Pro Series grills, Smokeless fire pits, and more. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 on the raffle. We have eager students ready to sell you your chances. I have tickets in the office as well. Please help us make our goal. Their reward is a trip to the bowling alley...Doesn't that sound like fun???

We had our first meeting to start planning our dinner auction that will take place on Saturday, April 23rd. Mark your calendar. It's going to be a fun night. We are looking for silent and live auction items for the event. Let the office know if you have anything you would like to donate for the auction.

This week is Catholic Schools' Week. We will celebrate our wonderful school with fun activities during the week. You will have to wait until next month to hear about that. Until then, stay warm, safe, and happy for God loves you!!!

Blessing,
Lynn Rasmussen

PRESCHOOL NEWS

BRRRR! The preschoolers think this January has been a cold month. We have been staying warm with extra play time in our cherished playroom since it is too cold to go outside.

This month the kiddos have been enjoying discovering new Montessori work. They have learned how to lock & unlock various locks with keys, explored magnets by discovering what is magnetic in our classroom and what is not, and finally they are expanding their number knowledge with puzzles and counting. I also have quite a few students mastering letter sounds resulting in them learning to read 3 letter words. I couldn't be more proud of them!

Stay tuned for February's newsletter to discover more of what we are learning.

Rebecca Linscheid

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We spent a lot of time preparing for the Christmas program after we returned from our Christmas break. All the hard work and time was worth it as the performances were amazing! When I really ponder all the valuable gifts and skills children learn from the experience of preparing for and putting on a show like this, it is a very long list....memorizing lines and lyrics, listening to directions, speaking and singing in front of a large audience, having self control and practicing patience, the list goes on! I think it's such a special blessing that the students here at St. Wendelin's have this unique opportunity. I truly believe the children here understand the concept of keeping Christ in Christmas.

We have been praying for Father Erik as he prepares to leave for his adventure in Africa, and I have used this to do some geography and cultural studies of Africa. Please join us in keeping Father Erik in your prayers for the next month. My students are busy getting some questions ready for him for when he returns!

Mrs. Matchinsky

1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWS

We are getting ready to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week! We have many fun activities planned including dress up days, Bingo, and writing reports explaining why we love our school!

We are working hard in class to master fractions!

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers!

Thank you to all that give us the gift of time and money! We appreciate you!

From the 1st and 2nd graders

3, 4, & 5TH GRADE NEWS

We are back into the swing of things after our relaxing Christmas break and days off due to inclement weather.

In math, we have students starting their long division practice while others work hard at memorizing their basic multiplication and division facts.

In language arts, we will be working on our Catholic Schools Week projects - "Why I love my Catholic School" essay and Vocations posters.

In science, we are preparing for our Stearns Electric virtual presentation coming up at the end of this month

Here are a few Christmas lists from December, enjoy!

Hope:

Something I want: clip-on earrings and a sewing kit

Something I need: nice church shoes

Something to wear: a scarf

Something to read: Disney chapter books

Something to do: build a snowman

Something for my family: put the ornaments on the Christmas tree

Isaac:

Something I want: a Rubiks cube

Something I need: the gift of God

Something to wear: a shirt

Something to read: the book I am writing, "The Story of a Dog"

Something to do: play with my brothers

Something for my family: play a board game

Ashley:

Something I want: LOL dolls

Something I need: shoes

Something to wear: pair of pants

Something to read: Phoebe and Her Unicorn

Something to do: read

Something for my family: play games and watch a movie

Warm wishes from St. Wendelin's 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders!

Liz Meyer

KINDNESS CLUB

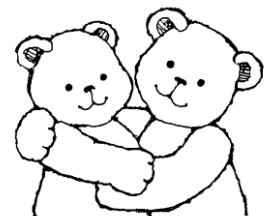
This month in the Kindness Club, we will be continuing to make cards for The Meals on Wheels Program, since we had missed a few kindness club meetings last month. We have enjoyed making these cards and spreading more joy across our community.

We will be focusing on the concept of integrity. We will dig deeper into the importance of being honest and having strong moral principles.

Hope everyone has a happy February!

Blessings,

The St. Wendelin's Kindness Club Kids



**CHURCH CLEANING
FEBRUARY 2022
GROUP 2
8:30 A.M.**

***** reminder calls

FEBRUARY 5

Janet Albers
Ben Lehn ^{***}
Karen Kuschel
Jane Henkel

FEBRUARY 12

Kay Kortlever^{***}
Carol Loch
Phyllis Schmidt
Jeannie Kimmel

FEBRUARY 19

Char Volkmuth
Lori Albers ^{***}
Kelly Knier
Joan Bechtold
Sue Tschida

FEBRUARY 26

Marlene Ergen
Mildred Brunn ^{***}
Clara Witte
Sue Hiemenz
Rose Philippi

If you have ***** by your name please call the others in your group to remind them to help clean. If you cannot clean please find a replacement. Thank You!!!

If you have an hour,
Will you not improve that hour,
Instead of idling it away?

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

LEMON CURD CHEESECAKE

1-3/4 cups crushed vanilla wafers (about 55 wafers)
1/4 cup butter, melted
3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1 cup sour cream
2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3 large eggs, room temperature, lightly beaten

LEMON CURD

1/2 cup sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
6 tablespoons lemon juice
1 large egg
1 large egg yolk
2 tablespoons butter, cubed
Lemon zest strips, optional

Preheat oven to 325°. Place a greased 9-in. springform pan on a double thickness of heavy-duty foil (about 18 in. square). Wrap securely around pan.

In a small bowl, mix crushed wafers and melted butter. Press onto the bottom and 3/4 in. up sides of prepared pan. Bake 8 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, sour cream and sugar until smooth. Beat in lemon zest and juice. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until blended. Pour into crust. Place springform pan in a larger baking pan; add 1 in. of hot water to larger pan.

Bake until center is just set and top appears dull, 1 to 1-1/4 hours. Remove springform pan from water bath. Cool cheesecake on a wire rack 10 minutes. Loosen sides from pan with a knife; remove foil. Cool 1 hour longer.

Meanwhile, in a small heavy saucepan, whisk together first 5 curd ingredients. Add butter; cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, until mixture is just thick enough to coat a metal spoon and a thermometer reads at least 170°. Do not allow to boil. Remove immediately to a small bowl; cool completely.

Gently spread curd over cheesecake. Refrigerate overnight, covering when completely cooled. Remove rim from pan. If desired, top with fresh lemon zest strips.

(Use really lemons juice instead of bottled. The flavor is so much better.)

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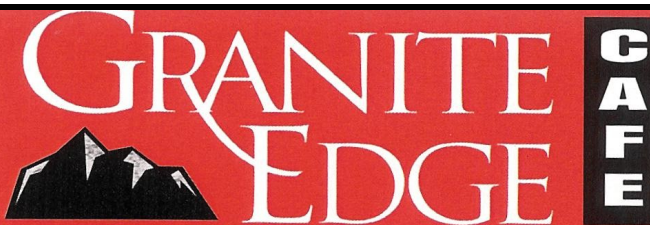
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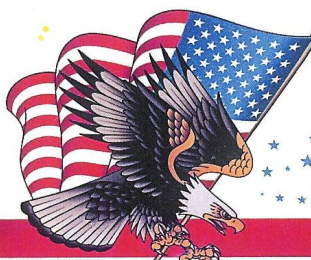
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