



# Parish Newsletter

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



**ST. WENDELIN'S - LUXEMBURG, MN \***

**February 27, 2022 - 625th Edition**

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Your day goes the way  
the corners of your mouth point.

Be a living expression of God's kindness.

If you forgot to start your day with a smile,  
It's not too late to start practicing for tomorrow.

One of the finest virtues is generosity—  
a quality characteristic of a person  
who thinks more highly of others  
than they do of themselves.

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

**March 27, 2022**

**DEADLINE for News:**

**Monday March 21, 2022**

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

**Get your articles to Sheila Albers  
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## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

Give of the three things you have:  
Time, Talent, Treasure.  
Your rewards will be endless!

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



The Season of Lent begins March 2nd.  
Our Opportunity to Focus on Prayer,  
Fasting and Almsgiving.

## **FINANCE COUNCIL**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Finance Council held its meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the School Library at St. Wendelin's in Luxemburg.

The meeting opened with a prayer lead by Jeanne.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** were, Jeanne Lommel, Todd Hurtle, Lisa Lichte, Kelly Knier and Trustees' Erin Lommel and Joe Watrin.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Tracy Dombrovski and Kathy Watrin.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Todd and carried unanimously to approve said agenda with the addition of discussion to members to the council.

### **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The members reviewed the minutes from November meeting. A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Todd and carried unanimously to approve said minutes.

### **UPDATE ON ACC**

Tracy gave us an update on the latest meeting with the ACC Pastoral Council – which consists of two members from each parish to help with our Pastors duties which include items like Faith Formation, Evangelization, etc. The ACC proposes to dissolve the Parish Council and continue with the Finance Council. In the Finance Council there can be subcommittees to help them out. More ideas will be discussed at the next meetings. It is proposed that the Parish Council could dissolve before the end of the year.

### **NEW FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

We will be looking to grow our council and looking for members to join us. The minimum is 4 members but can have up to 7. There is no need for them to have a financial background as we can all work together with our variety of talents. Council members are seeking new members to join.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** The council reviewed all of the Financial report: Summary, Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, etc. We will continue to promote using the interest from the Endowment funds per the bylaws when the need arises. Overall income and profit continue to be lower due to the pandemic the last two years. Motion to approve said reports after discussion that Jeanne will look into a couple line items was made by Kelly and seconded by Todd. The motion carried.

### **Action item:**

Jeanne will review a couple line items in the report and respond to the committee via email for update.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Long Range plan was discussed with painting the inside of the church. Bids are being reviewed. A new vacuum motor was purchased to replace the failed one in the rectory and the attic was reinsulated. We also continue to replace furnaces for the school as needed. No new items were added to the LRP.

Father Matthew is requesting a \$1,200 disbursement from the Education Endowment Fund. This will cover the annual rental fee that we committed to pay Holy Cross School for the Faith Formation Program.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Parish Budget – The Diocesan Assessment may go up this year along with other budget items. We will propose a lower School subsidy this year to offset the faith formation budget. The parish long range planning committee continues to work on fundraising which has been going well. We tabled the Parish Budget discussion for this meeting and will discuss it more next meeting with a draft review.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. with a closing prayer lead by Todd.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD and will be followed by the Parish Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted: **Lisa P Lichte**

## ENVISION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeanne Lommel, Steve Torborg, Kevin Kieke, Tracy Dombrovski, Nick Lieser

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joe Bartell, Virginia Meyer, John Honer, Kathy Watrin

### 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.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To envision the preservation of St. Wendelin's solemn blessing as a diocesan consecrated church that is dedicated to divine worship and the celebration of the church's sacraments and other rites, as well as the preservation of its vibrant faith community.

Our goals so far focus around preservation of our parish and assets for any future event that may happen. Create instructions for the future, which can be part of our parochial statutes.

Include in the statutes that our endowments (education, parish, vocation) stay with our parish. The building and cemetery investment funds would also stay with our parish.

Our strength is in our vibrant local community versus just a building structure. Our various parish activities add to a sense of belonging to our community.

The change to a Pastoral Council can help strengthen our faith community by focusing on the ministry of the parish. The operational aspects of our parish can be handled through our Finance committee and its sub-committees.

### NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2022, 7 p.m. at St. Wendelin's School library

Minutes submitted by **Nick Lieser**

## SCHOOL NEWS

Another month is in the books. We began our last trimester of the school year. Although there have been many obstacles, the year is going fast.

February is "I Love to Read" month. Students enjoyed DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read), and welcomed mystery readers to their classrooms. We had daily drawings for free books too. Everyone was a winner!!! There are so many adventures to read about. Whether they are chapter books, picture books, or graphic novels, there's much to explore in the world of books.

By the time the newsletter is printed, our Catholic United Financial raffle will be over. My hope is that we reach our goal of \$10,000. A big shout out to all who purchased tickets from our students. Thank you and good luck. The drawing will be held on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

We are gearing up for our April 23rd dinner auction. Our theme for the event is "The Great Outdoors". Come and join us for good food, drinks, fellowship, and auction bidding. Tickets will go on sale soon. Mark your calendar...It's going to be a fun night.

We are looking for items to have on our live and silent auction. Contact school if you have anything to donate. We appreciate your support.

The kids have had fun in the snow, but I am looking forward to springtime. Hopefully March will bring us some of that weather.

Have a blessed Lenten season,

**Lynn Rasmussen**

## **PRESCHOOL NEWS**

February was such a fun month for our preschoolers!

We started the month celebrating our wonderful catholic school with fun dress up days and activities. My favorite activity was "Affirmation Day"! Good listener, hard worker, patient, friendly, loving, and brave were written on separate pieces of paper. The kids took turns picking the affirmation that they felt in their heart was most like them. After they did affirmations about themselves they picked an affirmation for their friends.

I think their favorite activity was probably Book Bingo, they loved calling out "BINGO" and collecting a book of their choosing!

February is "I love to read month" where we spend time appreciating all the books God has blessed us with. We had guest readers, paired up with the older kids to read books, and even took part in a reader's theater where we reenacted one of their favorite books.

Overall it was one of our favorite months of the year!!

**Rebecca Linscheid**

## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

We are having a blast so far celebrating "I Love to Read Month." We have enjoyed many fantastic stories! The students have all been assigned an older student from another classroom to be their "reading buddy," and the children are enjoying hearing their peers read books to them and help them with their own reading work.

We got to have fun learning to play BINGO and every student got to pick out a book at the end. We have had daily drawings for book give a ways, and it's heartwarming to hear all the cheers and applause when a classmate gets their name announced as a winner. We have some exciting mystery readers lined up to surprise the students including our own Father Erik and our amazing cook, Ms. Joyce. At the end of the

month, we will present a Readers' Theater performance for the student body.

One of my top reasons why I love teaching kindergartners is being able to have the opportunity to teach children how to read and develop a love for books, so February is definitely a favorite month for me. There is always something delightful going on at St. Wendelin's!

**Mrs. Matchinsky**

## **1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE NEWS**

We have been very busy in E1! We started the month of February off with Catholic Schools' Week.

February is also I Love to Read Month. Every Wednesday we have been meeting with kindergarten reading buddies and sharing our love for good stories. We even had two mystery readers this past month! Fr. Erick and Ms. Joyce read stories to us!

The second graders are working very hard to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion! We are very excited to receive Jesus!

Thank you for supporting us!

**The E1 Students  
Paige M. Becker**

## **KINDESS CLUB**

This month in the Kindness Club we will be focusing on the concept of responsibility. Being accountable for our actions and doing what is expected of us without having to be told repeatedly. We set individual goals that we are working on this month that will help us be more responsible.

For our community outreach this month we are teaming up with our whole student body to collect money for the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program to help with global hunger. We will be collecting money for this program all through Lent. We hope to make a difference through our almsgiving. Peace and Blessings,

**The St. Wendelin's School Kindness Club**



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Saturday, April 23rd

5PM  
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DINNER

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PERSON



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Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic  
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**CHURCH CLEANING  
MARCH, 2022  
GROUP 3**

(Cleaning time is 8:30 a.m.)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\*Mary Broda  
Jolene & Steve Brang  
Laurie & Steve Opatz  
Marla & John Honer  
Denise Kiffmeyer  
Sue Eckerman & Larry Mohs

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\*Vicky Kohorst  
Judy & Dan Walters  
Sheila & Ron Albers  
Sharon & Steve Torborg  
Erin & Paul Koshiol  
Geraldyn & Todd Hurtle

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\* Ruth & Paul Roufs  
Eve Wren  
Jayne & Keith Thole  
Sharon & Ray Gohman  
Lois & Norb Fischer

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\*Sandi & Mike Weber  
Gina & Joe Bartell  
Julie & Dale Kraemer  
Nancy & Jeff Albers  
Sue & Paul Koshiol

\*\*\* If you have an asterisk in front of your name, please call the other members the week prior to remind them of church cleaning. If you are unable to work your shift, please find your own replacement or switch with someone else. Thank you all so much!!!

**MY GRATEFUL HEART  
IS FILLED WITH LOVE**

My grateful heart is filled with love,  
for I am blessed by God above.  
My needs are met before I ask,  
And I find strength for every task.  
I've known sorrows, and some pain,  
But all of these I count as gain.  
For God is good, and God is fair,  
And through it all I know He's there.  
I've made my heart His dwelling place,  
And He forgives me by His grace.  
By faith I walk within His light,  
And never fear the coming night.  
My grateful heart is filled with love,  
For I am blessed by God above!

Don't hesitate to bubble over with joy.  
Better to be geyser than a mud puddle.

To be thankful is to light a glow in some one's heart, and feel the warmth of it in our own.

**WHAT AM I THANKFUL FOR**

What am I thankful for this year?  
What blessings come to mind?  
My dear friends and relations,  
so loving and so kind.  
Each time I see the sunrise,  
And the beauties of the day,  
The unexpected little joys,  
I find along the way.

What am I thankful for this year?  
The small and furry things,  
The hope that keeps me going,  
The peace believing brings.  
I have so much to thank God for,  
I don't know where to start,  
I only know He walks with me,  
And lives within my heart!



# RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

## SALMON VEGGIE PACKETS

### **Ingredients**

2 tablespoons white wine  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
2 medium sweet yellow peppers, julienned  
2 cups fresh sugar snap peas, trimmed

### **SALMON:**

2 tablespoons white wine  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
4 salmon fillets (6 ounces each)  
1 medium lemon, halved

### **Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Cut four 18x15-in. pieces of parchment paper or heavy-duty foil: fold each crosswise in half, forming a crease. In a large bowl, mix wine, oil, salt and pepper. Add vegetables and toss to coat.

2. In a small bowl, mix the first five salmon ingredients. To assemble, lay open one piece of parchment paper; place a salmon fillet on one side. Drizzle with 2 teaspoons wine mixture; top with one-fourth of the vegetables.

3. Fold paper over fish and vegetables; fold the open ends two times to seal. Repeat with remaining packets. Place on baking sheets.

4. Bake until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork, 12-16 minutes, opening packets carefully to allow steam to escape.

5. To serve, squeeze lemon juice over vegetables.

## SHRIMP FETTUCCINE ALFREDO

Kosher Salt  
12 oz. fettuccine  
Olive oil, for tossing  
¾ lbs. large shrimp (about 16) peeled and deveined, tails removed  
Black Pepper  
1 stick (8oz) unsalted butter  
2 cups heavy whipping cream  
2 pinches freshly grated nutmeg  
1 ½ cups grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

### **Directions**

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, and salt generously. Add the pasta, and boil according to package directions until al dente, tender but still slightly firm. Strain, and toss with a splash of oil.
2. Meanwhile, arrange the shrimp in a single layer on a large pie pan or paper plate, and pat them with a paper towel until completely dry. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Heat a large skillet over medium heat, and add 2 tablespoons of the butter. When the butter melts, raise the heat to medium-high, and invert the plate of shrimp over the skillet so the shrimp fall into the pan all at once. Cook the shrimp, without moving them, until the underside is pink, 1 to 2 minutes. Flip the shrimp, and cook until fully pink and cooked through, about 2 minutes more. Transfer the shrimp to a bowl.
4. Reduce the heat to medium, and add the remaining 6 tablespoons butter. Scrape the bottom of the skillet with a wooden spoon to release any browned bits. When the butter has mostly melted, whisk in the cream and nutmeg and bring to a simmer, then cook for 2 minutes. Lower the heat to keep the sauce warm.
5. Whisk the Parmigiano-Reggiano into the sauce. Add the shrimp and cooked pasta, and toss well. Season with salt and pepper. Serve hot.

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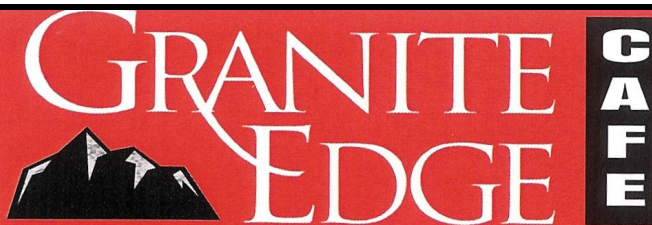
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