



Parish Newsletter

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



ST. WENDELIN'S - LUXEMBURG, MN *

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Believe in signs, and they will show up
just when you need them.
God works in mysterious ways!

Begin the morning with a song and a prayer,
And the rest of the day will take care of itself.

**You cannot change what you are,
Only what you do.**

NEXT NEWSLETTER

April 24, 2022

DEADLINE for News:

Monday April 18, 2022

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

**Get your articles to Sheila Albers
7876 Ahles Road St. Cloud, MN
Phone 320-251-7116**

Or e-mail: alberssheila@gmail.com

YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED!!!

In order to keep our parish festival running we need to fill these positions:

*General Chair and Co-chair (oversee the festival)

*Dinner Chair and Co-chair (work in the kitchen, oversee the chicken and ham dinner)

*Bingo Co-Chair (assist with keeping Bingo running smoothly)

*Lunch Stand Co-Chair (assist with keeping the lunch stand running smoothly)

*Children's Games Co-Chair (assist in keeping the games running smoothly)

******YOU WILL BE TAUGHT WHAT TO DO IN
EACH OF THESE JOBS******

If you can help we'd love to have you! Please call **Julie Kieke at 320-293-8824.**

Unless a person undertakes more
than they possibly can do,
they will never do all that they can.

We are given our light to let it shine.
When we offer up our talents and treasures,
the whole world is made brighter.

Seek a relationship when you pray,
not answers.

You won't always find answers,
but you will always find Jesus."

Just take everything exactly as it is, put it in
God's hands and leave it with him. Then you will
be able to rest in him — really rest.

FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Finance Council held its meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Wendelin's school library.

The meeting opened with a prayer lead by Todd Hurrele.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Lommel, Todd Hurrele, Kelly Knier, and Trustees Erin Lommel, and Joe Watrin.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Lichte (excused)

GUESTS PRESENT: Kathy Watrin

REVIEW OF AGENDA:

The meeting agenda was reviewed. Discussion of the school budget was added to the agenda, and then a motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Todd, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with that addition.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The members reviewed the minutes from the February 3rd meeting. A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Todd, and carried unanimously to approve said minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The council reviewed only the financial summary due to focusing on the 2022/2023 budget this meeting. The church's fiscal year is July 2022 through June 2023. The maintenance costs were higher due to the purchase of a tractor with snow blower. The endowment funds performed well during 2021. A motion to approve the financial summary was made by Todd, seconded by Kelly. The motion carried.

PARISH BUDGET:

The 2022/2023 budget was reviewed, but won't need to be approved until the May meeting. The grade school subsidy is budgeted to decrease next year by \$5,000 to be \$150,000. The budget includes a

possibility for adding a part time parish secretary to answer phones and help with other duties. Discussion was held on the telephone service as the expenses look high. The Faith Formation expenses are projected to be higher next year due to having the salary cost of the new Faith Formation directors for the full year instead of just a partial year.

ACTION ITEM: Todd will look into the phone bill and what services we are being charged for and if we can reduce the overall cost.

An increase for maintenance duties was approved by the Parish Council so we discussed the pros and cons of paying for this service from the school or the church budget. It was decided to keep him under the school since it will be easier for getting him a 1099.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tracy Dombrowski had asked for input in adding to a list of duties of the church and the contact information for the people in charge of the different activities. After discussion several items were added.

The school budget was reviewed. The \$150,000 subsidy was used to create their budget and everything balances including the extra for maintenance services. Their tuition is set for next year at \$2,775.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with a closing prayer lead by Todd.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, May 19th 2022 at St. Wendelin's Library

Respectfully submitted: **Kelly Knier**

**Minutes of the
St. Wendelin's Parish Council Meeting
March 17, 2022, 7:00 pm
St. Wendelin's School Library**

Members Present: Tracy Dombrovski, Keith Koltes, Char Volkmuth, Kathy Watrin, Dan Greenwald
Trustees Present: Erin Lommel, Joe Watrin,

Members Absent: Father Matthew Crane

Guests Present: Jeanne Lommel, Todd Hurtle – Finance Council

I. Opening Prayer

Tracy Dombrovski 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 January 20th, 2022 meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Finance

Jeanne Lommel reviewed the financial summary statements of the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for fiscal year-to-date through 12/31/21. Motion was made to approve the financial summary statements. Motion was seconded and passed.

B. Faith Formation

It was reported that the Faith Formation is going well. The talk from Father Erik and Father Zawadi on March 16th about their experience in assisting in building the school in Butembo, DRC was interesting and well received.

C. Holy Saints ACC

The ACC Pastoral Council had a meeting and voted to approve the by-laws on January 25, 2022 and will be in effect at the next Pastoral Council meeting. Next meeting will be March 29th, 2022. Father Matthew will discuss the Pastoral Council's next steps.

D. Catholic Community Schools (CCS)

It was reported that there was a budget review for all for the schools. Negotiations are ongoing for overall tuition policy. Tuition across all CCS schools is \$6400. Discussions to be had to determine what that may mean for the tuition for St. Wendelin's School in the future.

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.
- ❖ Snow Shoveler Backup - Steve Brang has agreed to do this if Keith is unavailable.
- ❖ Church Interior Painting/Carpet - Keith is leading efforts to get bids. Project expected to take about 5 weeks, may need to take pews out to get a lift in. No bids in yet. Paulson and Maselter

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bids are expected. Molitor Flooring to give a bid on carpeting. Conversation had to preserve the dedication crosses and candles on the side walls during the painting process.

- ❖ Lawn mowing and lawn care for church/school grounds – Ron Albers & Virginia Meyer have agreed to take this on.
- ❖ Break-in at school - Currently getting bids for a security system.
- ❖ Tuck pointing in church basement and rectory basement – This project is approximately halfway done.
- ❖ Hallways and Classroom Entryways at School – The maintenance committee to determine best remedy for the stained wall carpet.
- ❖ AED location -Lions Club suggested the location to be outside, on the right, front of the school.
- ❖ Pipe freeze issue – Working to find a solution of too much soap going into the drain field and not dissolving due to it being anti-bacterial.

F. Envisioning Our Future Committee

Tracy distributed the minutes of the last Envisioning Our Future Committee held February 1, 2022. Jeanne Lommel reported to the group what the committee is tasked to do. The mission includes a vision for the preservation of the parish, school and community.

V. Old Business

A. Pastoral Council/Parish Council

Tracy asked the committee members to stay as members through the fiscal year 6/30/2023.

B. Parish Group Leaders

Discussion about possibly reducing the number of groups from 5 to 4. Tracy Dombrovski to visit with Judy Walters to head a conversation.

C. Parish Festival – Meeting to be held next month.

D. St. Wendelin Duty List – Tracy reported to the committee on the progress of the list. Once finalized, it may be shared in a newsletter to be distributed as a reference document for parishioners.

VI. New Business

A. No new business

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022 (7:00 pm) at St. Wendelin's.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

IX. Closing Prayer

Tracy Dombrovski closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Bartell, acting Recording Secretary

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our 2nd graders!!! They received their first Holy Communion today! It is a special day for them. May our Lord and Savior bless them and bring them closer to Him through the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Last week, our 2nd-5th graders took part in Father Erik's Confesstival. The students were bussed over to St. Mary's Help of Christian to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a wonderful experience for our students. Thank you to all the priests who were there to hear confessions.

Our 3rd-5th graders lead our school, on Monday afternoons, in the Stations of the Cross. We will continue this throughout the remaining weeks of Lent. All are welcome to join us at 1:45 in church.

Donations are coming in for this year's "The Great Outdoors" dinner auction. We appreciate the donations very much. Give Lynn a call, or stop by school, if you have anything you'd like to donate for the auction.

We are down to our last two months of school. I look forward to the snow melting and leaves and flowers blooming. Until then, may God bless you and keep you safe/healthy.

Lynn Rasmussen

PRESCHOOL NEWS

March went by very quickly for the preschoolers. We got very creative this month by learning how to make tie-die coffee filters and even made a trap to catch the sneaky leprechaun.

We have been fasting, praying, and talking about almsgiving to prepare for Easter. Ash Wednesday was a meaningful experience for the class, we made self portraits with our ashes and made a vow to God to be children Jesus will be proud of.

Ms. Linscheid

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

This month we have focused on learning about Lent. The students have been praying, fasting, and thinking of ways to give. They have also been learning how to pray and participate at Stations of the Cross. On Ash Wednesday, each student received a beautiful chaplet at Mass, and we have been praying on them every day. The children are very excited about presenting the chaplet to the special person they have chosen to receive it. Over at the atrium, the cloth on the prayer table has been changed to the color purple to represent this time of preparation in our liturgical year. They also received a presentation on the liturgical colors of the chasubles that a priest wears during the different liturgical seasons. The beautiful sewing of the chasubles was done by Millie Brun!

Mrs. Matchinsky

3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADE

Happy almost-Spring from Mrs. Meyer's 3rd-5th grade!

The students are ready, as is everyone else, for a change in the weather.

In Math, some students have been working on fractions and younger students have been mastering comparing numbers.

The students have been making wonderful progress in their writing skills. After practicing our creative writing for a week, they were ready to move on to writing longer paragraphs.

We were so grateful to the Christian Women's group for the chaplets that were handed out at Ash Wednesday. The students spent some time in prayer carefully considering who they would offer their chaplet prayers for during this season of Lent.

Lastly, Mrs. Brenda Mass started taking over for me after Spring Break, as I prepare for the birth of my baby. Thank you to the students, staff, and school community for the prayers and support!

Mrs. Meyer

KINDNESS CLUB

This month in the Kindness Club we are wrapping things up for the year. Some fun things we are doing this month are: making special pictures for people in our community, writing inspirational messages with quarters taped on them to leave on candy machines and random places to lift people's spirits and spread the love of Jesus.

Also, we will be having a "Caps for the Congo day" to help raise money for Father Erik's friends that are building a school in Butembo. Cap day is where the students in our school can wear a hat all day at school for a small donation of money. Students are still welcome to donate to the cause even if they don't want to wear a hat. If you would like to help us raise money for the Congo our hat day will be on Friday, April 8th, you can feel free to drop off your donation to Mrs. Razz that day.

On April 19th, we will have our Kindness Club party and celebrate all of the kind things we have done and learned this year! That will be our last Kindness Club meeting this school year! It went by so fast!

We wish all of you God's blessings this Spring and Summer! Love,

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

**Sink your roots deeply into
whatever task you are doing,
for enthusiasm changes monotony
into joy and discovery.**

**The greatest gift you can give
yourself is to forgive.**

**If you want to be forgiven
for your mess ups then you
have to forgive everyone else
when they mess up.**

GROUP 4 FUNDRAISER RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Group 4 fundraiser. We surpassed our goal. Great job!

Thank you to all the people that came out for the social hour at the Hayloft. It was very nice to see you all. We had a great outcome, and couldn't have done it without you. We raised \$3,870.00 of which \$3,450.00 went to the church and \$420.00 went to the school.

Our lucky Winners of the Gift Cards are
**Glenn & Dot Bartell
Jean Massmann
Connie Netter
Lawrence & Helen Waltzing**

We would like to thank Clean Earth Geothermal by H&S for the donation of the gift cards. Thank you,
Pat

**The grace of God
means something like:
Here is your life.**

**You might never have been,
but you are because the party
wouldn't have been
complete without you.**

**Here is the world.
Beautiful and terrible things happen.
Don't be afraid.
I am with you.**

**Nothing can ever separate us.
It's for you I created the universe.
I love you.**

**There's only one catch.
Like any other gift,
the gift of grace can be yours
only if you'll reach out and take it.**



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RSVP DEADLINE APRIL 18TH

Name: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Name: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic
United Financial of up to \$1000.



CHURCH CLEANING

APRIL 2022

GROUP 4

8:00 A.M.

APRIL 2ND

Janet Lommel	Pam Koshiol
Dot Bartell	Cynthia Lommel
Cheryl Lommel	

APRIL 9TH

Mickie Schriml	Sandy Leach
Connie Netter	Eileen Kunkel
Tammy Salzbrun Boese	Vicki Barthel

APRIL 16TH

Pat Salzbrun	Mary Kenning
JoAnn Massmann	Patti Brunner
Mary Jo Klaverkamp	

APRIL 23RD

Su Massmann	Jim Opatz
Jodi Albers	Rosie Sauer
Mary Backes	

APRIL 30TH

Emily Salzbrun	Bonnie Edelbrock
Michelle Fruth	Vicki Kunkel
Joey Kiffmeyer	

If you are unable to work your shift, please find your own replacement or switch with someone else. Thank You!

We should always have three friends
in our lives: one who walks ahead,
who we look up to and follow;
one who walks beside us,
who is with us every
step of our journey;
and then one who we reach
back for and bring along
after we've cleared the way.

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

MAPLE GLAZED PORK SKILLET

1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
1 lb. pork tenderloin, sliced ½" thick
½ tsp. coarse sea salt
¼ tsp. coarse ground black pepper
½ cup maple syrup
2 Tbsp. spicy brown mustard
1 clove garlic, minced
2 cups petite carrots
4 cups broccoli florets
¼ head red cabbage, cored and thinly sliced

In a large skillet, heat 1 Tbsp. oil over medium heat. Season tenderloin slices with salt and pepper. Add to skillet. Cook for 6 to 8 minutes until brown, turning once halfway through. Remove slices and set aside.

In a small bowl, combine maple syrup, mustard, and garlic.

Add carrots to large skillet; pour in maple syrup mixture. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes.

Add broccoli and red cabbage. Stir to coat ingredients with glaze. Simmer for 3 minutes or until broccoli is tender, stirring frequently. Return pork to skillet and turn slices to coat in glaze. Serves 4

Most of the time life whispers only soft clues, gently suggesting the path to follow. Heed the whispers. Learn the language.

You will discover another
part of yourself in each
new friend you make.

Lux Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday APRIL 16th

11:00 a.m. at

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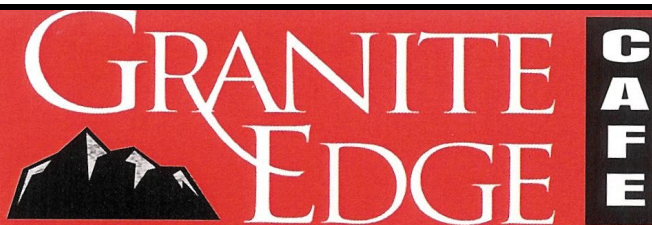
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