



Parish Newsletter

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



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Action may not always bring happiness;
But there is no happiness without action.

I've found that luck is quite predictable.
If you want more luck, take more chances.
Be more active. Show up more often.

Nothing is more useful than silence.

Feel often during the day the need for prayer and pray. Prayer opens the heart, till it is capable of containing God Himself. Ask and seek and your heart will be big enough to receive Him and keep Him as your own.

Mother Theresa

When we rely upon organization,
we get what organization can do;
when we rely upon education,
we get what education can do;
when we rely upon eloquence;
we get what eloquence can do.

And so on.

But when we rely upon prayer,
we get what God can do.

Take time every day to look around you.
You'll never see the world from exactly
this perspective again.

Everything has beauty,
But not everyone sees it.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

October 30, 2022

DEADLINE for News:

Monday October 24, 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

LUX LIONS

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday October 21, 2022

10:00—3:00

Mary Hall

Please come donate and

Help make a difference.

Minutes of the St. Wendelin's Parish Council Meeting
September 15, 2022, 7:00 pm
St. Wendelin's School Library

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

Members Absent: Dan Greenwald, Father Erik Lundgren

Guests Present: Julie Kieke, Thais Kiffmeyer

I. Opening Prayer

Tracy Dombrovski led the opening prayer.

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 May 19, 2022 and June 13, 2022. Motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Standing Committees

A. Finances

Tracy stated that the Finance Council will be meeting next Thursday September 22, 2022 and she distributed the financial reports. Motion was made to accept the reports. Motion was seconded and passed.

B. Faith Formation/Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Discussion centered around the date of First Communion (AFTER Easter) and the concept of each parish having their own First Communion Mass in lieu of having a common ACC Mass. Tracy will ask about this at the upcoming ACC meeting.

C. Holy Saints ACC

The next ACC meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2022.

D. Catholic Community Schools

No report was given.

E. Maintenance

Keith reviewed the maintenance listing and reported on the following: Exterior church windows are being sealed and painted, bids for a security system for the school are being reviewed, small water leakage in church and rectory (only after a heavy rain), crack filling, and checking the roof for possible hail damage.

F. Envisioning Our Future Committee

The committee will not be scheduling any meetings at this time; but will be keeping the membership intact for possible future meetings.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

V. Old Business

A. Festival Wrap Up

Tracy reported on the success of the festival.

VI. New Business

A. Mary Hall Rental Policy

Julie Kieke reviewed the current Mary Hall Rental Policy with the members. Discussion included kitchen supervision training (if kitchen is used), increase of rental fees, cleaning during the summer months, what is expected of renters prior to their leaving Mary Hall and who is eligible to rent the facility. Julie suggested the possible purchase of a floor scrubber. The following action was taken: Keith will look into the availability of a used floor scrubber. Tracy will follow up on the cleaners' summer schedule and what cleaning duties are to be done. Julie will update the St. Wendelin's Mary Hall Policy and Procedures document to include the revision in the Kitchen Supervisor section, the elimination of the second item under the Use of the Gym for Sporting Events and updating the rental fees.

B. Rec Club (Improvements-Paving)

Thais Kiffmeyer presented to the members a proposal to improve the driveway leading to the ball park area. Her proposal included tearing up and replacing the current drive, making the pavement twice as wide and possibly using temporary speed bumps which could be removed during the winter months. She explained that the project would cost approximately \$20,000 but it could be reduced by \$5,000 due to local workers assisting with the project. The Rec Club has agreed to pay half of the balance of \$15,000. Discussion followed regarding the funding of the other half of the balance, including getting funds from the parish and from local clubs. Members agreed this was a good idea and would enhance the property. Motion was made to advance this request to the Finance Council for their consideration. Motion was seconded and passed.

C. Parish Council/Finance Council Joint Meeting

The Parish Council/Finance Council will be meeting jointly on October 20, 2022 in the school library. Discussion followed regarding a possible Parish Life Committee to be formed to assist the Finance Council.

VII. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen DesAutels, Recording Secretary

SCHOOL NEWS

Hello St. Wendelin community! It is so great to be back in school with these amazing teachers and students. Everyone is settled in and working hard.

I thought I'd update you on some of the school improvements that have been made. Thanks to Jean VanderEyck and family, we have two new playground pieces and a new filtration station on the school side of the building. I'm sure Jean is smiling down on us as she sees the children enjoy the new found fun.

Using the money we raised for the Schultz grant, we purchased new lunch tables, Barton materials for tutoring, and we are in the process of choosing a security company to beef up our security. All this was made possible because of the Schultz family grant and all of you who donated to the cause. We are forever grateful.

I would also like to thank the Hayloft and the Lion Club for sponsoring the Pumpkin Palooza on the September 24, 2022. I am speaking a week prematurely, but I'm sure it was a great day with lots of fun to be had. The proceeds were shared with us, so again... we are grateful.

Our Kindness Club will be starting up in October. The kids are excited to share kindness, love, and joy to others in our community. Please let us know if there is someone who needs cheering up. Our students are pretty good at making people smile.

I hope your Fall season is going well. I look forward to sharing our goings-on again next month.

Sending God's Blessings,
Lynn Rasmussen
Principal

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

SOUTHERN APPLE CAKE

2 cups sugar
4 large eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
3 cups thinly sliced apple
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
Caramel Topping (recipe follows)
Garnish: pecan halves

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Spray a 13x9 inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat sugar, eggs, and oil at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth.

In a separate bowl, sift together flour, salt, and baking soda. Stir flour mixture into egg mixture until thoroughly combined.

Add apple and nuts to batter. Gently stir until incorporated. Spread batter in prepared pan. Place pan in oven. Bake at 325 degrees for 50 to 55 minutes. Let cool in pan.

Pour warm Caramel Topping over cake in pan. Cut into squares and garnish with pecan halves if desired.

CARAMEL TOPPING

½ cup sugar
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
4 Tbsp. butter
¼ cup evaporated milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract

In a small saucepan, bring sugars, butter, and evaporated milk to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes. Stir in vanilla.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Preschoolers started school on September 6 and we have been off on many adventures! We are loving learning all about our classroom- what activities we do and all the fun learning materials. We have a friendly bunch of kiddos that enjoy playing together in the play room and outside. The new spinner toys are a huge hit, after each day I ask my students what their favorite part was. Almost all of the class will answer "playing on the spinny thing". We love our Catholic School!!

Ms. Linscheid

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

This year, as usual, I have a magnificent group of students! Our kindergartners and first graders are combined. Most of the first graders have returned to me from last year, and I love having the opportunity to teach a child for more than one year as it allows for strong bonds to be formed with myself and the child as well as their family. It also allows me to really get to know individual learning styles, and I don't have to spend the first month trying to figure out where the child is with their academics! We are attending Mass on Thursdays this year, so with Adoration following the Mass, we have been learning some new things about Adoration as well as new vocabulary like: tabernacle, thurible, incense, and monstrance. We will also get to learn some Latin! I am looking forward to an amazing year!

Mrs. Matchinsky

1ST, 2ND & 3RD GRADE NEWS

Our E1 class (1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade) has been hard at work! We are doing a class read-aloud of Charlotte's Web. The students love the story and we are discovering the magic of reading longer chapter books. We are also working hard on place value in math. Please keep our class in your prayers as we continue to grow and learn.

Miss Becker and the E1 Students

4TH & 5TH GRADE NEWS

The year is off to a great start for the students in my E2 class! We have a total of 14 wonderful students with a mix of both third and fourth graders. The students began the year getting to know one another and sharing a bit of their wonderful selves with the class. We have now settled into a rhythm of our day and week. Not only are the students working on refreshing their math and reading skills, but I have introduced a history unit allowing the students to begin by studying the intricacies of their family trees. It has been a great first three weeks!

Ms. Kolb

KINDNESS CLUB

Everyone is excited for another year of The St. Wendelin's Kindness Club! Our club officially kicks off October 5th this school year. We are going to kick off the club with Socktober! This will be our club's 3rd Socktober! Socktober is our sock drive during the whole month of October. We collect men's, women's and children's socks to give to The Place of Hope homeless shelter in St. Cloud. Socks are one of the least donated items to the shelter and they have really appreciated our club putting on the sock drive for them the past two years. If you would like to donate socks to our sock drive please drop them off at our lovely school and we will be keeping them in the library until November when the drive is over. Thank you in advance for your support to our wonderful club and sock drive! More great news from the club to come!

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

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in Mary Hall, beginning with social time/refreshments at 6:30 pm followed by President Karen DesAutels calling the business meeting to order at 6:45 pm with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Twenty members were present. Minutes from the May 10th meeting were approved as read; also approved was the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,168.74 in checking and \$2,439.92 in savings for a total of \$3,608.66.

Old Business:

DCCW Fun, Food and Fund Day...Eight of our members attended this annual Diocesan Council fundraising event which was held on Thursday, June 16th in Melrose. With the theme, "Take Jesus Home", the day's events included celebration of Mass, a talk on Eucharistic Revival by Father Derek Wieichmann along with time for fellowship, good food, music and a silent auction.

By-Laws...Committee of Sue Weber, Karen DesAutels and Char Volkmuth (Karen replaced Pat Salzbrun per Pat's request) met on August 31st to finalize proposed changes to our by-laws. Request from membership to take their by-laws copy home to review was granted. They are to bring any questions and/or comments to the October meeting after which the by-laws will be voted on.

Altar Consecration...On Monday evening, August 22nd, about 150 area people gathered at the Chapel of Saints Benedict and Scholastica on Ahles Rd., for consecration of the altar chapel at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Donald Kettler, Deacon Dan Dullinger and Father Mitchell Bechtold. The chapel is open to the public daily 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Information and history of the chapel built in 2020 can be found at the website www.csbsmn.com. Thanks to all from our group who helped with hospitality at the roast beef dinner which concluded the evening.

Harvest Mass...celebrated outdoors by Father Erik at St. Wendelin's on Tuesday evening, August 30th, was attended by about 40 people. The Lord provided beautiful weather in which to come together to thank Him for His harvest time blessings. Thanks to all from our group who helped serve refreshments following the Mass celebration.

New Business

Rosary Praying ...Although parishioners regularly pray the rosary before our weekend Masses, as a show of support for this beautiful devotion, we'll continue to post a rosary leading signup sheet (to be prepared by Lisa Lichte) for leading of the rosary prior to our October and May Masses. Members should feel free to lead by themselves or along with parishioners.

November Breakfast...Our annual fundraiser breakfast is planned for Sunday, November 20th. The breakfast will be discussed at length at our October meeting. Members were asked to come at that time with their thoughts/concerns especially in light of rising food prices.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Annual Remembrance Mass...for St. Wendelin's will be Sunday, November 6th at our 10:00 am Mass.

Currently, we have 8 parishioners who've passed away since our last Remembrance Mass. Plans will be further discussed at our October meeting.

Halos...President Karen asked the members if the giving of "Halos" could be resurrected. All agreed this is a great way to recognize those who have given above and beyond. A Halo will be sent to Father Mitchell Bechtold for saying "Yes" to the call to build a chapel.

Corporal Works of Mercy...Members heartily approved a "Corporal Works of Mercy Monthly Project Sheet" produced by President Karen. For the first month "(Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty",) Cyntia Lommel volunteered to check with Place of Hope for any special needs they may have and will report back at our October meeting.

Commission Reports...President Karen encouraged commission reports at our meetings per the 3 commissions, Spirituality, Leadership and Service as outlined by the diocesan and national CCW. Our quarterly diocesan Newsletter, "Our Catholic Voice" would provide an excellent resource for anyone wanting to give a report as it covers those same 3 commissions in each issue. Karen gave the current newsletter to Kathy Watrin for her review.

Tuesday Rosary...Reminder was given that every Tuesday morning at 8:00 am, the rosary is prayed in church by a group of regulars who've continued this practice since it was begun by our group some 2 years ago. One and all are invited and encouraged to come and pray each Tuesday morning.

Abortion Pill by Mail...Char Volkmuth alerted members to be ready to contact their legislators to vote against any possible upcoming proposal (promoted by Planned Parenthood) to allow pills for chemical abortion to be sent through the mail. Linda Kaiser suggested checking the website, "Catholic Advocacy Network" for information on this and other pertinent legislative issues. She will put a notice to that effect in the bulletin.

Donation...Membership approved a request from Hildegard Rohe for quilt batting; \$200.00 was approved to be written out to the batting vendor and given to Hildegard. Hildegard makes quilts that are given away to various area charities and she is always looking for helpers to assist in this ministry.

Adjournment at 7:35 pm...with closing prayer, prayer partner exchange and door prize drawing going to Kathy Watrin. Daily prayer this month is for the suffering in Ukraine. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Char Volkmuth, Secretary

**CHURCH CLEANING
OCTOBER 2022
GROUP 1
8:30 A.M.**

OCTOBER 1, 2022

Lenny & Mille Brunn
Scott & Marlene Ergen
Joe & Jeanne Harren
Dale & Sue Henkel
Randy & Kay Kortlever
Ron & Cheryl Kraemer
Gary & Deb Marn
Mick & Rose Marsyla

OCTOBER 8, 2022

Phillip & Robin Bautch
Mark & Lori Buettner
Robert & Judy Fandel
Kelly & Shannon Heisick
Jeanie Hennen
Keith Koltes
Ralph & Margaret Kremers
Michael & Jeanne Lommel

OCTOBER 15, 2022

Randy & Brenda Dingmann
Ron & Jeanette Greener
Henry & Pam Hayenga
Wayne & Sue Hiemenz
Jim & Tracy Kollmann
Bruce Koshiol
Floyd & Bev Lehnen
Gary & Cynthia Zwilling

Only those who have the patience to do
simple things perfectly will acquire the skill
to do difficult things easily.

Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go instead where there is no path and
leave a trail.

OCTOBER 22, 2022

Al & Mary Bloch
Vic & Ann Eldred
James & Michele Groinus
Joe & Sandy Harren
Tony & Kelly Knier
Jeff Koshiol
Richard & Kasha Linn
Greg & Doreen Mackedanz

OCTOBER 29, 2022

Roger & Terri Jochim
Lisa Mullen
Jerry & Sandra Paul
Alan & Barb Stang
Joe & Sue Tschida
Dave & Char Volkmuth
Lee & Julie Wenz

JUST A REMINDER:

**Cleaning can be done on
Fridays if that works better in
your schedules. Please leave a
note in the back of church as to
what has been cleaned. Thank
you and God Bless.**

Peace must be realized in truth;
It must be built upon justice;
It must be animated in love;
It must be brought to being in
freedom.

GROUP INFO FOR 2022 - 2023

Attention Group Leaders: Be sure to mark these dates and times on your calendar to plan ahead for your assigned breakfasts and church cleaning!

Please contact Julie Kieke at 320-255-5103 before setting a date for your breakfasts to make sure that the date is available. Contact Shelly at 320-252-1799 so she can put in the church bulletin each week.

GROUP BREAKFAST/FUND RAISER

September 2022 Group 1
October 2022 Group 2
November 2022 Christian Women
February 2023 Group 3
March/April 2023 Group 4

CHURCH CLEANING

Please get your church cleaning list to the Lana at St. Anne Church in Kimball. Her email is sannekim@meltel.net. She would like it emailed to her to publish in the bulletin. Also email to Sheila Albers at alberssheila@gmail.com so she can publish it in the Parish Newsletter each month. It is also helpful to hang a copy in back of church on the bulletin board in the main entrance. We like to see families with school age children show up to help.

THE SPRING AND FALL CLEANING SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR A FRIDAY EVENING

September 2022 Group 4
October 2022 Group 1 **Fall Cleaning**
November 2022 Group 2
December 2022 Group 3
January 2023 Group 4
February 2023 Group 2
March 2023 Group 3 **Spring Cleaning**
April 2023 Group 4
May 2023 Group 1
June 2023 Group 2
July 2023 Group 3
August 2023 Group 4
September 2023 Group 1
October 2023 Group 2 **Fall Cleaning**
November 2023 Group 3
December 2023 Group 4

GROUP LEADERS 2022 – 2023

GROUP 1 - Chairs: Tracy & Charlie Dombrovski 320-255-9354
Co-Chairs:

GROUP 2 - Chairs: Kathy Watrin 320-253-4252
Co-Chairs:

GROUP 3 - Chairs: Steve & Jolene Brang 320-293-1533
Co-Chairs:

GROUP 4 - Chairs: Pat Salzbrun 320-980-1534
Co-Chairs:

The parish is now divided into 4 Groups. Each group will be adding new people to their groups which will help grow our wonderful community fundraising efforts. Please be sure to welcome the new members to your groups.

The groups will be having their fundraising event the **SAME MONTH EACH YEAR**. This will make it easier for everyone to make their plans for vacations.

The church cleaning list will rotate a little different each year just to make sure each group still has a chance to decorate for Christmas and Easter.

If anyone has questions regarding any of the information for our groups, or is willing to step up to be a co-chair we would appreciate your help. Please feel free to contact us at any time. Our number is 320-253-8658.

Thanks to all our wonderful Chairpersons who have made this commitment for our parish!

Dan & Judy Walters

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new tradition.

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**Luxemburg Lions Club
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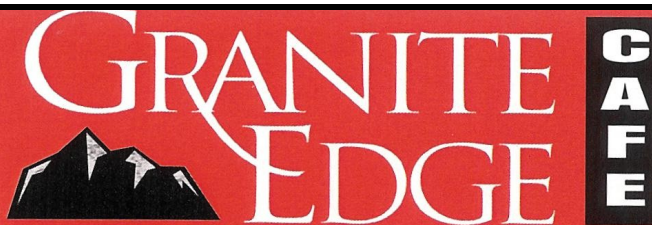
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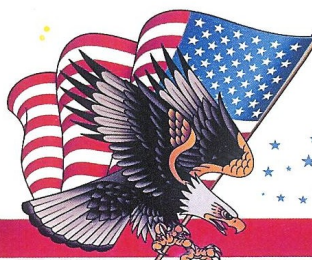
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