## **Parish Newsletter**



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### SHOWMETHEWAY

God, help me in my own small way
To somehow do something each day
To show You that I love You best
And that my faith will stand each test.
And let me serve You every day
And feel You near me when I pray
Oh, hear my prayer, dear God above,
And make me worthy of Your love!

## **NEXT NEWSLETTER**

December 25, 2022
DEADLINE for News:
Monday December 19, 2022
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Thank God for Little Things

Thank You, God, for little things
that often come our way—
The things we take for granted
but don't mention when we pray—
The unexpected courtesy,
the thoughtful, kindly deeds—
A hand reached out to help us
in the time of sudden need—
Oh, make us more aware, dear God,
of little daily graces
That come to us with "sweet surprise"
from never-dreamed-of places.

When the doors of perception have opened
And the windows of faith have been cleansed,
We will know that our souls are eternal
And that our life never ends.

"Watch your thoughts; They become words. Watch your words; They become actions."



### **FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES**

Thursday, September 22, 2022 Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Finance Council held its meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Wendelin's School, Luxemburg.

Opened with a prayer lead by Todd Hurrle.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Jeanne Lommel, Todd Hurrle, Lisa Lichte, Kelly Knier and trustee Erin Lommel.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Trustee Joe Watrin.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Kelly and carried unanimously to approve said agenda.

Review of previous Minutes:

The members reviewed the minutes from May. A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Lisa, and carried unanimously to approve said minutes with the change of the next meeting date.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** The council reviewed all of the financial reports including collections trend, actual vs budget, and balance sheet. Motion to approve said reports was made by Todd and seconded by Kelly. The motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Reviewed Endowment funds available for disbursement.

Long Range plan was discussed with plans to paint the inside of the church and crack filling at a later date.

Holy Cross has requested \$2,400 a year per parish for rent for the use of the school for Faith Formation. A disbursement from the Education Endowment could be used to cover this cost if deemed necessary during this next fiscal year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

We will be switching to Harvest Bank so all our cluster parishes are using the same bank. This will be more convenient for the cluster priests and the administrative assistances. Recap of the 2022 Bazaar was shared.

School cleaning during summer months was discussed and it was decided to try to have someone clean periodically after the Parish events/ rentals during the summer especially the restrooms.

Rec Club proposed to resurface the driveway to the ballpark with an estimated \$15,000 and they asked St. Wendelin's to pay for half. The Parish council agreed with the proposal and the Finance Council supports the decision.

**ACTION ITEM**: The council will determine what investment funds to draw from to cover the expense.

New Rec Club agreement has been drawn up and it includes insurance coverage clause.

The Council needs to update the By Laws with the disbanding of the Parish Council, the new formation of the Cluster Pastoral Council, and the need for the Finance Council to take the leadership role over all the subcommittees at St Wendelin's.

The Finance Council may ask other committees to join us at meetings periodically for face to face updates.

### OTHER

There will be a special meeting with the current Parish Council and Finance Council on Thurs Oct 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm School Library. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. with a closing prayer lead by Jeanne.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at St. Wendelin's School at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Lisa P Lichte

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

Happy first Sunday of Advent!! This is my favorite season of the year. Our students are preparing for their Christmas program. Laura Lund, our former music teacher, has offered to direct the play since we do not have a music teacher this year. We are VERY grateful for her. The play will be shared on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have a dress rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. and the evening performance will be at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to enjoy the St. Wendelin School children proclaim the Good News.

November was a fast month. Our students surely enjoyed the white surprise that fell upon us. We have many small forts out back made by our own little worker ants. I guess it's safe to say that winter is here. Let the snow fun begin!

We held a feed drive before Thanksgiving. Our students seemed proud to share what they have with those who have less. Several boxes where filled and taken to Catholic Charities.

The Kindness club is hosting "Toys for Tots". A container can be found at school if you are interested in participating in our service project. The deadline for toys is Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

St. Wendelin School is hosting their Make-n-Take open house again this year. The event is on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. There will be crafts to make, games to play, cookies to frost, and SANTA to visit!!!!! Bring your kids and have some Saturday morning fun.

We have an exciting and busy month ahead of us. I hope you all have a blessed Advent season. May God bless you all!

Lynn Rasmussen
Principal- St. Wendelin School

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## CHURCH CLEANING DECEMBER, 2022 GROUP 3

(Cleaning time is 8:30 a.m. <u>except</u> Wednesday, <u>December 21<sup>st</sup> is at 6:00 p.m.</u>)

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

\*\*\* Mary Broda
Jolene & Steve Brang
Laurie & Steve Opatz
Marie & Ron Kotzer

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

\*\*\* Vicky Kohorst
Judy & Dan Walters
Sheila & Ron Albers
Sharon & Steve Torborg

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

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

## <u>DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS,</u> <u>WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup></u>

\*\*\* Sue Eckerman & Larry Mohs Sue & Paul Koshiol Lois & Norb Fisher Gina & Joe Bartell Erin & Paul Koshiol Jolene & Steve Brang

\*\*\* Anybody else from Group 3 that is available to help decorate for Christmas this evening is welcome to!! The more the Merrier!! \*\*\*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

\*\*\* Sandi & Mike Weber Geralyn & Todd Hurrle Julie & Dale Kraemer Nancy & Jeff Albers Marla & John Honer

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

### PRESCHOOL NEWS

Happy November! I can't believe we are three months into the school year already. We truly had a great month. We especially enjoyed learning about Joseph and Moses this month. We spent a long time learning all the different ways God spoke to Moses and how God picked Moses for a very important reason.

The preschoolers are thankful for snow this month. We love playing outside and using our ice blocks to make interesting sculptures out of the snow. We hope you have a great Thanksgiving!!

Ms. Linscheid

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

November has been exciting because the students have started to practice for the upcoming Christmas program on December 20th!

The children have been using materials from our Atrium to explore the parable of the Good Shepherd.

Lots of math facts are being practiced, and the students are having so much fun reading library books as their emerging reading skills continue to develop and blossom.

We are blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers who come in and listen to the children read, which greatly helps their reading progress.

As we head into the Thanksgiving season, students will be reflecting on their blessings and learning about the history of the first Thanksgiving.

The students also learned some interesting facts about Veterans' Day.

Blessings,

Mrs. Matchinsky

### **E1 CLASS NEWS**

Hello from Miss Becker's E1 class! Happy Advent! What a wonderful season to prepare for the birth of our Lord! Christmas is right around the corner! We are working hard to prepare for the Christmas play! We are also doing a special project in art where we learn about Christmas traditions around the world! We are working very hard to become the best versions of ourselves! Everyone is working hard on cursive handwriting, reading longer chapter books, and mastering more complex math skills.

Thank you for your support of our school!

From Miss Becker's E1 class

### **E2 CLASS NEWS**

With Thanksgiving approaching, the E2 class at St. Wendelin's wishes all parishioners a Happy Thanksgiving.

We have had a busy month! The 14 students in our classroom have been busy studying not only their multiplication and writing skills, but they have also been busy exploring history topics such as the study of time and ancient civilizations to include past and present day nomadic tribes.

Aside from all of the academic skills, we have also had a couple of visitors to the classroom to include Mr. Kapsner from Cathedral and his traveling planetarium and Father Erik who visited and shared his message on the importance of work and prayer: Ora et Labora. Thank you to both for their generosity and wisdom.

Ms. Kolb

### KINDNESS CLUB

This month and last month we are focusing on gratitude. We even started our own gratitude journals. It has been a heartwarming experience! Our Hats for Heroes Day we hosted last month brought in \$123.00 for the Stand Down St. Cloud Veterans Organization. We are still collecting toys until December 14th for the Toys for Tots program. Another community outreach project we are working on this month is making Christmas cards for the active duty soldiers. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! Love.

The St. Wendelin's Kindness Club Kids

## RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

Here are a few recipes you can make with your kids or grandkids. They are tasty and fun to eat.

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHT OREO BITES**

2 cups Oreo cookie crumbs

9 oz. cream cheese, room temperature

9-10 mini chocolate peanut butter cups

Silver edible metallic spray

2 cups pink, blue, and yellow candy melts, meted

1 cup each pink, blue, and yellow sanding sugar

- 1. Place cookie crumbs and cream cheese in a bowl and beat with an electric mixer until fully combined.
- 2. Divide the mixture into 9-10 pieces and shape into Christmas lights shapes. Place on a plate with plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour.
- 3. Place the peanut butter cups on a sheet of parchment paper with the largest side facing down. Spray with edible silver spray. Set aside.
- 4. To add the coating to the truffles, place a truffle on a fork and dip in one color of melted candy melts. Shake off excess melts and then roll in the coordinating sugar. It may take a few minutes for the candy melts to set, so keep the truffle in the bowl of sanding sugar until the coating feels stiff. Repeat with the remaining truffles.
- 5. Dip the base of the peanut butter cup into some extra melted candy melts and stick one on each truffle.



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## STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE SANTAS

4 Tbsp. butter, room temperature
5 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
¾ cup confectioners' sugar
½ tsp. vanilla extract
12 strawberries
Festive toothpicks
24 mini chocolate chips

- 1. Cream the butter and cream cheese in a mixing bowl with an electric mixer. Mix in the confectioners' sugar and vanilla. Place in freezer for about 20 minutes to allow filling to stiffen.
- 2. Wash and thoroughly dry the strawberries with a paper towel. Slice off the tip and leafy base of each strawberry, then slice the strawberry in half width-wise. Dry the sliced surfaces with a paper towel.
- 3. Place the cream cheese frosting into a piping bag fitted with a #10 (medium round) piping tip. Position the strawberry so that it is pointing upward and sitting flat on your work surface. Pipe a generous dollop of frosting between the layers of strawberry. Place the top layer of strawberry on top and gently insert a toothpick down into the strawberry, to secure the layers together.
- 4. Place a small dollop of frosting at the tip of strawberry, to look like the fluff of Santa's hat.
- 5. Stick mini chocolate chips onto the cream cheese filling as the eyes.
- 6. Refrigerate the Santas until they are ready to be served.



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

St. Anne's Christian Women met Monday, November 7, 2022 in Mary Hall, beginning with social time/refreshments at 6:30 p.m. followed by President Karen Des Autels calling the business meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Twenty-two members were present.

Minutes from the October 11th meeting were approved as read; also approved was the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$705.74 in checking and \$2,440.04 in savings for a total of \$3,145.78.

### **Old Business:**

Remembrance Mass... on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Mass, for our 9 deceased parishioners from this past year was a resounding success with a meaningful liturgy and large attendance. Following Mass, over 70 family and friends of the deceased attended the reception in Mary Hall. Their many positive comments reflected appreciation of the liturgy, hospitality, the reception and Mary Hall decorations. Thanks to all our members who helped in any way.

<u>Breakfast Update...</u> Plans for our November 20<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser breakfast are well in place per reports from those in charge of food, publicity and raffle. Anyone with questions or comments on the workers' list should contact Pat Salzbrun. Set up will be Saturday morning, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

<u>Corporal Works of Mercy...</u>Per earlier discussion, Cyntia Lommel worked with Place of Hope to secure two dates for our group to serve meals there. They are: Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She enlisted help via circulating a volunteer sheet which was well received.

Relative to our Oct. Work of Mercy (Clothing the Naked), members brought to this meeting an abundance of clothing items which will be given to Anna Marie's Shelter (per membership approval) and also socks to go to our school's Kindness Club for their fall sock drive.

November's Work of Mercy (Sheltering the Homeless)...will be covered by our serving the meals at Place of Hope in November and December. It was also suggested that in the future we check out the area's "Church of the Week" program in which churches offer shelter to the homeless.

### **New Business**

<u>Servers' Appreciation...</u> Per discussion, it was agreed our servers (including adults) are deserving of an appreciation gift which will be a \$10.00 movie certificate to the Quarry Cinema in Cold Spring along with a \$5.00 Dairy Queen certificate. Stacey will check with Father Erik to get a list of ACTIVE servers.

<u>Christmas Gifts...</u> Motion was made and approved to give Father Erik and Father Statz each \$150.00 for the charity of their choice plus a gift basket of homemade goodies provided by our members.

<u>Commission Reports...</u>We were reminded to check out the diocesan newsletter, "Our Catholic Voice" at <u>www.stclouddccw.org</u> for pertinent CCW info.

The fall 40 Days for Life campaign, completed on November 6<sup>th</sup> included several of our members taking part in the walking in front of Planned Parenthood, which, per attendees, had good participation and affirmation. Because statistics are showing 40 Days to be highly effective at

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN MINUTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE

reducing abortions, nationwide and globally there has been some "pushback" especially from Planned Parenthood. The pro life effort requires our continued prayers especially with pro abortion supporters pushing their cause like never before, as in efforts like Proposition One (on the ballot tomorrow in CA) which will allow abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy.

<u>Memorial Walk...</u> Pat Salzbrun shared that all are invited to a Memorial Walk (No Means No) in honor of Nicole Hammond, (recently murdered in St. Cloud). The walk will take place on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Lake George with proceeds going to Anna Marie's Alliance.

<u>Halo...</u>will be given to the person who gave our Christian Women's group a generous monetary donation during the Remembrance Mass Reception.

Adjournment at 7:40 pm...with closing prayer, prayer partner exchange and door prize drawing going to Cheryl Lommel. Daily prayer this month is in appreciation to God for all His blessings on us and our families. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> beginning with a light meal at 6:30 pm (provided by officers & a volunteer) followed by a brief business meeting and party (games to be prepared by Lisa Lichte). Members should bring a plate of Christmas treats to share plus an item for the "Baby Jesus Shower" which will go to Elevate Pregnancy Center.

Respectfully Submitted, Char Volkmutmuth

### ST. ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN

## November 20, 2022 Breakfast



Thank you to everyone who helped to make our "Grateful to God" breakfast a huge success in so many ways. Our day started out with the good Lord giving us beautiful weather! We were blessed with so many of our Christian Women who gave of their time to work the breakfast. We were so very appreciative of the men who helped us with those heavy tasks needed to put on a breakfast. We pray that God's light shines on our generous donors of raffle items, the bakers who brought in their baked goods, our creative members who shared their craft items, and the

students of St. Wendelin's who made our table centerpieces. Special thanks to those individuals who gave extra time needed in preparing for and cleaning up after the breakfast. **To our guests who attended our breakfast, we are "Grateful to God" that you came to eat with us!** You shared happy faces, you bought raffle tickets, you shopped at our bake sale and at our craft sale, you lingered through your breakfast enjoying fellowship with others AND you left with full stomachs. It was a delight serving breakfast to you! God Bless!

Breakfast Report: We served 219 Adults and 21 Children. The profit from the breakfast was \$4,622.56. Special thanks to Todd and Stacey for calculating our Event Worksheet so quickly! As in past years, these proceeds will be used for financially helping our parish, our school and ministering to our community!

# ST. ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN RAFFLE WINNERS Sunday, November 20, 2022

- 1. \$100.00 Cash---**Sandy Leach**
- 2. \$75.00 Cash---Paul Massmann
- 3. \$75.00 Cash---Athena Kenning
- 4. \$50.00 Cash from St. Wend. K of C # 17025---Cathy Bautch
- 5. \$50.00 Cash---Bernie Perryman
- 6. \$50.00 Cash---Dave Volkmuth
- 7. \$50.00 Cash Wise Gift Card---Terri Brunner
- 8. \$30.00 Cash from Ron/Sharon Spanier---Ava Brunn
- 9. \$25.00 Cash---Richard Edelbrock
- 10. \$25.00 Coyote Moon Grill & Bar Gift Card---Kathy Watrin
- 11. \$25.00 Kwik Trip Gift Card from Steve/Jolene Brang--Charlie Dombrovski
- 12. \$25.00 Ultimate Sports Bar Gift Card...Randy/Kay Kortlever
- 13. Two Culvers Basket Gift Cards from Mary Freiberg---Joan Bechtold
- 14. Queen Size Quilt from Hildegard Rohe Quilting Group...Jennifer Witte
- 15. Park Lane Jewelry Set...Millie Brunn
- 16. Park Lane Jewelry Set...Judy Ludwig
- 17. Wall Hanging from Jean Schabel...Beverly Lehnen
- 18. Christmas Gnome Wall Hanging from Mary Freiberg...Len Brunn
- 19. Embroidered Dish Towel Set from Pam Massmann Ray/Ginia Meyer
- 20. Gift Basket from Judy Walters... Millie Brunn
- 21. Brim Pour Over Coffee Kit...Terri Brunner
- 22. "Bless This Home" Floor Mat...Doug Albers
- 23. 12 can Cooler Tote...Karen Bechtold
- 24. Box of Groceries...Pam Massmann
- 25. Box of Groceries...Jeff/Nancy Albers
- 26. Box of Groceries...Keegan Lommel
- 27. Box of Groceries...Phyllis Schmidt
- 28. Box of Groceries...Len Brunn
- 29. Box of Groceries...Sharon Spanier

Winner of Special Quilt Raffle...Erin Lommel

### **GROUP 2 BREAKFAST RESULTS**

We want to thank the members of the New Group 2 for all their help in making our October breakfast such a success. The rewards for taking those two or more hours out of your schedule is that you meet some wonderful people, and we even have some laughs as we work together for our parish!

We hesitate to mention names as all our appreciated, but there are a few who we feel we need to mention. Dale Hansen, Luxemburg Feed Mill, for all our delicious sausage, the people who graciously donated raffle prizes; all people who worked and those who were flexible enough to fill in wherever needed, Erin Lommel of Dombrovski Meats for her food donation, Charlie & Tracy Dombrovski for their time in helping to set up and take down and Deloris Heid for all the extra help, and then most of all thank you to all who came to eat!

We are so grateful for the commitment and generous spirit of our group members; you make our job easy! There was so many that did so much.

God Bless each of you!

## **JOE & KATHY**

## RAFFLE WINNERS

DONATED BY	WINNER
1. \$50.00 Land O'Lakes Glenn Lori Winter	Sally Koopmeiener
Quilt Rowe Quilting Group	Paul Reinert
3. \$50.00 John Ludwig Insurance	Father Eric
4. Quilt Barn Square	Jean Schabel
5. \$50. Land O'Lakes Glenn & Lori Winter	Bryce Reiter
<ol><li>Quilt Duvet Al &amp; Karen Weber</li></ol>	Diane Thole
7. \$50. Barry & Patty Brix	Landon Stevens
8. Fall Table Runner Jean Schabel	Father Statz
<ol><li>Winnie the Pooh quilt Diane Thole</li></ol>	Peter Walz
10. Cordless Drill Al & Karen Weber	Mya Honer
11. \$25. Movie certificate Deloris Heid	Pam Voight
12. \$25. Granite Pest Control	Joe Reinert
13. Shop Max Power Hub Al & Karen Weber	Tom Bautch
14. \$25.00 Granite Pest Control	John & Linda Kaiser
15. \$20.00 Ron & Sharon Spanier	Kaytlin Gaule

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