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Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year

NEXT NEWSLETTER

January 29, 2023

DEADLINE for News:

Monday January 23, 2023

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

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WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas is a time for loving,
Holding in our hearts
All the magic and the wonder
That this blessed day imparts.
It's a time for letting bygones
Be just that, and nothing more,
Time for looking back and weighing
All we have been working for.

Christmas is a time for giving
Something more than store-bought goods,
Time for spending peaceful moments,
Walking through the quiet woods.
'Tis a time for growing closer
While we have the time to spend,
Cherishing the precious moments
With a relative or friend.

Christmas is a time for sharing
Hope and joy and sorrow,
Giving what is ours today,
But may not be...tomorrow.
'Tis a time for recollection,
For the sands of time run fast,
Do not squander golden moments,
Do not grieve for what is past.

There's a bright star in the heavens,
Over one small cattle stall,
And a Baby in a manger
Who has come to save us all.
And with love beyond all telling,
As he reaches out for me,
This hushed and holy moment is
What Christmas means to me!

FINANCE COUNCIL

Thursday, November 17th, 2022

Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Finance Council held its meeting on Thursday, November 17th 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Wendelin's School, Luxemburg.

Opened with a prayer lead by Jeanne Lommel.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Lommel, Lisa Lichte, Kelly Knier and trustee Joe Watrin.

MEMBER ABSENT: Todd Hurre and trustee Erin Lommel. (both excused)

REVIEW OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Lisa and carried unanimously to approve said agenda.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The council reviewed all of the financial reports including collection trends, actual VS budget, and balance sheet. Motion to approve said reports was made by Joe and seconded by Kelly. The motion carried.

ACTION ITEM : Jeanne will check on the Bazaar expenses

OLD BUSINESS

Church painting has been put on hold.

Most of the church bank accounts have been moved to a Harvest Bank with locations in Kimball and St Augusta.

The council is currently waiting for bills to be submitted for the seal crack repair, roof repair (hail damage) and the repaving ball field driveway (back cemetery) to see if we need to transfer any funds from the investment account to the general checking account

The Finance Council By Laws still need to be updated to reflect the current and future processes.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. with a closing prayer lead by Lisa.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Finance Council meeting will be held Thursday, January 26th 2023 at St. Wendelin's School at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: **Lisa P Lichte**

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONTINUED **FROM PAGE 3**

Halo... will be given to the anonymous person who purchased the meat that was not sold at our breakfast. That person then turned around and gave the meat to a needy organization.

Adjournment at 12:05 pm... with closing prayer, prayer partner exchange and door prize drawing going to Sandy Leach. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

A Fun-filled Christmas Party... then followed starting with a light lunch, games and caroling. It was definitely a party whereby members were found celebrating a very special time of the year with lots of laughter!

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen DesAutels, Acting Secretary

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SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!! Can you believe we are at the end of another year??? Where has the time gone?? December always goes fast. Mrs. Lund volunteered to help with our Christmas program, so we spent several afternoons practicing. By the time this is posted, it will be in the past. Thank you, Laura, for all your help with the program. We couldn't have done it without you. (Literally)

Our December service project had us gathering toys for the Toys for Tots campaign. Our box was plump full of great toys. I know we will make some boys and girls happy this Christmas.

Earlier this month we hosted a holiday Make-n-Take. Current students, and possible new families came to frost cookies, play some games, do an art project or two, and meet Santa. It was a great community get together.

Lined along our walls are our students' art work that reminds us to "Keep Christ in Christmas". A big thanks to the Luxemburg Knights of Columbus for supporting us in this project.

We will resume classes on January 4th. Until then, may you all be happy, healthy, and in good grace with our Lord and King.

Blessings,
Lynn Rasmussen- Principal

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschoolers enjoyed the month of December very much. This month we started writing our names, we have learned how to spell them with the moveable alphabet and now we are putting pencil to paper and trying our best. We have tuned our fine motor skills and the children are confident in their abilities.

Each week we celebrated Advent with a prayer service. During this time the kids listened to quiet music, enjoyed readings from the bible, and explored the different themes.

Our Faith is strong this Christmas Season, and I am so proud of that.

May God Bless You this Holiday Season.

Rebecca Linscheid

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

This month has been all about Advent! The students have helped us with our Advent prayer services, completed daily Advent tasks to help prepare their hearts and minds for Christmas, created beautiful "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters, and received presentations with our Atrium materials on the Annunciation and Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. Additionally, they have worked hard learning the songs and lines for the upcoming Christmas programs next Tuesday. As always, it has been busy around school in a great way!! We wish everyone hope, peace, joy, and love this Advent season.

Mrs. Matchinsky

KINDNESS CLUB

Happy New Year Everyone! This month in The Kindness Club we are focusing on showing others that we care about them. We will be doing different activities this month that show others that we care. Our community outreach project this month will be extended into next month too because it is a time consuming project, we will be making cards for the Saint Scholastica Convent residents and the Saint Benedict's Care Center residents. We hope to share some cheer with them in the months of January and February! Have a Blessed January!

Love, The Kindness Club Kids

Come let us
Adore
Him



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

St. Anne's Christian Women met Sunday, December 18, 2022 in the school's library, President Karen DesAutels calling the business meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Twenty members were present. Minutes from the November 7, 2022 meeting were approved as published; also approved was the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$4,943.05 in checking and \$2,440.83 in savings for a total of \$7,383.88.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christian Women Breakfast Update... Karen presented the financial report for the breakfast sharing with the members that our final profit figure was \$4,603.56. A special recognition was given to Elizabeth and Kaitlin Watrin for selling table to table our quilt raffle tickets. Members were asked to pat themselves on their backs for a job well done!!!

Server Appreciation Gifts Update... Gifts were given to eleven students and one adult for volunteering to be altar servers. Motion was made, seconded and passed to give gifts to three additional students who will be trained for serving.

Place of Hope Meals Served Update... Cyntia gave the update of the meals served at Place of Hope. Those volunteering for this ministry agreed it was a rewarding and eye-opening experience. She distributed photos of the event and thanked those who volunteered for this Corporal Works of Mercy project.

Corporal Works of Mercy... The next Corporal Works of Mercy, Care for the Sick, was discussed. Members were asked to select two "Thinking of You" greeting cards with envelopes. Those present will be sending these cards to needy individuals prior to our April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Donations... Karen suggested and all agreed that donations would be dealt with at our next meeting in April. There were a few exceptions to this: (1) Motion was made, seconded and passed to distribute \$25 Cash Wise cards as follows; one to Shelly (HOC), one to Lana (St. Anne's) and three to our school. These five \$25 Cash Wise cards were donated to our group by the Lion's Club; (2) motion was made, seconded and passed to give Kelly Knier \$250 for the Sharing Tree;

(3) The rank and file discussed covers for the Breaking Bread books and it was agreed we would not be contributing toward covers for the books. Members felt we should try one year without covers and see how the books hold up; and (4) motion was made, seconded and passed to give \$250 to the quilters for supplies. All other donations will be determined at our April meeting.

First Communion and Confirmation Gifts... It was discussed that the Director of Faith Formation will be purchasing these gifts and letting each parish know what they owe based on the number of children attending from the various parishes.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING
JANUARY 2023
GROUP 4
8:00 A.M.**

JANUARY 7TH

Janet Lommel	Denise Brannan
Dot Bartell	Cyntia Lommel
Pam Koshiol	Jackie Eich
Emily Salzbrun	

JANUARY 14TH

Mickie Schriml	Eileen Kunkel
Connie Netter	Bonnie Edelbrock
Vickie Barthel	Sandy Leach
Christine Greenwald	Kristy Harren

JANUARY 21ST

MaryJo Klaverkamp	Michelle Fruth
Pat Salzbrun	Patti Brunner
JoAnn Massmann	Kimberly Brannan
Kathy Massmann	

JANUARY 28TH

Sue Massmann	Vicki Kunkel
Jody Albers	Joey Kiffmeyer
Mary Backes	Jim Opatz
Mary Kenning	Rose Sauer
Jackie Harren	Carol Klein

If you are scheduled to clean and cannot make it switch with someone else or find a replacement. Everyone's help is needed to clean God's House.



RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

EGGNOG HOT CHOCOLATE

4 cups eggnog
5 oz. white chocolate
4 Tbsp. vanilla extract
4 Tbsp. rum (or 1-2 tsp. rum extract)
Whipped cream
Ground nutmeg
Cinnamon stick

Pour eggnog, white chocolate, vanilla extract and rum into a pot over medium heat. Stir constantly until the white chocolate has fully melted.

Pour the hot chocolate into your favorite mugs, top with whipped cream. Sprinkle some nutmeg on top and decorate with a cinnamon stick.

Serves 2-4

PEPPERMINT MOCHA

2 cups milk
4 oz. good-quality dark chocolate
4 oz. good-quality milk chocolate
2 sachets instant coffee (aprox. 1 tsp. per sachet)
1 tsp. peppermint extract
Whipped cream
Festive sprinkles and garnishes

Place the milk, dark chocolate, milk chocolate, instant coffee, and peppermint extract in a pot and set to medium heat. Whisk constantly until the chocolate has melted.

Pour the hot chocolate into 2 mugs. Top with whipped cream and your favorite sprinkles and garnishes.

Serves 2.

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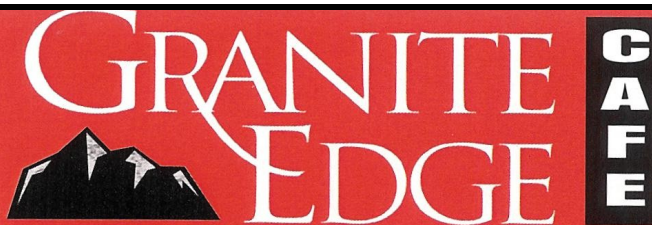
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