



# Parish Newsletter

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



**ST. WENDELIN'S - LUXEMBURG, MN \* February 26, 2023 - 637th Edition**

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Reach out and capture the joy life can offer the beauty, the goodness and love that abound. Reach out each day and gather it's blessings. Then reach out to others and share what you've found.

Last year I made a list  
That I resolved to do;  
I'll use that list  
Again this year,  
It's still as good as new!

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

March 26, 2023

**DEADLINE for News:**

Monday March 20, 2023

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

Get your articles to Sheila Albers  
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## THANK YOU

From the Leon Kieke Family:  
We would like to thank everyone who helped with Leon's funeral in any way. Many thanks to Shelly Gohmann for all of the planning.

Special thanks to Dan and Judy Walters, Pat Salzbrun, Bonnie Edelbrock, and Millie Brunn and anyone else who helped put on the luncheon.

Also thank you to Mary Neidermeier and the choir for providing the music for the mass.

It was all very nice and is much appreciated.  
**Janet Kieke and the Kieke Family**

The Second Graders of  
St. Wendelin Parish Community  
Are preparing and will receive their  
First Reconciliation and  
First Eucharist in the coming weeks.  
Please keep them in your prayers.

Praise is like premium gasoline.  
It helps take the knocks out of living.

The right train of thought can  
take you to a better station in life.

One of the secrets of a  
long and fruitful life is to  
forgive everybody  
everything every night  
before you go to bed.

· PRAY · FAST · GIVE ·

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Hello St. Wendelin!!!

Recently I was reminiscing about my years here at St. Wendelin. (It has been 32 years, Wow!!) I have worked alongside several of my former students, and I currently have ten former students with their own children enrolled here. As a matter of fact, Paul Koshiol (Dad to Brooke) and Julie Blonigen (Ms. Kolb's assistant) were in my very first 4th grade class. ☺ I am proud of that fact for both the school and me. Traditions are staying alive!! St. Wendelin's School has been a safe place and a great Christian learning environment for the many students that have come through our doors. I thank God for all the families, teachers, volunteers, priests, and children that I have had the pleasure to work with over the years.

The past several years have been very challenging for me both physically and mentally. I am not the same person I was pre-pandemic. My love for our school and community is strong, but I need to step away and take care of myself. The purpose of this communication is to let you know that I have officially resigned as principal of St. Wendelin's School as of the end of this school year.

No one loves this school more than I do. Needless to say, this was the hardest decision I have ever made. I ask that you pray for me as I am uncertain what God's plan is for me.

I want to thank my staff and volunteers for being amazing. They love these children as much as I do. I want to thank the Luxemburg community for supporting the school and me over the years. I would be remiss in not sincerely thanking all the parents who entrusted me with their children through my years at St. Wendelin. It has truly been an honor, and indeed a privilege, to serve your community as teacher and principal of this wonderful school.

You will forever be in my thoughts and prayers. Thanks for the memories!!!

Faithfully in Christ,

**Lynn Rasmussen**

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## **PRESCHOOL NEWS**

The preschoolers had a busy month! They got to take their first bus ride to their first field trip. St. Wendelin's loved spending the afternoon at Air Maxx for Catholic Schools week. We also partnered up with the older class so they could read stories to us to celebrate I love to Read Month.

As we approach the season of Lent the preschoolers are uncovering the real reason why Jesus died for our sins. We look forward to learning about almsgiving, fasting, and prayer so we can grow in our spiritual relationship.

**Rebecca Linscheid**

## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

February is I Love to Read Month so we have been doing lots of reading and fun activities to promote a love of literature. The children made books about the fruits of the Holy Spirit and read Scripture that aligns with the different fruits. Father Erik is coming in as a "mystery" reader and I know the children will be so excited about that.

For Valentine's Day, we created a book about the life of Saint Valentine, and we were able to live stream the ordination mass for our new Bishop; what a special event for the children to see!

With Lent coming up, I am starting to prepare my presentation for The City of Jerusalem; a geographical diorama that shows the children all the various places in the city that Jesus walked and spent time before and during His passion.

Blessings,

**Mrs. Matchinsky**

## **GRADES 1,2,3 NEWS**

We have been very busy this past month. February was I Love to Read Month. We reimagined book covers and participated in DEAR time. There is much joy to be found inside the cover of a book! We are anticipating a pizza party for those that complete their monthly reading goals!

First Communion is coming up! Please pray for us as we prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharistic.

**Mrs. Wallace's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade class**

## **E2 CLASS NEWS**

The students in the E2 classroom have been busy this last month with their studies. Math, Reading, Grammar, Handwriting, Spelling, and Social Studies have been keeping everyone busy. We also had the pleasure of hosting Stearns Electric in the classroom. Students really enjoyed learning a bit more about electricity. Another focus of the class has been the Beatitudes. If you have an opportunity to come to the school, please enjoy the many beautiful "Sermon on the Mount" stories the students have written that are displayed in the hallway.

**Susan Kolb**

## **KINDNESS CLUB**

This month in the Kindness Club we are focusing on the concept of inclusion. We are learning why it is important to include others and different ways to do so.

Our outreach project will run all of Lent. We are going to be collecting toilet paper and paper towels for the Anna Marie's Women and Children's Shelter in St. Cloud. If you would like to donate some paper towels or toilet paper too, please drop them off at our school.

We hope everyone has a Blessed Lenten Season!

**Love, The St. Wendelin's Kindness Club**

**CHURCH CLEANING  
MARCH, 2023  
GROUP 3**

(Cleaning time is 8:30 a.m. except for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is 6:30 p.m.)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\*Mary Broda  
Jolene & Steve Brang  
Laurie & Steve Opatz  
Sue Eckerman & Larry Mohs  
Marie & Ron Kotzer

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\*Judy & Dan Walters  
Sheila & Ron Albers  
Erin & Paul Koshiol  
Geraldyn & Todd Hurrle  
Clara Witte

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\* Ruth & Paul Roufs  
Marla & John Honer  
Jayne & Keith Thole  
Sharon & Ray Gohman  
Lois & Norb Fischer  
Margie & Dale Koshiol

**THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>,  
6:30 P.M. - SPRING CLEANING \*\***

\*\*\*Sandi & Mike Weber  
Gina & Joe Bartell  
Julie & Dale Kraemer  
Nancy & Jeff Albers  
Sue & Paul Koshiol  
Jolene & Steve Brang  
\*\* (Anyone else that's available and would like to help is welcome to!!) \*\*

\*\*\* 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!!!

**RECIPE CORNER**

Ron Albers

**SHRIMP SCAMPI WITH ORZO**

½ lbs. peeled and deveined, medium shrimp (tails removed)  
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil  
2 tsp. lemon zest, divided  
1/8 tsp. red-pepper flakes  
½ cup minced onion  
1 tsp. Kosher salt  
¼ tsp. black pepper  
1 tsp. thinly sliced garlic  
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter, divided  
¾ cup orzo  
½ cup white wine  
2 cups chicken stock  
2 Tbsp. drained capers  
2 Tbsp. finely chopped parsley  
Grated parmesan cheese and lemon wedges, to serve

In a medium bowl, gently stir together shrimp, olive oil, 1 tsp. lemon zest, and red pepper; cover and let stand at room temperature for 15 to 20 minutes.

In a 10 inch cast-iron skillet, melt 1 Tbsp. butter over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, salt, and black pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally until onion is softened and translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in broth and wine; bring to a boil. Stir in orzo; cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Reduce heat, and simmer and cook until orzo is al dente, about 7 minutes.

Stir in shrimp mixture and capers. Cook, stirring occasionally until shrimp are pink and firm, about 5 minutes. Stir in remaining 1 Tbsp. butter; sprinkle with parsley and remaining 1 tsp. lemon zest. Serve immediately with parmesan and lemon.

Makes 2 servings

### **BREAKFAST RESULTS GROUP 3**

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported Group 3's breakfast, raffle and bake sale. It was great seeing you there!!

To all Group 3 members who helped in any way they could, we sure do appreciate it. Thank you to those who helped set up the day before. That was very kind. To those who had to work two shifts because we were short-handed, thank you for your willingness to hang around and do so. To everyone who donated raffle prizes, thank you so much for your generosity. To those of you who let us know ahead of time you could not be there but still supported by turning in your raffle tickets, bake sale items, grocery items or a money donation to the breakfast itself, thank you so much for still supporting the breakfast that way. All of these things are so appreciated and really mean a lot.

Thank you to Ron & Sheila Albers for the beautiful roses for the tables!! Thank you, as well, for your help ahead of time, as well as setting up the raffle tickets for printing. We sure do appreciate all of your support. To Emily & H and S Heating & Air Conditioning, thank you for printing the raffle tickets for us. We really do appreciate it. To Dan & Judy Walters, thank you so much for your continued support with everything and for having to help with even more this time. It really means a lot to us. To Sue & Paul Koshiol for donating the fresh fruit - what a treat! So appreciated and very kind of you. Thank you to Mary Broda for taking care of all of the advertising. Your time and effort in doing that is appreciated. It takes so many to help out in whatever way possible to make it a successful fundraiser.

Together, we were able to raise \$2,453.57 for St. Wendelin's. Thank you sooo much to everyone who came and supported this breakfast, as well as all of the workers coming together to make it happen. We really appreciate working with such a great group of people!!

**Jolene & Steve**

### **RAFFLE WINNERS**

\$50.00 Menards Gift Card - Donated by Marie Kotzer & Mary Broda - Paul Koshiol  
\$25.00 Cash - Anonymous - Mary Broda  
Bird House - Ezekiel Salzbrun & Ron Albers - Karen Weber  
One Free Oil Change - C.A.R.S./John & Jim Honer - Cory Broda  
\$25.00 Casey's Gift Card - Anonymous - Elaine Reinert  
Bird House - Ezekiel Salzbrun & Ron Albers - Zachery Witte  
\$25.00 Texas Roadhouse Gift Card - Anonymous - Vern Koshiol  
Valentine's Gift Basket - Dan & Judy Walters - Harvey Ley  
Table Runner - Sheila Albers - Todd & Geralyn Hurrle  
Crocheted Baby & Doll Afghans - Anonymous - Elaine Reinert  
Box of Groceries - Group 3 - Eric Fink  
Box of Groceries - Group 3 - Marie Kotzer  
Box of Groceries - Clara Witte

# Lenten Word Search

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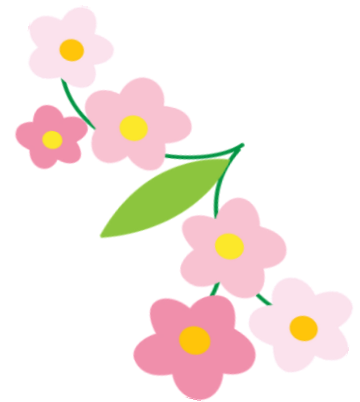
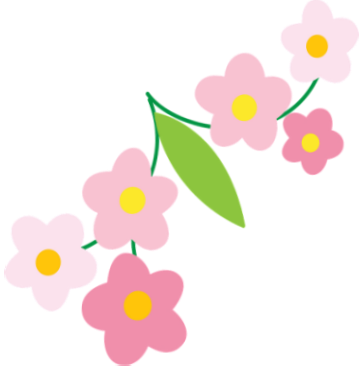
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 PRAYER  
 PURPLE  
 SACRIFICE  
 SEASON  
 FASTING  
 STATIONS

## I WORK FOR JESUS

I work for Jesus every day  
 In deeds I do and words I say  
 And, by His Grace, I hear and see  
 The works that He expects of me.  
 He is my love of heart and soul  
 And Guardian of every goal  
 That He would have my life pursue  
 To be with Him -- and Christian, true.  
 At all my chores -- my work and play --  
 I work for Him, in Christian ways,  
 For we are one in deed of heart  
 That love and charity impart;  
 And we will be forever one  
 When all my work on earth is done  
 And He rewards me with the Grace  
 Of heaven's peace and His embrace.

## THEIR MASTER'S VOICE

Old dogs seem to take in stride  
 The passing of each day,  
 Content to let the hours pass  
 Whatever comes their way.  
 They seem to know a secret  
 Which offers peace of mind --  
 A secret dogs just seem to know,  
 And humans seldom find.  
 They lead an unassuming life  
 And know their master's voice.  
 A simple touch of their master's hand  
 Will cause them to rejoice.  
 They listen for his footsteps  
 And wait beside the door,  
 Content to let the world go by  
 To serve him evermore.  
 If only humans had such faith  
 To seek the MASTER'S voice  
 Content to let the world go by --  
 To worship and rejoice!



# St. Wendelin Church Spring Dinner

Saturday – March 18, 2023

Serving from 5:00p-7:00p

Social Hour starting at 4:30p (Cash Bar Available)

Dinner includes:

Prime Rib or Chicken Dinner (choose below)

Cheesy potatoes, Vegetable, Dinner roll &  
Cheesecake dessert (choose below)

Please return the bottom of this form with payment to:

St Wendelin’s Church – Attn: Pat Salzbrun

22714 St Hwy 15

St. Augusta MN 56301

-OR-

Drop off in Sunday collection basket or in parish house mail drop

**Please RSVP by March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal (please circle): **Chicken** (\$30/plate) **or Prime Rib** (\$35/plate)

Dessert: **Lemon cheesecake** **or Turtle cheesecake**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal (please circle): **Chicken** (\$30/plate) **or Prime Rib** (\$35/plate)

Dessert: **Lemon cheesecake** **or Turtle cheesecake**

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Ticket # \_\_\_\_\_



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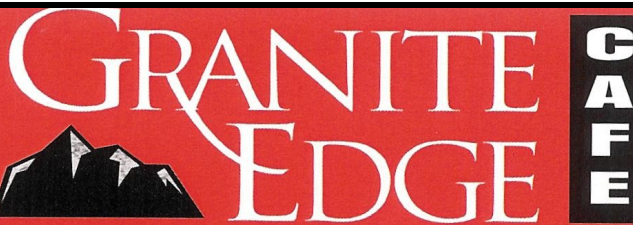
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