



Parish Newsletter

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



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LET YOUR LIFE BECOME A PRAYER

Sometimes when a light
goes out of our life
and we are left in darkness
and do not know which way to go,
we must put our hand
into the hand of God
and ask Him to lead us. . .
and if we let our life
become a prayer
until we are strong enough
to stand under the weight
of our own thoughts again,
somehow even the most difficult
hours are bearable.

Here are the values that we should stand for:
Honesty, kindness, compassion,
Treating people the way you want to be treated
And helping those in need.
These are traditional values.

A warm smile is the universal
language of kindness.

PARISH FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Are you ready? We trust you've
picked up your envelope with
worker's list and raffle tickets and
are ready to do your part. Each and
every person is needed to make
this effort a success.

Be sure to read the message in
this *Newsletter* from our leaders,
Dan Salzbrun and John Ludwig.
Feel free to call either of them
with comments or questions.
Dan at 320-980-1558
or John at 320-259-8136

**Looking forward to seeing
one and all on
SUNDAY, JULY 30th.**

When you carry out acts of kindness
You get a wonderful feeling inside.
It is as though something inside
Your body responds and says, yes,
This is how I ought to feel.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

August 6, 2023

DEADLINE for News:

Monday August 1, 2023

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

Get your articles to Sheila Albers
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2023 PARISH FESTIVAL UPDATE

ST. WENDELIN PARISH FESTIVAL is now only 5 weeks away and the time will go by even faster. At this time, we are on schedule with all the venues.

GAMES are looking for cookie donations. Christie informed me that any brand cookie is good but stay away from chocolate covered cookies, as they have a tendency to melt in the hot weather. Also, new to slightly used stuffed animals are always a big hit with the kids. Drop these items in the back of church.

LUCKY STRAW Sue informed me that you can pick up small dollar cost items at the local Dollar Store. Also, Sue mentioned garage and Crazy Day sales as they might be good places to find items.

MARKETPLACE Bring your fresh garden produce as it is always a big seller along with canned jams and jellies, homemade goodies, needlework and wood working items. Watch upcoming bulletins as to where and when to bring in these donations.

New this year, **SILENT AUCTION!** Contact Marla Hone at 320-266-0336 for additional information.

INFLATABLES 3 Inflatables to make it an exciting and fun-filled day for the kids.

Don't forget the cakes for the **CAKE SPIN**. Hint!!! Kids like cupcakes topped with sprinkles or M&M candies.

Did you see the list of prizes for the Parish **RAFFLE**? Time to sell! Sell those raffle tickets with all those cash prizes, totaling \$12,000.00!!!

This year, **J'J'S OLD TIME BAND** from St. Stephen. They will put on a good show, to be followed by the **OLD TYME COUNTRY BAND**, to get your foot stomping to good old Country music.

The **CHICKEN DINNER** has been ordered and will be catered by Custom Catering by the Short Stop.

Finally, the **QUILT AUCTION** at 3:00 p.m. The ladies from the Quilting Group have once again come up with a beautiful assortment of quilts. Be there to bid on some of the nicest quilts money can buy.

Lastly the **WEATHER** is under the guidance of Father Erik Lundgren. With that, I know it will be a wonderful day.

WORK YOUR SHIFT AND HAVE A FUN-FILLED TIME AT OUR PARISH FESTIVAL.

REMEMBER, this Festival will be a success because you made it a success.

PARISH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Dan Salzbrun, John Ludwig, and the Committee Members

FINANCE COUNCIL

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Finance Council held its meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Wendelin's School, Luxemburg.

Opened with a prayer lead by Todd Hurrele.

Members present were Jeanne Lommel, Lisa Lichte, Kelly Knier, Todd Hurrele, trustees Joe Watrin and Erin Lommel. Guest: Keith Koltes

Review of Agenda: A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Todd, and carried unanimously to approve said agenda with the addition of adding a possible outside audit of the school.

Keith Koltes went over the Maintenance project list for the Parish's 2023 needs.

Review of previous Minutes:

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

Financial Reports: The council reviewed all the financial reports including collection trends, actual vs budget, and balance sheet. Motion to approve said reports were made by Todd and seconded by Kelly and carried unanimously to approve said reports.

Old Business

There was an unrestricted contribution received and it was decided to retain enough of the funds in the general checking to cover the upgrade to the choir speaker system and move the remainder to the Building Fund Investment for future projects.

A review of the Long-Range plan was done.

The Council completed the final review of the 2023/2024 Fiscal Budget. A motion was by Todd and seconded by Lisa to approve the

budget and carried unanimously to approve said budget.

Lisa made a motion to table the review of the By-Laws and Todd seconded it and it unanimously carried.

New Business

A discussion regarding the Catholic Community Schools (CCS) and St. Wendelin's school parting ways affective immediately was had. The CCS has chosen to support only a traditional school teaching system and does not want to support our Montessori style. The CCS will continue to guide us as we need it through this transition. A discussion was had about having an outside auditor come and go through the school's finances and making sure they are in order. It was decided to have an auditor come in 2024 as the diocese does an audit every six years and was just recently done.

Action item: Joe will contact someone and have them come out in 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. with a closing prayer lead by Todd.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 24, 2023, at St. Wendelin's School at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: **Lisa P Lichte**

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In everyone's life,
At some time,
Our inner fire goes out.
It is then burst into flame
by an encounter with
another human being.
We should all be thankful
for those people who
rekindle the inner spirit.

**CHURCH CLEANING
JULY, 2023
GROUP 3**

(Cleaning time is 8:30 a.m.)

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST

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

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH

*** Judy & Dan Walters
Geraldyn & Todd Hurre
Sheila & Ron Albers
Clara Witte

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

*** Ruth & Paul Roufs
Margie & Dale Koshiol
Jayne & Keith Thole
Sharon & Ray Gohman

SATURDAY, JULY 22ND

*** Sandi & Mike Weber
Marla & John Honer
Julie & Dale Kraemer
Nancy & Jeff Albers

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH

*** Sue Eckerman & Larry Mohs
Sue & Paul Koshiol
Lois & Norb Fisher
Gina & Joe Bartell
Erin & Paul Koshiol

*** 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!!!

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

BLACKBERRY COBBLER

2 lbs. fresh blackberries
2/3 cup plus 4 Tbsp. granulated sugar,
divided
1/4 cup cornstarch
1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 tsp. kosher salt
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup old-fashioned oats
2 tsp. baking powder
5 Tbsp. cold unsalted butter
1/2 cup whole milk

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly spray a 1 1/2 - 2 quart baking dish with baking spray with flour.

In a large bowl, stir together berries, 2/3 cup sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, and 1/2 tsp. salt until combined, slightly mashing berries to release juices. Pour mixture into prepared pan.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, oats, 2 Tbsp. sugar, baking powder, and remaining 1/2 tsp. salt. Using a pastry blender or your hands, cut in cold butter until butter pieces are pea-size; stir in milk. Using a 3-Tbsp spring-loaded scoop, scoop dough, and drop onto berry mixture in pan. Using your hands, slightly flatten dough, if desired. Sprinkle remaining 2 Tbsp. sugar onto dough.

Bake until topping is golden and berry mixture is thick and bubbly, 40 to 45 minutes, covering with foil during final 20 minutes of baking to prevent excess browning. Let cool on a wire rack for at least 30 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Makes 6 servings.

Luxemburg Lions Famous 4th of July Holiday Hamburger Sale!

When: *Friday June 30th*

Where: *St. Wendelin's School Parking Lot*

Time: *10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.*

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John Honer @ 320-266-0337

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