

# **Parish Newsletter**

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



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# MARKETPLACE NEWS

(Sung to the tune of "The Twelve Days Of Christmas) On my twelve days of Christmas shopping I gave to the Marketplace... Twelve gardens produce Eleven basket items Ten scented candles Nine chocolate candies Eight towels embroidered Seven frosted cupcakes Six guilted blankets FIVE LEGO SETS Four jars of jam Three baked goods Two potted plants And One silent Auction Basket!

> Thanks, Mary and Marla

Dear God, in 2025 Let me be a little kinder, Let me be a little blinder To the faults of those around me. Let me praise a little more. Let me be when I am weary Just a little bit more cheery Think a little more of others And a little less of me. Let me be a little braver, When temptation bids me waver, Let me strive a little harder To be all that I should be. Let me be a little meeker With a brother that is weaker: Let me think more of my neighbor And a little less of me.

# FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2024 Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Finance Council held its meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Wendelin's library.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Kelly Knier.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Jeanne Lommel, Todd Hurrle, Lisa Lichte, Kelly Knier, and Trustee Joe Watrin.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erin Lommel.

## **REVIEW OF AGENDA:**

The meeting agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Kelly, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as written.

#### **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Lisa, seconded by Todd, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2024 meeting.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The council reviewed the financial reports: ordinary collection income is down but the parish festival did very well. Jeanne mentioned that the phone bill was high due to the internet and will be shut off, so this will help reduce the cost. The workers compensation was also discussed and this will need to be followed up to understand the Parish responsibilities. We need clarity on what is in the rental line item. There is a large amount sitting in the checkbook earning little interest, and large expenses are not due until February and April. A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Kelly, to purchase some short-term bank investments, if it makes sense to do so with anticipated cash flow. A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Kelly, seconded by Lisa, and carried unanimously. Action Item: Jeanne to review telephone bill

and workers compensation bill to understand what is being charged.

<u>Action Item:</u> Jeanne to review the rental income received in July to understand what the proceeds were from.

Action Item: Jeanne to review options for short term CD's or Treasury bills and work with Lana to purchase them.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The long-range plan was reviewed. There was a meeting held in October to discuss painting the church. Approval would be needed from the diocese since there is a 2 year pause on building projects and renovations. The current schedule is to contact the diocese for review in the spring. Parking lot seal coating and crack filling was completed including the road that leads to the ballpark. We will check with the Rec Club to see if they are willing to support part of the cost as it helps the Ball field traffic. <u>Action Item:</u> Todd will contact the Rec Club about contributing to the cost of the seal coating and crack filling charges.

The current mower program with Powerhouse allows us to receive a new mower every other year and only pay for the hours used on it. A motion to continue using this program was made by Todd, seconded by Joe, and carried unanimously. Funds from the Parish Endowment fund will be recommended for use to cover this expense.

The lunch stand improvements are underway and will continue next spring. There is a lien placed on the building for this project by the material supplier, but that is standard practice and will be resolved by the Rec Club and Construction project team when the work is complete.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Education Endowment distribution for a gift towards St. Wendelin's student scholarships for tuition was \$3,625. Parents who have already paid tuition in full will receive a refund.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A few parish members will be traveling to Salt Lake City, UT, in January to attend the SEEK conference, which presents a wonderful opportunity for them to deepen their faith. A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Kelly to allocate up to \$300 per person to cover the conference entrance fee. These funds will be requested from the Vocations Endowment Fund. At our January meeting, we will also discuss a similar support opportunity for those planning to attend the Steubenville trip next summer.

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# ST. WENDELIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



November 19, 2024 Unapproved Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer was led by Bonnie Massman

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Bonnie Massmann, Pat Salzbrun, Lance Watrin, Leanne Donnay, Cassandra Deering, Corey Gerads, Amber Laudenbach, and Joe Watrin

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Routine Matters** 

## A. PRINCIPAL REPORT

1. Grants

A.. Title II Education Grant used to pay for half of the Hempker Zoo trip

B. CSCOE Grant of \$310 was used for pre-kindergarten curriculum.

## 2.DONATIONS

A. Bibles for grades 3-6 Donations for this; \$500 K of C, \$300 Anonymous Donor, \$276.25 Christian Women-School purchased zippered cases for the bibles. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will receive a bible as a gift for their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and keep at school and be able to take home as a St. Wendelin graduate. Current 3-6<sup>th</sup> graders have received and are enjoying the use of them right now.

- B. K of C \$360 meat raffle
- C. St. Augusta Legions\$1000
- D. 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Bar Proceeds \$600

E. Hayloft Fall Event \$1200

F.Memorial for Donna Kiffmeyer

## **3.FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

A. Financial Management-reviewed/discussed

1. Old/Continuing Business

A. Candy/Pizza-Pat reported 766 pizzas sold profiting \$3,549.50

After all candy bars are sold, profits from pizza and candy bars will total 7,431.50

Families will be asked to sell extra candy bars if interested.

B. Spirit Wear-Dale will have samples to display at school. Joe will ask for donation from Lions at December meeting for teachers to be gifted spirit wear for Christmas.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CHRISTMAS MAKE N' TAKE** December 7, 2024 from 9:00 -11:30 (note change of time). Catholic United Financial is a sponsor. It was suggested to have new/visiting families to wear a different colored name tag for veteran families to reach out.

B. **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** December 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. with a reception to follow. Families are asked to donate cookies or bars.

C. **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** went in the mail today. Pat spoke on this. A prayer request section was added These prayers will be during the weekly all-school student rosary.

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D. **WCEA**-Accreditation status-Bonnie and Father Erik met with WCEA the first hour and the teachers joined after that. We are officially accredited now as long as we continue with the planning process. Pluses for us are weekly mass and rosary and addition of bibles.

#### **QUESTIONS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The committee was asked if Bonnie could put link to new website in weekly newsletter.

#### MEETING GUESTS-none

#### **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**DIOCESAN MEETING** on December 11, 2024 about how to make your website pop. Discussed the school's new website and in the process of revamping FaceBook page. Amber will check on password to add Bonnie and Jackie as administrators for the page.

**NEXT MEETING:** December 17<sup>,</sup> 2024

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leanne Donnay

# FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

A discussion took place regarding the need for a separate parish secretary. It was agreed that Lana and Shelly work well together and no additional staff is necessary at this time. The computer and sit/stand desk currently at the Rectory will be moved to the school for their use.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm with a closing prayer led by Todd.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, **Kelly Knier** 

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Not only at Christmas, but all year long, the joy you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

Happiness is never having to stop to think if you are.

Peace is seeing the sunset and knowing who to thank.

Everyone has the key to happiness---you just have to pick the right lock.

# PRESCHOOL NEWS

This month we had the opportunity to attend the Wizard of Oz play. This was extra special since it was the first trip to a theater for many of the students. And then they got to put on their own performance as animals in our annual Christmas program. They did a great job!

During the month of December, we attend weekly Advent prayer services as a whole school. During this time we light the corresponding candles on the Advent wreath, then we take time to pray, discuss, and reflect. We also got together with the older kids to make an Advent wreath craft to celebrate the Advent season.

We learned about each of the Joyful Mysteries during our weekly rosary class, and helped make cards for the Sisters at St. Scholastica and residents at the Benedictine Living Community in Cold Spring.

Even with all of that happening, we are excited to announce that we have more students working on spelling words! We'll move on to sight words next! We've also begun work on mastering their handwriting. Their focus is incredible, as is the joy on their faces when they do well!

Mrs. Haselkamp and Mrs. Gruenes

# **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

The last couple weeks have been eventful! Our days have been filled with Christmas program practices and performances, as well as a road show to perform the program for the sisters at St. Scholastica!

We have been praying the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary, making Christmas cards and gifts for special people, attending Advent prayer services, making posters for the annual Keep Christ in Christmas contest, and reflecting on scripture and ways to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord!

Somewhere in the midst of all that, we also found some time for reading, math, science and handwriting lessons! May all who read this find hope, peace, joy and love this Advent season and always. Blessings,

#### Mrs. Matchinsky

# 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE NEWS

Merry Christmas! The first and second graders had an "angelic" month of December. Our whole class got to be angels in the Christmas play! We loved wearing our shiny halos and holding our battery operated candles. We even took the show on the road with a performance at St. Scholastica Monastery, the sisters were so happy to have us!

My class has been counting down the days until cursive is the only way they are allowed to write. After Christmas break, everyone, including myself, will be faced with the challenge of only using cursive. It's going to be tricky but I hope the children can learn how special and unique not only being able to write but being able to read cursive is, as well.

Happy Holidays and thank you for all the support you give to St. Wendelins! Mrs. Rebstock

# 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS

Students were busy with various activities from their Christmas program, Christ in Christmas posters, Advent services, creating various Christmas cards, and "Confesstival". Their participation and involvement was fantastic!

For class, they continued working on various English assignments and writing skills. They also practiced using a site called "Stellarium" to research constellations and astronomical features. Allowing them to observe around the world and see different time zones. Then they created and wrote their own stories on a constellation they created. They practiced creating circuits with play dough and observing conductors and insulators.

Have a fantastic Christmas and Advent Season!

# SCHOOL NEWS

This past month has been very busy at St. Wendelin's. Preparations for the annual Christmas Program could be seen (and heard) throughout the building. Thanks to everyone that helped out with the program. Cynthia Ruff, our music teacher, Karen DesAutels with costumes, Teachers and parent volunteers.

This year our Christmas program was also performed at St. Scholastica for the retired sisters. It was fun to visit with a number of them that had previously worked at St. Wendelin's or other Catholic Schools. It was great to see Sr. Marius, who was at St. Wendelin's for many years as a teacher and principal. After the program the Sisters gave the students a small treat and shared a blessing song with the students.

Students and Staff would like to extend to all the parishioners a wish for a Blessed Christmas Season!

> Bonnie Massmann PrincipaL

# 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS

This month we studied St. Nicholas, St. Juan Diago, and St. Francis Cabrini. We were inspired by St. Nichoals to give anonymously to those in need and have been making cards and coloring pictures for people in nursing homes. We have been speaking a little bit of Spanish like Juan Diago. We complete our lunch count in Spanish as well as asking to use the restroom.

In Science this month we have been studying circuits and electromagnetic forces. The students had to work together to complete the circuit to make a 100-year-old car horn honk. They also worked to complete circuits so that a light bult would light up, a motor would run a fan, and a buzzer would sound. I have a great group of future scientists!

Our math time is now filled with Montessori materials. Students are showing understanding of the math concepts at levels I have not seen before. They are engaged in their work and often ask if they are able to get the materials out.

Many new books have been donated to the library this month. Students have been reading so much we must go to the library twice a week so they don't run out of books to read. The selection we have is wonderful and thank you to all who have donated books! I can feel the Holy Spirit working in our school. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

# Mrs. Deering

# SLOW US DOWN, LORD

Slowing down is never easy When we have so much to do; It takes an act of God sometimes To get the message through.

As the Winter storm is raging In a town so pressed for time,

I wonder if it's meant to be God's supernatural sign.

As the fireplace gently crackles And schools have all closed down,

It's a very rare occasion To have our family all around.

We've been caught up in the 'busyness'

With deadlines to be met, We've had our engines set on high And our schedules firmly set.

Thank You, God, for showing us What we've forgotten how to do... Spending time alone with family And taking time for You.

# CHURCH CLEANING JANUARY 2025 GROUP 2

# **JANUARY 4**

Angela Moscho Beth Mueller Gary & Roxanne Plombon LaVerne Reinert Greg & Mary Schaefer

# **JANUARY 11**

Kevin & Diane Thole Steve & Pam Voigt Dale & Jeneen Albers Daryl & Janet Albers

#### JANUARY 18

Jeff & Debbie Bechtold Joan Bechtold Deloris Heid Barb Kenning

## **JANUARY 25**

Terri Gill John & Linda Kaiser Karen Kuschel Dan & Lisa Lichte

If you choose to come and clean on Friday night, please leave a note with what has been completed, otherwise please come on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. There is a note hanging in the back of church with a list of what needs to be done. Thank you!

> We have been given life so we can enjoy things, not given things so we can enjoy life.

To be the light of the world, We have to remember to turn on our switch.

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# RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

# **CHOCOLATE CHERRY COOKIES**

1 pkg. Ghirardelli Brownie Mix
 ¼ cup flour plus 2 Tbsp.
 2 eggs
 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 1/3 cup chopped Amarena Cherries
 Chocolate melting wafers for dipping
 Cherries or sprinkles for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix dry ingredients and then add eggs, oil, and cherries. Stir until combined. Scoop cookies by 1 Tbsp (if you want larger use a cookie scoop). Onto a cookie sheet. Bake for 8 minutes. Once the cookies are cooled, melt the chocolate wafers and drizzle on top of cookie and garnish as desired.

# **SLOW-COOKER CHICKEN WINGS**

3 lbs. chicken wings, split
Kosher salt
¼ cup honey
¼ cup hoisin sauce
3 Tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce
2 Tbsp. oyster sauce
1 Tbsp. minced fresh ginger
¼ tsp. Chinese five-spice powder

Put the chicken wings in a 6-quart slow cooker and sprinkle with 1 tsp. salt. Mix together the honey, hoisin, soy sauce, oyster sauce, ginger and five-spice powder in a small bowl or measuring cup. Pour the sauce over the wings and toss to mix. Cover and cook on high, stirring occasionally until wings are cooked through and tender and the sauce is slightly thickened, about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Preheat the broiler to high. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Transfer the wings to the baking sheet using tongs. Drizzle about ½ cup of the sauce over the wings. Broil, flipping the wings halfway through, until golden, about 6 minutes.

# Minutes From St Anne's Christian Women's Meeting - 12/10/2024

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, December 10, 2024 in Mary Hall beginning with fellowship/dinner at 6:30 p.m. All enjoyed the sloppy joes, salads, beans and chips. Members, so generously, brought delicious cookies to share. The meal was followed by President Karen DesAutels calling the business meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Twenty-one members were present.

Minutes from the November 12th, 2024 meeting were read, motion to approve was made, motion seconded and passed; also read was the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$ 6,594.07 in savings and \$ 2,613.67 in checking for a total of \$ 9,207.74. A motion was made to approve made to approve the Treasurer's report, motion was seconded and passed.

# OLD BUSINESS

# November Breakfast - November 24th, 2024

Our fundraiser breakfast was very successful. We served 324 adults and 21 children, making \$5,205.15. The last time St. Anne's Christian Women breakfast served this many people was 2015. A couple of suggestions were made regarding better signage/awareness of bake sale location and possibly moving the quilt raffle to turkey bingo night hosted by the Lion's. Special thank you was mentioned to Julie Kraemer for running to get additional goods for the event.

# Eucharist Revival - The Year of the Mission - Pillar #4 - Eucharistic Life

This item was tabled due to the evening's packed schedule.

# Sharing Tree

Reminder all gifts will need to be returned to the tree by Sunday, December 15th. A motion of a \$200 cap was made, seconded and approved to help fund any remaining tags needing to be filled.

## **Bibles for St. Wendelin's Students**

St. Anne's Christian Women received a beautiful Thank You from the students for our donation towards their bibles.

## West Central Deanery General Gathering

May 6th, 2025 will be the gathering date for this event. It will start with a 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Help of Christians followed by a light meal. There are four Christian Women's groups within our ACC parish cluster. Each group has been given a part to play in organizing this event. Our St. Anne's Christian Women group is responsible for desserts and seven centerpieces. We will revisit this agenda item at our April meeting.

# St. Anne's Christian Women Outreach to People Inbound

Mary Neidermeier hosted those willing to help with this special project. We were happy to receive so many names and addresses of those that are inbound. Twenty-three Christmas cards were addressed. This event will happen again during the Easter season.

## NEW BUSINESS

# Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

President Karen read from The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine the history of the Jubilee Year dating back to 1300 AD. She also read to the members the opening ritual in Rome and how the St. Cloud diocese has scheduled their Jubilee Year opening on Sunday, December 29, 2024, 6:00 p.m. (at the Cathedral, lower level).

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#### **Donations**

The discussion of donations was tabled until a later date, with the exception of a motion being made, seconded and approved to donate \$800 towards St. Wendelin's School to help in covering transportation expenses for field trips.

#### **Resurrection Party**

At this time it is uncertain if there will be an Easter Vigil Mass at St. Wendelin's. It was decided, a special meeting will be called to organize a reception, if one is needed.

#### **Rocking Horse Farm Donation Request**

Carol Wurst with Rocking Horse Farm requested a donation of hats, mittens, gloves, etc. for various area causes. St. Anne's Christian Women were able to pull from our Place of Hope donation to fulfill this need.

#### Officiant Gifts

Linda Kaiser showed to all, the fun gift holders she and Judy Walters created to hold the St. Anne's Christian Women gifts for them.

#### <u>HALO</u>

A halo will be sent to Sheila Albers for her continuing work, carrying on her mom, Alice's legacy with the Parish Newsletter. We are so grateful to her for helping us all stay connected with this important piece of communication for the community. Thank you Sheila!

Meeting adjourned with closing prayer and drawing of prayer partners at 7:45 p.m..

**Then the Christmas party began!!!** Virginia Meyer and Andy Tolman led St. Anne's Christian Women members into the planned Christmas festivities with special Christmas carols. Members participated in fun-filled games planned by Julie Kraemer and Bonnie Edelbrock. White elephant gifts were selected just before leaving, clean up was completed, and all had visions of a fun party as they slept that night!

Respectfully Submitted, **Cyntia Lommel,** Secretary

It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, But what you have in your heart.

Life would be one joyful slide if we did not have to drag our sleds up the hill from time to time.

Happy are those who keep hope alive. They will be surprised by joy. What can I give him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring him a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part; Yet what can I give him---Give him my heart.

Be what you wish others to become.



# ST. ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN November 24, 2024 Breakfast Update

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our 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 very creative members who shared their craft items, and the students of St. Wendelin's for their artwork displayed on the tables. 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 so 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 324 Adults and 21 Children. The profit from the breakfast was \$5,200.15. 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!

#### **RAFFLE WINNERS FROM CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST ON NOVEMBER 24TH**

- 1. \$100.00 Cash-
- 2. \$75.00 Cash-
- 3. \$75.00 Cash-
- 4. \$50.00 Cash from St. Wendelin K of C # 17025
- 5. \$40.00 Cash from Ron/Sharon Spanier
- 6. \$30.00 Olive Garden Gift Card Steve/Jolene Brang
- 7. \$25.00 Cash from Jean Schabel
- 8. \$25.00 Cash
- 9. \$25.00 Cash
- 10. \$20.00 Cash
- 11. Quilt from Rohe Quilters
- 12. Gnome Basket from Mary Neidermeier
- 13. Dish Towel Set from Pam Massmann
- 14. Dish Towel Set
- 15. Autumn Basket from Judy Walters
- 16. Christmas Wall Hanging
- 17. Fall Floral Basket
- 18. Boxed Birthday Cards
- 19. Box of Groceries
- 20. Box of Groceries
- 21. Box of Groceries
- 22. Box of Groceries
- 23. Box of Groceries
- 24. Box of Groceries

Margie Koshiol Jan Kappel Kurt Neidermeier Livi Clabo Karen Kuschel Sue Koshiol Len Brunn Attica Kenning Terri Jochim Bonnie Massmann Virginia Meyer Bonnie Edelbrock Pat Notch Ann Eldred Cheryl Lommel Terri Brunner John Notch Rose Sauer Luke Honer Sharon Spanier Sue Reinert Karen Kuschel Sandy Leach Dan Garding

**Special Raffle** 

Christmas Quilt by Parish Quilters—D. Levis

# **MY JESUS PAGE OF LEARNING TO COUNT**

You can learn to count All the numbers in a row; But, learn to count on Jesus In Him you'll surely grow.

1 is for **ONE** sparrow, Flying in clouds up high, Cared for by the Father As it wings across the sky.

2 is for **TWO** animals Walking together in a line---Both elephants and kangaroos Climbed on the ark in time.

3 is for **THREE** gifts That wise men brought from afar, Carrying gold, frankincense, and myrrh, Their way was lit by a star.

4 is for the **FOUR** gospels Written by apostles long ago; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John Wrote how Jesus loves us so.

5 is for the **FIVE** loaves, Fragrant was that bread; A boy gave them to Jesus And the multitudes He fed.

6 is for **SIX** water pots When the first miracle was done, Changing water at a wedding feast--- Jesus' ministry had now begun.

7 if day **SEVEN** Called the "Sabbath" that God did bless, For in six days He made the world, And on the seventh took His rest.

8 is for Jesse's **EIGHT** sons Who were a tall and handsome sight; David, the youngest, cared for the sheep; But in God his heart took delight.

> 9 if for **NINE** lepers Being sick they never felt good; God healed their disease, then they were pleased, But never gave thanks as they should.

10 is for **TEN** commandments Given to us at the start; For when we know Jesus as Savior, He writes them in our hearts!

Now only God can count All stars, all leaves, and sand---He even knows the thoughts Of each child in every land.

Some things we cannot number Even counting night and day; God's love for His children--- Counts more than words can say.

So you can learn to count All the numbers in a row; But learn to count on Jesus--- In Him you'll surely grow.

