



Parish Newsletter

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



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MARKETPLACE

Double double boil and trouble
-Fire burn some wood or make your
cauldron boil...with jam!
Candy is great for Halloween,
but the Marketplace stand needs
all your crafts and goods.
Don't be spooked by the calendar
and let's start creating!

Thank you,
Mary and Marla

KEEP THE FAITH

*But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,
for the one who doubts is like a wave of
the sea that is driven and tossed by wind.*

James 1:6

Almighty God,
Sometimes my faith is tested. I wonder
how I can keep believing. Then I
remember your words, and I realize that
tests are part of this journey of faith.
I know you give me the strength to pass
these tests until my faith is strong
enough. Amen.

Don't postpone joy.
Even in the midst of the storm,
the flower grows.

Step into the future with your eyes
clearly focused on your dreams.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

November 30, 2025

DEADLINE for News:

Monday November 24, 2025

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

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FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, Sept 25, 2025

Unapproved Minutes

St. Wendelin's Finance Council met on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Wendelin's library.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Father Erik.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Erik Ludgren, Jeanne Lommel, Todd Hurtle, Lisa Lichte, Kelly Knier, and Trustee Joe Watrin.
Absent (Excused): Lisa Gertken, and Trustee Erin Lommel.
Guests: Keith Koltes and Tracy Dombrovski

REVIEW OF AGENDA:

The agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve it, with a few additions under New Business, was made by Todd, seconded by Kelly, and carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 22, 2025, meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Todd, seconded by Lisa, and carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The council reviewed the financial reports for the previous fiscal year. The church ended with a net income of approximately \$36,000. A motion to approve the reports, pending clarification on a few line items, was made by Todd, seconded by Kelly, and carried unanimously.

Action Item: Jeanne will investigate the questions regarding specific line items and report back to the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Maintenance: Keith presented updates on maintenance projects. It was decided that someone should inspect the roofs for possible hail damage from the summer storms. The lawn mower fee will again be taken from the parish endowment. Snow plowing for the upcoming winter has been arranged, and a used walk-behind sweeper was purchased to help keep ice off the walkways.

Action Item: Keith will arrange for the roof inspection.

Cemetery: The insurance company advised caulking any loose headstones in the front cemetery. That work has been completed. However, several headstones are leaning significantly and may pose a safety hazard; repair options are being considered. The committee also noted that many cemeteries charge a fee for marking gravesites before monument companies begin work. This practice will be reviewed for possible adoption.

PARISH LIFE: Tracy reported that last Sunday's Group 1 breakfast was the second most successful ever. The group is still seeking new chairs to lead the effort.

SCHOOL: The new teachers are doing well, and there are currently 92 students enrolled. This nearly fills the building, so a committee will meet to discuss future options.

ENDOWMENTS: The endowment funds are performing well. A parishioner built a new case for the donation plaques.

All Things New: Meetings are ongoing, and several possibilities remain under discussion. A formal recommendation will be submitted to the diocese by December 1.

OLD BUSINESS:

The council previously voted to contribute from the school endowment toward tuition for St. Wendelin's parishioners. An initial payment has been sent. Now that school is in session, a final headcount has been provided, and the remaining balance will be submitted. There are a total of 28 grade school students from St. Wendelin's parish.

Action Item: Jeanne will complete and submit the remaining paperwork.

NEW BUSINESS:

The parish festival results were reviewed. Many thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the event a success. This year's festival achieved the second-highest profit ever.

FINANCE COUNCIL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

An assessment valuation report, completed in May 2024, was recently received. Some figures appear unusually high.

Action Item: Todd will contact the company to clarify the valuations and determine how the report will be used.

Father Erik proposed sending a letter to parishioners regarding a fall collection campaign, a practice he has done for years at SMHOC. The council agreed to move forward with this.

A parishioner offered to donate new doors to replace the existing swinging interior entryway doors. The council decided to table this until at least January, pending more information from the All Things New planning proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with a closing prayer led by Todd.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. (Note: This is earlier than the usual last-Thursday schedule due to Thanksgiving.)

Respectfully submitted: **Kelly Knier**

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VISITORS FROM GERMANY

In late September, Maus relatives from Germany visited Luxemburg and St. Wendelin Church. One spoke English very well, and my ability to speak German was also resurrected. Of great interest was the statue of St. Wendelin that Peter Maus brought from Germany in the 1850's. While visiting the cemetery, they commented that many of the family names were the same as in Germany. Over the years, we have met and visited with several Maus' during our trips to Germany. Many of them live in the same area near the border of Luxembourg from which Peter Maus emigrated, including these visitors. Upon their arrival in Minnesota, a gathering of Maus' was held in St. Paul to welcome them.

Gary & Sharon Maus

SCHOOL NEWS

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool students have adjusted to the routine of our day. This month we started working on our letter sounds. In Montessori we learn our letters by sound not name.

The preschoolers have been working hard on counting to 20 and recognizing 2D shapes.

We enjoyed the visit from the firefighters and learned about fire safety.

We enjoy listening to the Rosary during our quiet time. We are learning to pray the Angel of God prayer at the end of our school day.

This month we asked each student what they were going to be for Halloween.

Lily- A princess fairy

Natalie- A princess

Clara-Elsa

Delia- Peppa Pig

Gloria- Joanna (from the rescuers down under)

Owen- Superman

Ryu- Chicken Jockey

Olivia- Princess

Catherine-Elsa

Nash- Dragon

Michael-Pass out candy

Brady- Kangaroo

Audrey- Princess Belle

Ava- Not sure yet

Bennett-Minion

Mrs. Haselkamp

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have been enjoying learning about Our Lady of Fatima. I always love it when October 13th comes around because I think this story helps children understand the power there is in praying the rosary! The children have been working hard to learn and memorize the prayers used to pray the rosary. We recently finished learning about the five Joyful Mysteries.

Fall is such a beautiful time of year here in Minnesota. We have been focused on lots of fall activities and paying attention to God's colorful canvas and praising Him for all His bountiful gifts.

This is the time of year when kindergarten gets really exciting because lots of children have mastered their letter sounds and names and are busy discovering the joy of reading!

Mrs. Matchinsky

1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWS

Fall is here and the first and second graders in Mrs. Rebstock's class are looking forward to the changing leaves, cooler weather, and activities that remind us how thankful we are.

This month the students learned all about the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Each Tuesday we come together as a school to learn and pray the rosary. It takes us 5 weeks to learn each mystery in the set. At the end of the 5 weeks we take out our beautiful, handmade living rosary and each student gets to hold their own glass bead and lead the prayer associated with it. We are so lucky to be able to hold this time together, praying, and acknowledging the importance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

We hope you are having a great harvest season.

Mrs. Rebecca Rebstock

LUXEMBURG 4-H

Luxemburg 4-H met on October 13, 2025 at school. We did a pumpkin activity, guessing the weight and size of a pumpkin and whether they would float.

We talked about singing at Christmas time. This would be our community service activity. Submitted by **Mia G. and Addison V**

SCHOOL NEWS

1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWS

The students have settled into a comfortable routine in our classroom! Our classroom is designed to have students lead their own learning and we have slowly been making the transition from whole group activities, to small group and individual activities.

For math we have been continuing working with addition but slowly increasing difficulty. Flashcards have also been a big hit! The students like to race each other or do it on their own to see how fast they can go.

For literacy we have introduced a few new spelling and reading materials to go along with our normal routine. The variety of materials allows for a diverse selection for students to choose from.

The students also continue to practice cursive. A few students are already incorporating it into all of their work!

In science, we continue with our study of leaves. Recently, we have done catalpa, peach, and cottonwood. Sometimes at recess, the students like to gather and sort the leaves they have learned!

For social studies we have been learning the state names, state capitals, and state abbreviations. We have done Minnesota and Iowa so far. The students were also able to practice addressing envelopes for a combined geography and literacy activity. We are still waiting for responses to come back in the mail!

Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, for religion studies, students have been learning about miracle stories, Eucharistic miracles, the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart, mysteries of the Rosary, Old-Testament stories, and other Catholic church teaching. All in all, Mrs. Mehr's class is in full swing and has been very busy!

Luci Mehr

3RD & 4TH GRADE NEWS

In the month of October students spent some quality time writing their own prayer to God. We used the acronym PRAY for Praise, Repent, Ask, and Yes. Students are encouraged to use this method to talk to God when we spend time in Adoration on Thursdays. To celebrate Carlo Acutis' feast day each student used his website to learn about a Eucharistic Miracle and then shared their findings with the class.

In science we learned the difference between the definition of a fruit and the legal description of a fruit. Students then cut open all kinds of produce and classified them as fruit or vegetable according to the definition.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Cassie Deering

5TH & 6TH GRADE NEWS

The 5th and 6th have been very busy this past month!

Students have been studying aspects of South Sudan and they created a presentation of their research findings. This has connected to our class novel, A Long Walk to Water, which is set in the South Sudan.

In honor of Indigenous People's Day, we began a Native American research project where students are researching a tribe and will present their findings to class in the lower grades.

Finally, we have been exploring the history of the Rosary and the meaning of the Hail Mary prayer.

Thank you for all that you do for our school and parish.

Jessica Bauer

**CHURCH CLEANING
NOVEMBER 2025
GROUP ONE
8:30 A.M.**

NOVEMBER 1

Vic & Ann Eldred
James & Michele Groinus
Joe & Sandy Harren
Tony & Kelly Knier
Jeff Koshiol
Richard & Kasha Linn
Greg & Doreen Mackedanz

NOVEMBER 8

Hannah Ehlinger
Roger & Terri Jochim
Lisa Mullen
Jerry & Sandra Paul
Alan & Barb Stang
Joe & Sue Tschida
Lee & Julie Wenz
Adam & Michelle Zoller

NOVEMBER 15

Scott & Beverly Jennings
Daniel & Anne Johaneck
Keith & Erin Lommel
Austin VanderEyck
David & Karen Preusser
John & Terese VanderEyck
Mel & Shirley Walz
Richard Wilson & Amanda Eizenhoefer

NOVEMBER 22

Dennis Menke
Duane & Ruth Neu
Jon & Lisa Rist
Doug & Jessica Schmitt
Ron & Holly Symanietz
Darrin & Amanda Vanderwerf
Patrick & Stacey Watrin

NOVEMBER 29

Scott & Rochelle Mercer
James & Julie Nistler
Michael & Joan Schlangen
Jeffrey & Nicole Schmitz
Gene & Jane Szczech
Kevin & Mary Vanderwerf
Brian & Victoria Weisen

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

You're not alone when troubles come
And your heart is beating like a drum.
You're not alone through sorrow's night
when nothing seems to go just right.

The Savior waits to hear from you
And give you strength for all you do.
He knows the secrets of your heart,
And He can make your fears depart.

You're not alone without a guide—
He sees each tear you've ever cried.
God comforts those who seek His way
and knows our hearts before we pray.

His perfect peace and endless love
Fall like feathers from above.

There is no cross too large to bear—
You're not alone for Christ is there!

AS I PREPARE TO MEET THE DAY

Let the dawn fall softly
On my shoulders, Lord,
As I prepare to meet the day.

Let the sunshine wrap
Its warmth 'round me,
As I go along my way.

Let me feel Your presence near me,

As the gentle breezes play
Through blades of grass,
and in the trees,

Causing leaves to sway.

Let me show some kindness
To each person that I meet,

Let me see Your image
In each person that I greet.

MINUTES FROM ST ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MEETING

October 14, 2025

St. Anne's Christian Women met Tuesday, October 14, 2025 in Mary Hall beginning with fellowship at 6:30 p.m. President Karen DesAutels called the business meeting to order at 6:45 pm with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. Fifteen members were present.

Motion was made to dispense with reading the previous meeting's minutes as they were published already. The motion was amended to ask if the published minutes required any corrections. As there were no corrections made, the motion was seconded and passed. President Karen and members extended their gratitude to Cyntia Lommel for her time and effort in recording our minutes and that she will be missed as our recording secretary. We are now actively looking for one of our members to replace Cyntia.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,604.54 in savings and \$1,204.22 in checking for a total of \$4,808.76. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, motion was seconded and passed.

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. President Karen gave a brief update on the DCCW Fall Conference held on September 20th. There were two excellent speakers and a beautiful Mass was celebrated. New officers were installed. Over eighty attendees took our take home gift. We received a thank you note from the Deanery President thanking us for providing the take home gifts.
2. The Liturgy Committee requested our group to plan a birthday gathering for Fr. Erik. The celebration took place after Mass on October 5th with 70 attendees enjoying cake, desserts, coffee and lemonade in Mary Hall. Everyone present had a great time in celebrating Fr. Erik's 43rd birthday!
3. The Remembrance Mass reception to be held on November 2nd was discussed. Families have been invited, decorations have been planned and volunteers have been arranged to assist in this event.
4. Those present agreed that our group should assist in serving a meal for the April 15th Faith Formation evening. Motion was made to donate \$200 to Faith Formation for this dinner. Motion was seconded and passed. Volunteers were lined up for this ministry.
5. The Sharing Tree agenda item was tabled until the November meeting
6. Plans were then discussed regarding our breakfast to be held on November 23rd. The workers' list has been established and the procedure for the raffle has begun. The poster and media connections are also in progress. Discussion followed regarding the quantity of food items to be purchased this year so we have enough for our guests. Those present agreed to keep the breakfast from 8:00 am to Noon and the menu items will be the same as last year. Motion was made to increase the Adult admission to \$11.00 (it was \$10.00 last year). Motion was seconded and passed. **Set up for the breakfast will be on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.**

CHRISTIAN WOMEN MINUTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. The agenda item for a possible donation to KYES was tabled until November.
2. Bonnie Massmann gave President Karen a request for a donation to St. Wendelin's School for the purchase of bibles and cases. Motion was made to donate \$600 to this cause. Motion was seconded and passed.
3. Members wholeheartedly agreed to continue the Christmas Greeting Card Project. More details will be discussed at our November meeting.
4. President Karen will be attending the Fall General Deanery Meeting on October 28th and invited anyone to join her.
5. The halo this month will be sent to Cyntia Lommel for sharing her clerical skills and thanking her for the time she was our recording secretary.
6. Door Prize was given to Jean Schabel. Congratulations, Jean!

C. COMMISSION REPORT

No reports were given at this meeting.

D. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 11, 2025

E. CLOSING PRAYER AND PRAYER EXCHANGE

Members exchanged names for Prayer Partners. Please pray daily for your new prayer partner and for religious vocations!!!

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. (Amazing, all of this was done in one hour!)

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Schabel, Vice-President

DO LESS

If you do less, you can do those things more slowly, more completely and with more concentration. If you fill your day with tasks, you will be rushing from one thing to the next without stopping to think about what you do. It's a matter of working out what's important, and letting go of what's not.

EVERYTHING COMES BY BEING!!!

Be the love you seek.
Be the friend you seek.
Be the lover you seek.
Be the honesty you seek.
Be the integrity you seek.
Be the patience you seek.
Be the tolerance you seek.
Be the compassion you seek.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU **KERA & CONNOR LUND**

Kera and Connor Lund live at 22958 State Highway 15 St. Augusta MN 56301. They are assigned to group 3.

WELCOME TO **ST. WENDELIN'S PARISH** **COMMUNITY**

RECIPE CORNER

Ron Albers

APPLE WALNUT SALAD WITH **LEMON BUTTERMILK DRESSING**

1 head Romaine lettuce
1 Honeycrisp apple, diced or any apple
1 avocado, pitted and sliced
4 radishes, thinly sliced
1 rib celery (with leaves), thinly sliced
¼ cup dried cranberries
¼ cup finely chopped walnuts
freshly ground Black Peppercorns, to taste

Chop lettuce, then wash in ice-cold water; drain thoroughly in a salad spinner until very dry.

Toss lettuce with dressing to taste.

Transfer lettuce to a large platter or divide among individual serving plates; top evenly with apple, avocado, radishes, celery, cranberries and nuts.

Drizzle to taste with additional dressing; season generously with pepper.

LEMON BUTTERMILK DRESSING

3 tbsp. plain 2% Greek yogurt
2 tbsp. freshly grated Parmesan Cheese
2 tbsp. low-fat buttermilk
1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
¾ tsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
-freshly grated zest of ½ lemon

½ tsp. Honey (or more to taste)
1-2 tbsp. water, as needed
kosher salt and freshly ground Black Peppercorns, to taste

In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together first 7 ingredients (through honey) until combined; thin with water as needed to reach desired consistency.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.

MAPLE CORNBREAD

1 cup (120g) All-Purpose Flour
1 cup (156g) yellow cornmeal
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon table salt
1 cup (227g) milk, whole, skim or 2%, your choice
1/4 cup (71g) maple syrup
4 tablespoons (57g) butter, melted
2 large eggs

Preheat your oven to 425°F. Lightly grease or oil an 8" square or 9" round pan.

In a medium-sized mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, cornmeal, baking powder and salt until thoroughly combined.

In a small bowl, or in a large measuring cup, whisk together the milk, maple syrup, melted butter and eggs.

Add the liquid mixture to the dry ingredients and stir just until moistened.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan, and bake the cornbread for about 20 to 25 minutes, until it's lightly browned and a cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean.

Serve the Maple Cornbread warm.

ST. ANNE'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:30 a.m. to Noon

Breakfast Menu Includes:

*All You Care to Eat Pep's Pork Sausage,
Ham, Pancakes with Toppings,
Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit, Toast, Rolls,
Juice, Milk and Coffee*

Adults: \$11.00

Children (ages 5 thru 10) \$5.00

Children (under 5) Free

*This event includes a Craft Sale,
a Bake Sale and a Raffle!*

*Sunday's Mass at St. Wendelin's Parish
is scheduled at 10:00 AM*



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HEARTS FOR HIS
BLESSINGS FROM
ABOVE!

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- ** Wheel Spins for Cash Prizes
- ** Food & Refreshments will be Available!

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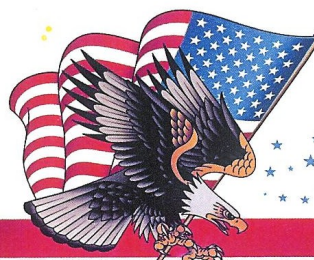
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