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Have you heard about the MYF O-Lent-ic games?

It was winter and the beginning of Lent when MYF students and sponsors began dreaming up creative ways to thrive together during a pandemic winter in Goshen, Indiana. The creative juices began to flow as we started to dream of an in-house tournament. Students would win points for their team through participation in various activities, looking forward to the grand prize: the polar plunge. Or, better put, the winning team will watch the losing teams and sponsors dive into the wetlands after the tournament.

Students received a player's manual with rules and challenges, ready to begin Ash Wednesday for the O-lent-ics opening ceremonies. There was a carrying- of-the-torch-video, and the three teams designed their logos. The games kicked off with fun video calls each Wins-day night, where teams competed in various challenges including online escape rooms, trivia, minute-to-win-it games, push-up competitions, and more.

How does one play and win the O-lent-ics? Students earn points in the following ways:

POP-IN points

5 points - just for showing up

streak points - for consecutive Sundays and Wednesdays

10 bonus points - for bringing a friend

Wins-day - Wednesday night team competitions

75 points -for 1st place

30 points - for 2nd place



Geraldania: and the subjects of King Gerald



The MennoKnights of Old Zealand

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Specials - Two in-person special competitions: Winter and Spring games

100 points - 1st place

50 points - 2nd place

I-did-a-thing Challenges - individual weekly devotions and actions

5 points – devotional

15 points – devotional with mentor or sponsor

5-15 points – each faith action activity

Patch Points – Big individual challenges like Scripture memory, making a relief kit, perfect attendance, or winning the March Madness bracket.

50 points per patch

Highlights and Standings

Team Aces took an early and commanding lead in this competition, led by Maddie Chupp who has carried the tournament MVP for multiple consecutive weeks. But do not count out the other teams, who are only 100 points behind. Sophia Kauffman and Jenna Oostland with Geraldania have quietly tracked with Maddie. Additionally, Camila Pérez Diener for Old Zealand this week inched up on Maddie for an MVP win. The international O-lent-ics judging committee (i.e. the sponsors) have been impressed by Geraldania and Old Zealand's grit in coming up from behind. This is anyone's tournament, which will finish with closing ceremonies on April 14th.



Above: Shane Graber, Katie Misz, Maddie Chupp, and Isa Hartzler compete in the cup stacking challenge for team Aces at the spring O-lent-ic games



Right: Students and sponsors await judging of the chalk quilt competition at the Spring O-lent-ic games. From left to right: Shelby and Colton Eby, Miranda Pfahler, Camila Pérez Diener, Tyler Daniels, Shane Graber, Tyson Chupp

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Camila Pérez Diener, Tyler Daniels, and Revi carry the torch for the O-Lent-ics opening ceremonies



Team Geraldania and friends build and decorate their snowman to win the wanna-build-a-snowman competition at the winter O-lent-ic games.

Mission

Thank You

WMC regularly gives to Prairie View Elementary School through the SOS program as part of our outreach giving.

I was so excited to receive the SOS grant money, which has allowed me and the students I serve a year subscription to Mightier, an evidence-based biofeedback video game designed to improve emotional management.

I received the program and started using it with a handful of students last week. Immediately after introduction to the game, I witnessed a student transferring calming strategies and vocabulary from the game to real-time classroom situations. The game uses the analogy that players can be unpredictable like active volcanoes. It measures and displays their heart rates as they engage in increasingly challenging tasks. Players earn snowflakes points by using coping skills to regulate their emotional reaction to the game. Players are not allowed to move forward in the game until their heart rate is managed.

I am so appreciative of your support and the opportunity to provide this resource to the students I serve. Positive results are in the making. It certainly does indeed take a village (and a church)!

— Julie Moore, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

***All in-person services will be masked and social-distanced.**

Congregational Life

Join our first Sunday Night Live

It's time to all come together to reconnect for our first **Sunday Night Live** on April 11! Come at 6:30 p.m. with your lawn chairs and face masks, ready to mingle with others from WMC.

Holy Week and Easter Events:*

Good Friday live outdoor service for all ages, April 2, 7:00-7:40 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and come gather around the fire pit.

Easter Sunday:

Gathered outdoor sunrise service, 7:00 a.m. at Jackson Cemetery (southeast of Goshen on CR 44, between CR 127 and CR 31). Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs.

Virtual Easter worship service, 9:30 a.m. through livestream

Outdoor "resurrection stations" on the church property, 11:00 a.m. to noon.

Flowering of the Cross in the Remembering LIFE Garden. Please bring real flowers to attach to the wooden cross.

Hymn Singing in the north parking lot.

The Lord's Supper, on the lawn near the playground.

Wetlands resurrection prayer walk.

Zoom alternative: A social time for those who won't be coming to the church in person. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84732531776?pwd=eVFCZ0k3TDhJaTJmNzUvR3hQR1VlQT09> Meeting ID: 847 3253 1776 Passcode: 94537

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