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What Holy Shenanigans are the Youth Up to Now?

Introducing....the Waterford Youth O-Lent-ics!!!!

You may have noticed a stirring of enthusiasm among the MYF and JYF youth. It is the time of year to get ready for Easter, so the youth are marking the 40 days of Lent with the 2nd ever O-lent-ic games. Two MYF teams and Two JYF teams will be competing for prizes to be awarded at the Easter Bash closing ceremonies.

The week before Ash Wednesday the youth

created their team country names and team colors, learned the rules of the O-lent-ic games, and tie-

died their team jerseys. Each team also selected team leaders, and asked an adult from the congregation to be their team mascot.

Each week, students have the opportunity to earn points throughout the week. By doing a weekly devotional, attending nurture hour and Wednesday clubs, memorizing Scripture, supporting teammate's extracurriculars, making a relief kit, and more, students join in the fun and find encouragement to nurture

4 teams compete throughout Lent ----the 40 days leading up to Easter

Prizes

- Baked goods for everyone on the winning team
- Old trophies
- The winners watch as half of the sponsors and half of the losing team members take a polar plunge in the wetlands at the Easter Bash O-lent-ics closing ceremonies on Sunday, April 24th in the afternoon.

spiritual life together. Sponsors, known henceforth as the International Olentics Committee, are having just as much fun as the youth. The International Olentics Committee presents weekly lessons and Wins-day competition games. They also track points on an impressive spreadsheet, and one talented member created the infamous opening ceremonies video -- check it out at <https://youtu.be/Bhm53fkYWS8> and click on Browse Youtube.

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The Goals of O-lent-ics:

1. To notice God more in our daily life by doing spiritual practices
2. To have a fun way to shake things up and get us through the cold of wintertime
3. To get ready for the mystery of Easter resurrection - that this may become a big deal to us.

Introducing the 2022 Olentic Teams



Team Name: *More Australia*

Team Mascot: *George Thompson*

Team Name: *Vici*

Team Mascot: *Jennifer Beck*



Team Name: *Doveania*

Team Mascot: *Lowell Stoltzfus*

Team Name: *Dinosaur*

Team Mascot: *Jeff Claassen*





Remembering Evette Yoder

Evette Yoder was very recently killed in an auto accident in Indianapolis. She was hit by a semi that ran a red light and she died at the scene of the accident. Evette was one of six women students who at one time connected with Waterford as their church family while at Goshen College. Evette and Stuart Kurtz, who were married three years ago, were both part of the SS college class led by JD and Beth Smucker.

Introduction (cont. from page 1)

MYF Sponsors and students came up with the idea for the O-lent-ics in the winter of 2021, when we felt the dreariness of winter and pandemic, and we wanted some encouragement to continue meeting together – especially when all of our gatherings were on zoom or outdoors in the cold. The group as a whole had such a positive experience, that by popular demand, the O-lent-ics is back for a 2nd year, and this time includes the JYF.

Stay tuned for regular Buzz updates about O-lent-ics team scores and photos of the meaningful and fun times had by all.

—Pastor Katie Misz

Fall Children's Sunday School – A New Idea in Store!

As I invite you to pray for the children of Waterford Mennonite Church, I would like to introduce a new idea for the teachers of the kindergarten to 5th grade classes. Historically, we asked a teacher and an assistant to teach the entire school year. This year, I would like to install a teaching team. Each class will have a team of four teachers, and it is up to you, the teachers, to decide how you split the teaching responsibilities. We continue to ask that two teachers are in the room each Sunday, but you are welcome to split by quarter, rotate weekly, or do whatever works for your team and your schedule. Our hope is that this will allow more people to teach, as well as the children will get to know more adults in our church. So, if you have been interested in teaching but couldn't sign up due to your work schedule or other occasional commitments on Sunday morning, you can join the team and teach this year!

If you feel led to teach or if you have questions, please contact Mariko Claassen, interim director of Children's Ministry.

Thank You

I thank you, as well as my family, for your prayers and expressions of kindness including cards, calls, and even food! Let us praise God for His healing Presence and equipping medical staff for a successful hip replacement and a quick recovery.

Don Miller

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