

**St. Bernard's Catholic United Financial is pleased to have sponsored several different fundraisers to benefit our parish community during the past year.**

**2017 Fundraising**

<b>Ice cream stand</b>	<b>691.48</b>
<b>Rummage sale-matching grant event</b>	<b>2330.50</b>
<b>MinisTree</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Donations—individuals</b>	<b>215.00</b>

**2017 Donations**

<b>St. Bernard/Ascension Faith Formation</b>	<b>1991.48</b>
<b>matching grant</b>	<b>(1000.00)</b>
<b>Grant 4 Good</b>	<b>(250.00)</b>
<b>Ice cream stand</b>	<b>(691.48)</b>
<b>donation</b>	<b>(50.00)</b>
<b>St. Bernard Forward in Faith</b>	<b>3000.00</b>
<b>Convention—Catholic Charities St. Cloud</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Gather 4 Good</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Sharing and Caring Hands</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Msgr. Richard J. Schuler Trust</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Knights of Columbus –picnic bingo prize</b>	<b>10.00</b>

**St. Bernard Catholic United Financial wishes to thank Helen Hilgers for serving as our president for the past 15 years. At our December meeting we elected Carol Hoen our president. Other officers are Jim Wickenhauser, vice president; Laurie Widmer, recording secretary; Carol Wickenhauser, treasurer; and Mary Lou Wildung our fraternal secretary.**

**We wish to express our gratitude for your participation and ask for your continued support in the year ahead. We could NOT have accomplished this without your assistance.**

St. Bernard Catholic United Financial council is very pleased to acknowledge and announce our four ***scholarship recipients***; **Alexander Larson, Curtis Urness, Grant Gregory and Jacob Wickenhauser**. We wish you continued success with your studies and happiness in the years ahead.

We also wish to honor our four ***50 year members***; **John Eiden, Dennis Hoen, Susan Kranz and Joanne Madison**.

**Leonard Hoen Jr. has been selected as our 2018 community service award recipient.** Lenny was born to Leonard and Lorraine (Meuleners) Hoen. He has three brothers Dan, Roger and Richard and three sisters Connie Foley, Patricia Quinn and Janice Konerza. Lenny and his wife Rose are richly blessed with six children, Theresa, Thomas, John, Steven, Michael and Matthew, plus 16 grandchildren.

Lenny is a lifelong member of St. Bernard's where he attended school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and then graduated in 1959 from Waconia High School. Lenny was a faithful and dedicated altar boy. Lenny was always a small boy so when he was old enough to start serving at Mass there were no cassocks small enough to fit him. One of the altar boys' duties was to carry Father's large missal down 3 steps from the Altar and around to the other side. One his very first day of serving as he came down the steps, he tripped because the cassock was too long and tumbled down, book and all. Father Heer picked him up, set him on his feet and little Lenny continued on like nothing happened. In 1965 Father Walz asked him to teach religion classes to the high school students. Lenny accepted this challenge and taught for 8 years. He served as an usher and lector for many years, as a trustee for 9 years and was also on the finance board and parish council.

Lenny always loved country living and he still enjoys farming today. He started farming with his dad just outside of Cologne and then bought his own farm north of Bongard's at the age of 21. Over the years Lenny has been involved with many organizations starting with 4-H and being president of his FFA chapter in high school. He was on the board of the Holstein Association, secretary of the Carver County Farm Bureau, State DHIA director and is currently on the board at Mid-County Coop. He also still serves as an adult leader for 4-H.

Thank you Lenny, for all your contributions to our parish and the community. You have touched so many lives and are a wonderful example of how to make stewardship a way of life. **CONGRATULATIONS LENNY !!**