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* Selecting an architect and builder
* Developing building and site plans
* Revising plans as needed to match funding realities
* Overseeing the construction process

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**MEET YOUR BUILDING COMMITTEE:**

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Now that Ken (and Char) are retired, he has more time to engage in his many hobbies: boating, fishing, turkey and deer hunting (both gun and bow), snowmobiling, and four-wheeling. In his spare time he chairs the Building Committee!

**Gary Brandt** has not lived in Wrightstown all his life – just most of it, having moved here in 1961. Three years later he graduated from our St. John Lutheran School and then from FVL in 1968. For 20 years he was employed by the Brillion Iron Works, after which he worked in sales and other positions for 27 years for a Chicago firm while maintaining his home here in Wrightstown. During his working years he held a variety of offices in various clubs and organizations, including a 4-year stint on the Village of Wrightstown board. Fully retired since 2016, he now serves as congregation president. With Jean, his wife of nearly 27 years, he enjoys traveling and membership in the Corvette Club (one red, one black). In addition, he hunts and fishes. A little known secret: Years ago he was known to frequent establishments with psychedelic lights and an open mic, at which he would read poetry he had composed, and even taught poetry classes at WHS!

**Ron “Butch” Van Schyndel** has for 34 years been married to his high school sweetheart Brenda. The Van Schyndels live in Kaukauna, and have been blessed with four children, all boys: Nick, full-time in the Army Reserves; Matt, employed by the city of Appleton; Jon, a police officer in Menasha; and Jacob, whom our Lord called home after a long battle with cancer. Butch owns his own business, Butch's Curb and Landscaping. If not improving someone's yard, you will find him quietly fishing or making noise on his motorcycle.

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