



Rochester Central Lutheran School

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Preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today!

RCLS is a ministry of Family of Christ, Grace, Holy Cross and Trinity Lutheran churches.

**DON'T
FORGET!**

**Hallelujah
Carnival**
is Saturday,
October 25!!

Mr. Pahlkotter's Thoughts...

Next week we celebrate Reformation on Friday, October 31. In recognition of Reformation, we will not have chapel on Wednesday but will have chapel on Friday at 7:55 a.m. Pastor Otte from Trinity Lutheran Church has something very special planned. All are invited to attend.

What is Reformation? On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a priest and professor, nailed his ideas, the ninety-five theses, to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. In accordance to the customs of that day, the posting of Martin's ideas was an invitation for "learned" men to discuss and debate these matters to find clarity and truth. Luther chose October 31 because the next day was All Saints Day and he knew that large numbers of people would be coming to church on that day. Luther did not know that the posting of these theses would be the beginning of the Reformation of the Church.

At this time, the "church" was selling indulgences for the forgiveness of all past, present and future sins. One of the crudest and boldest salesmen of indulgences, Johann Tetzel, often would say, "As soon as the money clinks in the chest, the soul flits into heavenly rest."

Luther, knowing from his study of Scripture that this was wrong, addressed the issue in his statements. Although he did not directly attack the pope or the teachings of the Church, he made clear the fact that forgiveness of sins cannot be bought for money. In one of his statements, he wrote, "Every Christian who truly repents has full forgiveness of sins, even without letters of pardon."

Reformation is the celebration of this clarification and the reforming of the church. We celebrate how God used Martin Luther to begin this important process of reforming the church through his ninety-five theses.

Today, we celebrate the blessing of God's Holy Word and the truth that it reveals. In Ephesians 2:8 & 9, Paul clearly states what Martin proclaimed, "**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.**"

Clearly, we have been forgiven because of God's grace and **not** due to anything we can or have done. It has been said that money cannot buy happiness. This is also true in regards to forgiveness. It is a free gift of God through His loving grace and mercy. Take time this week to celebrate the blessing of God's incredible grace.

Happy Reformation!
In Christ,
Mr. Pahlkotter, Principal

Special points of interest:

- *Christmas Celebration Info and Try Out Form*
- *October is Reading Month—many notes!*
- *Christmas Celebration*
- *Scholastic Book Fair*
- *Book Fair at the Carnival*
- *Mrs. Haas to retire*
- *Art Teacher Position*
- *Sports Info*
- *Cub Scout Info*
- *Family of Christ—Church of the month!*
- *Info from the Health Office*
- *HERO Info & T-shirt order form*
- *Much, much, more!*

HALLELUJAH FALL CARNIVAL RCLS is Saturday, October 25, 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Join us for a night of family fun. Children and adults are encouraged to come in God-pleasing costumes. Please stay away from anything that would not promote



the mission and ministry of RCLS. We will have a costume parade (6:00 p.m.), games, prizes, and a pumpkin carving contest. Friends and neighbors are also welcome! If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 289-3267. All are invited to attend.

PUMPKIN CONTEST

Pumpkins must be entered in the morning from 9—10:30 in order to be judged. There is a \$50 gift card for the top pumpkin with 11 other prizes being planned for the categories!

OCTOBER IS READING MONTH: If we meet our reading goals, Monday, November 3rd, will be the date of our Inaugural Ball celebration as well as our red, white and blue hair day. We are in need of about 12 volunteers to assist with this date. If you would be available on Monday, November 3rd, from 7:45 – 9:00 a.m., **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Please contact Mr. Pahlkotter by e-mail or by leaving a message with the school office. We are also looking for 10 – 12 plastic capes to put on students while their hair is being sprayed. If you can assist by providing a protective cape, please contact the school office as well. Thank you.

ELECTION '08: The results of the Primary Election have narrowed down our candidate books to three:

Click Clack Moo - Mr. Weinlaeder

Stephanie's PonyTail – Mr. Nelson

Very Hungry Caterpillar – Mrs. Prentice

The final election is set for Thursday, October 30 with the results to be announced at the Inaugural Ball celebration on Monday, November 3.

TURN IN DAYS FOR OCTOBER IS READING MONTH:

Our next turn in day is set for Tuesday, October 28.

THE FINAL TURN IN DAY is Thursday, October 30. The final count will be revealed on Friday, October 31, so that we can prepare for the Inaugural Ball on Monday, November 3.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

...Mr. Bruce Meldahl (Theresa, Shane-Kdg.) whose mother received her crown of glory on October 15, 2008.

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of October 27 we will pray for: Andrew & Jill Danielsen (Autumn, Eve, Raya), Andrew & Jenny Davies (Kira, Will), Wyatt & Georgie Decker (Russell), Grant & Kristine Dicke (Jonathan), Troy & Kathy Dickinson (Tyler), and Keith & Sharon Dubbels (Allie Jo).

MRS. HAAS, ART TEACHER, ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT:

Mrs. Phyllis Haas has announced her retirement effective at the end of the first semester. Mrs. Haas has taught Art with the RCLS ministry team for 27 years. This school year is her 28th year of teaching. We thank God for Mrs. Haas and her ministry at RCLS. Please watch the newsletter for information regarding a retirement celebration that will be held in her honor in January, 2009. Mrs. Haas, thank you for all you have done to share the love of Jesus through your teaching of Art at RCLS.

ART TEACHER POSITION: Rochester Central Lutheran School is now accepting applications for the position of Art Teacher (Kindergarten – 8th Grade). This is a .5 position and will begin in January of 2009. Applicants with teaching experience, a background in Art, and a strong understanding of the Christian faith and the mission and ministry of Lutheran schools will be considered. Applicants with an Art education degree, a valid MN teaching license and a Lutheran Teaching Diploma will be preferred. Please submit a letter of interest, résumé and credentials to Rochester Central Lutheran School, 2619 9th Avenue NW, Rochester, MN 55901-2398. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

NO CHAPEL WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29:

RCLS will not have chapel on Wednesday, October 29 as we will celebrate Reformation Day on Friday, October 31. Pastor Otte will be leading us in worship.

The **FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is here! The Book Fair is open from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm and Saturday, October 25, during the Hallelujah Carnival (4:00-7:00 pm). **We have been drawing for GIFT CERTIFICATE PRIZES during the week and will at the Carnival!** So visit the Book Fair to sign up!

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

- An important message for parents/guardians of sixth grade students: Most sixth grade students need immunizations before they can attend seventh grade. If your child is going to their medical provider for an influenza vaccination, please ask your provider to administer these additional, required vaccinations. Please bring the updated immunization record to school.
- Influenza, also called the flu, is a contagious respiratory illness caused by viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Because children are at high risk for serious flu-related complications, it is recommended that they get their **influenza vaccination** every year. This is the single best way to protect against getting the flu. To get your family vaccinated, call your healthcare provider or Olmsted county Public Health Services(328-7500), or visit a Flu Shot Clinic in your community. Flu Shot Clinics are currently being offered at many convenient locations. To find out when and where Flu Shot Clinics are happening near you, visit www.flucliniclocator.org.

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Family of Christ Lutheran Church has been designated the **CHURCH OF THE MONTH** at Christian Book & Gift store. That means that during the month of October when you purchase any item(s) at the store and mention Family of Christ at the checkout counter you will be donating 5% of your purchase to Family of Christ. What a super deal!

HOTEL BETHLEHEM is the title of this year’s Christmas Celebration to be presented on December 11 at 6:30 pm. at John Marshall High School in the auditorium. The music department has already begun working on music so that we can be prepared for the presentation the beginning of December.

HOTEL BETHLEHEM TRY OUTS Grades 5 – 8: NEXT WEEK we will have try outs for Hotel Bethlehem, a musical drama, after school on Tuesday and Thursday, October 28 and 30, from 3 pm until 4:30 pm in the music room. Volleyball players are asked to come Tuesday and will try out first so that they can make their warm up for the home game at 4 pm. We have speaking and non-speaking parts. In addition, there are several solo parts. If you would like to try out, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office on or before Tuesday, October 28.

-----Please complete, clip and return to the school office on or before Tuesday, October 28. Thank you.-----

HOTEL BETHLEHEM TRY OUT FORM

Names of students (Grades 5 – 8):	*VB	Trying out for (Circle):			
1. _____	___	speaking	non-speaking	solo	ALL
2. _____	___	speaking	non-speaking	solo	ALL
3. _____	___	speaking	non-speaking	solo	ALL

My child has permission to stay after school on Tuesday, October 28/ Thursday, October 30 (Please circle day.) for Hotel Bethlehem try outs from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the music room.

* Please indicate if you are a volleyball player and need to be taken first on Tuesday, October 28, by placing a check under VB above. Thank you.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

SPORTS UPDATE

Students in 7th & 8th grade **interested in cheerleading** along with their parents are required to attend a meeting on Monday, October 27 at 6 pm. We will go over cheerleading requirements and rules. The students will be trying on uniforms to insure we order the right size. As stated in the RCLS handbook...Cheerleaders are responsible for the purchase of their own uniforms. If you have any questions or concerns...please contact coach Lyndee Cobb by calling (#288-5034 or 421-8254) or email (Cobb.lyndee@mayo.edu or Lyndee.cobb@charter.net).

7th and 8th grade Boys & Girls Basketball Parent Meeting!! There will be a Parent Meeting on **Monday, October 27** for **all 7th and 8th grade basketball parents**. We will meet at **6:30 pm** in Mr. Rudzinski's room to discuss expectations about the upcoming season. You will also get a chance to meet the coaches! Please make sure that you make room in your schedule to attend this very important meeting.

RCLS students have been invited to vote with their parents in a program called **KIDS VOTING ROCHESTER**. Our students will be discussing current events surrounding the election, so they may be asking you questions as to your candidate's choice and why. Your child simply goes to the polls with you on November 4 and votes on the 'Kids' ballot. That's all there's to it. It is a wonderful awareness for the children to participate in the privilege of voting.

BOY SCOUT INFO!!

Cub Scout Pack 29 Webelos Camp Out with Boy Scout Troop 29 Friday, October 24 at 7 pm through Saturday, October 25, 2008 noon at Camp Heroff. **NOTE:** This overnight camping activity is for Webelos only!

Cub Scout Pack 29 Meeting (for Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos) Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 9-11 am at Camp Heroff. Planned activities: Presentation of activity awards, Dutch oven outdoor cooking, first aid demonstrations, and tent setup relays. Snacks will be provided.

Maps to Camp Heroff are available in the Scout drawer outside the office at RCLS.

If you have questions, please contact your den leaders.

October 24	-Volleyball vs. Winona, 4:30 pm
October 25	-Hallelujah Carnival, 4-7 pm
October 27	-Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
October 28	-Volleyball vs. Lake City, 4:30 pm
October 29	-No Chapel—Chapel on Friday 10/31 in recognition of Reformation
	- Mid Cycle Accreditation Visit
October 30	-Volleyball at Wykoff, 4:30 pm
October 31	-Chapel, 8 am REFORMATION!
	-Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
November 2	-Daylight Savings Time Ends!
November 4	-Election Day—Remember to vote!
November 5	-Grade 3 to sing at Chapel
November 6	-End of 1st Quarter—46 days)
	-Fall Parties
	-Volleyball at Plainview, 4:30 pm
November 7	-No School (Records Day)
	-SAC is open
November 8	-Conference Volleyball Tournament at RCLS—beginning at 9 am
November 11	-Picture Retake day
	-PS Conferences
	-SAC open until 7:30 pm
	-Report Cards Available
November 12	-Grade 5 to sing at Chapel
November 13	-Gr. 4 to visit the nursing home
November 14	-No School—SAC is open
	-An Evening of Celebration: Putting on the Ritz, 6 pm
November 19	-Grade 2 to sing at Chapel
Nov. 26-28	-No School! Thanksgiving Break
December 3	-Grade 1 to sing at Chapel
December 4	-Advent Music Concert, 6:30 pm
December 10	-Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
December 11	-Coffee & Tour, 7:45 am
	-All School Christmas Celebration, 6:30 pm at John Marshall High School
December 12	-Parent Transportation Day – morning only!
	-Mid Quarter
December 17	-All choirs to sing at Chapel
December 18	-Mid Quarter Reports Available
December 19	-Christmas Classroom Parties
Dec 22—Jan.2	-No School—Christmas Break

****View the RCLS calendar at www.rcls.net and click on view calendar.**

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H.E.R.O – "Help Everyone Reach Out" Mr. Nelson

Hebrews 13:7 – "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." Our 2008-2009 school ministry theme is "H.E.R.O/Help Everyone Reach Out". The key to this theme is the theme verse from Hebrews 13:7. As we reach out to others, we remember the faith heroes in our own lives. Who are the people in your life that have spoken the word of God to you? Perhaps your parents, grandparents, or other relatives reached out to you with God's word and grace. It could have been a pastor, Sunday school teacher, Christian school teacher, church member, or a Christian neighbor. Maybe your hero was a person in your life who demonstrated, through the "outcome of [his] way of life", that Christ was alive in them.

We remember the heroes of faith for us, and we are encouraged to imitate their faith as we reach out to others with that same word of God! All of this comes "not from [yourself], it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). We are made heroes by the power of God and his Word...and that same power creates new heroes, in everyone to whom we reach out!

HERO T-SHIRTS: This year's ministry theme is "H*E*R*O (Helping Everyone Reach Out)" as based on Hebrews 13:7. In an effort to reinforce the theme and to teach the concept that God calls believers...even children...to be heroes of faith, we would like to offer the opportunity for students to order H*E*R*O T-shirts at a great price. Through our supplier, Superior Screeners, we will be able to provide T-shirts for a low cost of \$5.00 per child with the H*E*R*O logo (full color) on white and the blue three crosses logo and www.rcls.net on the sleeve. We will be having a H*E*R*O day or two in the future asking students to wear their T-shirts as we strive to impress upon them the importance of reflecting Christ to others. It is also a great shirt to wear on Bobcat spirit days. We will be ordering T-shirts at the end of the month. We ask that every family **highly consider** purchasing a T-shirt for every student PS through Grade 8. Parents may order as well. Please complete the order form below and return to school no later than Tuesday, October 28th.



-----Please complete, clip and return to the school office on or before October 28th.-----

H*E*R*O T-shirt Order Form

<i>Name of Student/Parent:</i>	<i># of Shirts @ \$5:</i>	<i>Size:</i>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Sizes: Youth S, M, L, XL Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL

Total number of shirts _____ x \$5.00 = \$_____.00.

Please attach payment with this order form. Write checks to RCLS and write HERO T-shirts on the memo line.

