



Rochester Central Lutheran School

## RCLS PAW PRINT

February 19, 2009

**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!**

**Look over the calendar  
closely—many activities  
coming up!**

**Auction help needed!  
Please look over the ar-  
ticle carefully.**

**If filing for a scholar-  
ship the deadline is April  
15, 2009!**

### **MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS...**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

The first week of March is National Lutheran Schools Week. The theme for this year's celebration is “Securing Each Child's Future – for Eternity” as based upon John 3:16. A copy of the week's agenda is enclosed in this week's *Paw Print*.

National Lutheran Schools Week is a special week for our association, our school and for our church body. We know that Lutheran schools offer children a positive, eternally secure life with Jesus as students learn about God's plan for salvation and the forgiveness He offers us through His one and only Son. Lutheran schools also offer a positive, spiritually healthy relationship with all the individuals and families that help make our ministry possible.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support and your participation in the spiritual, physical, emotional and academic growth of our students at RCLS. Together, it is our privilege to assist students in the development of their God-given abilities and nurturing them for their future now and through eternity. We could not do this without the involvement and support of the association church members, parents and a multitude of faithful volunteers. Indeed, you are heroes of faith. Thank you.

We have a marvelous responsibility as a Lutheran, Christian faith family to help children develop the skills and insights that God has given them. They are the Church of today, and the Church of tomorrow. They are citizens of the Kingdom of God. They are the children of God for all eternity!

As one of more than 975 elementary schools, 1,400 preschools, and 100 high schools involved in the Christian education efforts of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we desire to do our utmost to help our students to grow in life with Christ each day...and for eternity. That is why RCLS holds to its mission to “prepare for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today.” Join us the first week of March in celebrating the eternal blessings God gives us through the ministry of RCLS and Lutheran schools everywhere.

In Christ,  
Henry G. Pahlkotter, II  
Principal

### **Special points of interest:**

- *Auction Notes!*
- *Sports Notes*
- *Chapel Project -Hearts for Jesus Project*
- *Single Parent Bible Study*
- *Ski & Snowboard Info*
- *Peder Eide Concert*
- *Development Month is coming!*
- *Art Room Notes*
- *Artists of the Month*
- *Much, much, more!*

**PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES** The week of February 23, 2009 we will pray for: Brent & Myrna Mattison (John, Joshua), Sharon Matzke (Elijah, Emma), Holly McCoy (Hailey), Gregory & LaDonna McGohan (Liliana), Mark & Kasi McKay (Mckenzie), Curtis & Mary Meier (Brittany), and Bruce & Theresa Meldahl (Shane).

**Family of Christ** is starting a **SINGLE PARENT BIBLE STUDY**. We are looking for you or anyone you know who is a single parent who needs support and prayer. We know it isn't easy and it is nice to know that you aren't going through it alone. It is called "Growing as a Single Parent". It will be on Tuesday nights from 6 - 7:30 pm starting on March 3, 2009, at RCLS. Childcare and supper are provided. Please call or email Noel Berthiaume if you are interested at 507-536-4240 or [noeljdb@charter.net](mailto:noeljdb@charter.net). We need to know a specific number to plan for child care and food- so please call ASAP to guarantee a spot. Thank you and God Bless.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

...Brian & Karen Grogg (Benjamin, Tyler) as they celebrate the birth of Morgan.

...Chris & Julie Lingen (Drew) at the birth of their daughter Elizabeth.

We are told the babies are doing well and that the 'big' brothers are quite pleased!

...Lila Manuell (Jeff, Austin, Ethan, Kayla) and Dennis Scripture (Regan & Hayden Bushman's grandfather) as they recover from surgery.

### COULD YOU HELP?

Do you remember when you first considered sending your child to RCLS? You probably had a lot of questions ranging from class sizes and curriculum to afterschool care and navigating the car line! If you find yourself talking to friends and family about the positive things happening here, then we need your help. We are looking for parents to make occasional follow-up phone calls to families who have shown an interest in our school. These are quick, friendly calls to give potential new families the opportunity to ask questions of an "insider" at RCLS. If you are interested in helping out please contact Elizabeth Curry at [curry.elizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:curry.elizabeth@gmail.com) or 281-6370. Thank you!

### THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank everyone for a successful tournament last weekend! Thank you to all teachers, parents, and others who donated their time and talents for the benefit of the Athletics program. Not only did both the boys' and girls' teams win in the same year for the first

time in 21 years, but we were able to have a smooth running tournament thanks to all of our volunteers! A special thanks to Carol Wickre and Lisa St. Peter for volunteering their time for the organizing and running of concessions during the past two tournament weekends and throughout the season. Thanks also to Tricia Torrens-Burton for all of her work in getting tournament shirts designed and ordered and sold for the tournament last weekend!

### SKI OR SNOWBOARD

**February 21 (Saturday)**

**8am load/5 pm return.**

\$31 Lift \$23 Rental

\$15 Lesson (2 hours) \$12 Bus

Any RCLS students from the 5th & 6th grade that went January 12 can now join the group. Chaperones ride free on the bus, please let me know if you would like to help in this way. It is highly recommended having a lesson or two before if you never skied or snowboarded before or need to sharpen your skills, let me know if that is needed as well! **Please contact me by 4 pm February 20 (Friday) if you are going to ride the bus. This will determine if we rent the bus or a van.** If you have any interest in joining the group, please contact Randy Schultz at 250-0655 or [rschultz824@yahoo.com](mailto:rschultz824@yahoo.com).

Through our **CHAPEL OFFERINGS** our students can help provide **Bible storybooks** for children in Southeast Asia. In the Buddhist stronghold of SE Asia, it's challenging to introduce the Christian faith. The task is made even more difficult because there are no Lutheran materials available to help each young children learn about Jesus in their own languages. Our offerings will help translate and publish *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* into the Thai, Khmer and Bahasa Indonesia languages. Just \$2 provides one copy of this book for a family in Thailand, Cambodia or Indonesia. Imagine what the students of RCLS could accomplish! Please encourage your children to give an offering this month to purchase at least 2 books! Our last collection for this project will be February 25th.



**Ash Wednesday,  
February 25, 2009**

# AUCTION NOTES - April 18, 2009

2:30 pm Doors Open      4:30 pm Rooms Start Closing      6:00 pm Live Auction

How can you help with the ....

A - Ask your employer for a donation

U - U can go out and solicit to businesses you frequent

C - Can you donate any services (bake a dozen cookies for a year, paint a room, haul a load of leaves, ....)

T - Tell others about the auction (friends, family, church)

I - Invites. We need someone to help mail invites out to past attendees.

O - Online Soliciting (attach the RCLS Auction letter - located on the RCLS website - and ask for a donation. Some places to consider .... Sports Teams, Colleges, Music Groups, Resorts)

N - Need to find other ways to help - Call Melinda Rud ([jmmhrud@msn.com](mailto:jmmhrud@msn.com) 288-6697) or Debbie Witte ([mom2three@chartermi.net](mailto:mom2three@chartermi.net) 536-0019)



## FROM THE ART ROOM:

The art room has a few projects coming up and could use the following items:

Cardboard (cereal boxes, for example - Any size)

Yarn (any and all colors!)

Cardboard tubes (paper towel rolls, for example - Any size)

Straws

Egg cartons (Any size - Styrofoam or paper)

If you have any of these items please bring them by the art room. Thank you so much for your help, it is definitely appreciated!

Be sure to check out our **Artists of the Month!** Sixth grade students created chalk stencil designs by designing their own stencil. Using chalk as their medium, students developed interesting compositions based on the placements of their stencils. Artist of the Month are: **Samuel St. Peter, Joshua Reinstrom, and Jadenn Poch.** Congratulations Artists and keep up the good work!

- Ms. Johnson

## THIS 'N THAT

- **Grace Lutheran Church** (800 E Silver Lake Drive) is conducting a **pancake brunch** on Sunday, February 22, 8:30-noon. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast!

- **Hotel Bethlehem DVDs are on sale!** This is a great time to purchase an extra one for a friend or relative! You can get yours in the office today!

1 for \$15, 2 for \$25, or 3 for \$30

- Did you know that you could **receive the PAW PRINT electronically?** Please notify the office if you would like to participate in this service!
- Stop by the office to **see your child in the all school picture** from Hotel Bethlehem as performed in December. Thank you Mr. Parry for the picture!!
- **Mid-term** is Friday, February 27!

March is **DEVELOPMENT MONTH** at RCLS. Letters were mailed to all homes earlier this week detailing the many events coming up. If you have not received your mailing yet a copy of that letter is attached to this week's Paw Print. We encourage you to participate in as many of the events as possible!

I would like to **THANK EVERYONE** for all your prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and meals while I was hospitalized and recovering at home. They were all greatly appreciated by myself and my family.

- Felicia Boisen (Jeff, Melanie Jenna)

Remember your leaders,  
who spoke the word of God to you.  
consider the outcome of their way of life and  
imitate their faith.

February 20	-HERO Run, 7-7:30 am
February 21	-Ski/Snowboard to Welch, 8 to 5
February 22	-Kindergarten 100s Museum, 1-4 pm -Concert Band woodwinds play at Christ Lutheran -Multiplication Mania, Gr. 3 - Alumni & Development Committee visits Association Churches
February 23	-Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
February 24	-HERO Run, 7-7:30 am
February 25	-Ash Wednesday -Gr. 2 to sing at Chapel
February 26	-Coffee & Tour, 7:45-8:45 (extra one)
February 27	-Mid Quarter -HERO Run, 7-7:30 am
March 2	-Classroom visits by the Alumni & Development Committee
March 3	-Phonorama, 7:30 pm, RCLS
March 4	-Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
March 5	-Peder Eide in Concert, 6:30 pm
March 7	-Ski/Snowboard to Welch, 8 to 5
March 10	-Forum: Let's Build a Strong Parents Association, 7:30 pm
March 11	-Grade 5 to sing at Chapel
March 12	-8th Grade students & Parents meet with Alumni & Development Committee, 7:30 pm
March 13	-Ski/Snowboard to Welch, 1:15-10 pm
March 14	-Service Project for the school, 10 am
March 16	-Theater Boosters meet, 7:30 pm
March 17	-Music Boosters met, 7:30 pm
March 18	-Grade 1 to sing at Chapel
March 19	-Gr. 4 to Samaritan Nursing Home, 9:50-11 am -Sports Boosters meet, 7:30 pm
March 21	-Fun Walk, 10 am
March 23	-"Give Thanks in All Circumstances-The Historical Apostle Paul", 7:30 pm
March 25	-Grade 3 to sing at Chapel

### SPORTS NOTES

**"Congratulations" to the 7/8th Grade Girl's Basketball team for taking 1st place at the RCLS Invitational this past weekend!** What an exciting weekend tournament that was for everyone. The tournament weekend started Friday evening with RCLS playing Plainview. The RCLS girls defeated Plainview with a score of 38-20. The leading scorers of the game were Danielle Buettner and Stephanie Murray with 12 points each. The leading rebounders were Megan Muras with 11 rebounds and Stephanie Murray with 8 rebounds.

The Lady Bobcats moved on to the next round on Saturday, and defeated Winona with a score of 34-15. The leading scorers were Megan Muras with 12 points and Katrina Wessel with 10 points. The leading rebounder was Megan Muras with 13 rebounds.

The Lady Bobcats then moved on to the Championship round on Sunday, playing against the Homeschool Defender team. What an exciting and tense game that was, with several injuries occurring for the RCLS team during the first half. The Lady Bobcats recovered quickly from the injuries, and came back strong and took over in the 2nd half and ended in a victory of 35-26. The leading scorers were Megan Muras with 10 points, Katrina Wessel with 8 points, and Stephanie Murray with 6 points. The leading rebounder was Megan Muras with 11 rebounds and Katrina Wessel with 8 rebounds.

"Congratulations" Lady Bobcats for a fine victory! The regular season record stands at 21 wins and 4 losses. The Lady Bobcats have qualified for the State Tournament, which takes place on Feb 27 - March 1st, and are busy preparing for the competition. "Thank you" Bobcat fans for your support this past weekend, and all season!

**Congratulations to the Bobcat boys team as they won the RCLS Tournament last weekend!** On Friday, the Bobcats defeated Faribault 66-36. Lucas Ziemba led the scoring with 15 points on 7 for 10 shooting. John Mattison added 7 steals and 9 points. On Saturday, the Bobcats defeated Sioux Falls Lutheran 55-19. Once again Lucas Ziemba led the scoring with 14 points, making 6 out of 7 shots. Matt Buettner added 11 points, while John had 7 steals, 5 assists and contributed 10 points. In the championship game on Sunday, the Bobcats defeated Rochester Homeschool 49-25. Matt led the scoring with 15 points and added a team high 10 rebounds. These wins bring the Bobcats record to 21-2 on the year. The next Bobcat games will be this weekend at the Kasson-Mantorville Tournament at Kasson Senior High School. Their first game is at 9AM.

### State Tournament Update

Both the boys' and girls' teams were selected to participate in the Minnesota State Lutheran Basketball Tournament from February 27- March 1! Brackets for the tournament may be found on [www.rcls.net](http://www.rcls.net) on the sports page.



*Christian Music Artist*

## **Peder Eide in Concert**

**Rochester Central Lutheran School**

**In Celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week**

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Family Concert 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**RCLS Gymnasium / Free Will Offering**

**[www.pedereide.com](http://www.pedereide.com)**

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