



## Rochester Central Lutheran School

# RCLS PAW PRINT

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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!**

**Friday, April 17 -  
Parent Transport—AM  
only!**

**Saturday, April 18—RCLS  
Auction!**



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

- *Auction Notes!*
- *Golf Outing*
- *Drama News*
- *Resource Services*
- *Katie Piens & Daniel Nordman*
- *Overindulged Children*
- *National Teach Your Kids to Share Day!*
- *Logo Wear Sales*
- *Summer School Opportunities!*
- *Mayor Brede Visits!*
- *Much, much, more!*

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

***He is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

This week our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders did an outstanding job of leading the school in worship at chapel. They used the image of firefighters and fire to help us revisit the essential Easter message of forgiveness and life everlasting. I thanked the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders personally as they did such a great job of sharing the Gospel message.

This week, God has revealed Himself to me in many significant ways. I told the faculty at devotions that He has been in my face...literally...showing me His goodness, grace and His love for me. Over and over again, He has been literally performing miracles in my life...answering prayers I didn't even know how to express...in great and wonderful ways.

***"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." Romans 8:26 & 27***

God's goodness is great. Not only does He give me the privilege of prayer, His Spirit intercedes for us when I don't even know what to pray for.

He is the complete and "real deal." He offers us love when we deserve it the least and are not loving ourselves. He forgives us when we do not deserve forgiveness. He gives us the free gift of eternal life when we only deserve the results of our sin...death.

Lord, thank you for being the "real deal" and giving me everything I need even when I did not deserve it. Thank you for making yourself visible to me through answering of prayers and the actions of Your people despite my weaknesses. Thanks for being the true HERO of my life.

Have a blessed week. He is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ, my HERO,  
Henry G. Pahlkotter, II  
Principal

**CONGRATULATIONS MR. AND MRS. STROHSCHIEIN and family!** This past Saturday, Trevor William Strohschein was born. Mom, family and baby are all doing well and are now at home. We give thanks for Trevor's safe delivery and the added blessing of a new one in the RCLS ministry family. Congratulations and God's richest blessings Strohschein family. Mrs. Lonnie Strohschein is a Resource Teacher at RCLS.

Have you noticed the warmer weather outside? We have! The golf committee is looking forward to August 28 and the **RCLS GOLF OUTING**, sponsored by Thrivent! Registrations and hole sponsorships are now being accepted. If you are interested in golfing or learning more about being involved with this event, please visit with any golf committee member: Marty Mack, Corey Nelson, Marc Woolman, Aaron Rudzinski, and Kim Schauer.

**DRAMA NEWS** On March 13,14, and 15, the cast of *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.* presented the spring musical in the RCLS gym. Because of a generous donation the drama and music departments recently received, the actors and actresses were using new wireless microphones. We would like to say thank you—the new microphones greatly improve our sound quality in the gym! All the students involved did a fantastic job singing songs from the cartoons that many parents and staff members remember from their own childhoods! The 600+ audience members reminisced with songs like, “Three is a Magic Number,” “The Preamble,” and “Interjections!” Look for a special *Schoolhouse* basket at the RCLS auction on April 18.

#### **THIS ‘N THAT**

...We recently received a check for \$325 from **Kwik Trip’s Milk Moola & Donuts to Dough Program**. Remember to keep collecting Glazers Price Ovals and Nature’s Touch Milk Caps and Bag Tops!

...Attached is a flyer on the **Land O Lakes milk cap program**. This is a new program and one that RCLS has decided to also participate in. Please utilize the flyer for information as well as the **coupons** to purchase Land O Lakes milk! RCLS will earn 15¢ for each cap through June!

...Remember to use **www.goodsearch.com** when searching the web and money from Yahoo advertisers will go to RCLS without you spending a dime! Simply select “Rochester Central Lutheran” in the “Who do you Goodsearch for” box, click the “Verify” button, and start raising money for RCLS! Thank you!

**RESOURCE SERVICES:** Mrs. Debbie Pahlkotter will be full time during Mrs. Strohschein’s maternity leave. In addition, Mrs. Kim Captain will be serving as a Paraprofessional with Mrs. Pahlkotter. Mrs. Strohschein expects returning to school in 6 weeks. We thank Mrs. Pahlkotter and Mrs. Captain for their additional ministry during this time.

**PLEASE KEEP MRS. BIAR IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Mrs. Kris Biar, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature teacher will not be able to teach for the remainder of her pregnancy. She and baby are doing well. It is a medical precaution. Please keep her, her family and the baby in your prayers as they anticipate her arrival later this month. Mrs. Cindy Heins will be our guest teacher for the remainder of the school year although Mrs. Biar will assist with end-of-the-year grading and procedures. We will keep you posted.

**PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES** The week of April 20, 2009 we will pray for Kent Rasmussen (Andrew), Mick & Diana Reese (Ian), John & Lori Lynn Reinstrom (Lexi, Joshua, Arianna), Allen & Dianne Rench (Tate, Quentin), Forbes Robertson (Josiah, Jarika), Chad & Sharon Roemhildt (Nikolaus), and Jason & Teri Ross (Gracelyn).

**THRIVENT FOR LUTHERAN MEMBERS:** Now is the time to make use of your “GivingPlus” benefit, a matching funds program, that matches every dollar you give to RCLS. They match \$1 for every \$2 given up to \$600 per person. Forms are available in the school office. Please consider giving a gift today. During the 2008 calendar year RCLS received \$8,062.50 from this program. However, Thrivent ran out of matching GivingPlus funds at the end of the year so a few gifts were not able to be matched. Don’t wait. Give your gift today. Thank you.

#### **LOGO WEAR DETAILS**

If you would like to see detailed product information on the current Logo Wear sale items, please visit our web site ([rcls.net](http://rcls.net)) and click on the Logo Wear image. Look for the red LOGO WEAR RESOURCES link on the right side of the page. Click on this and you will find an order form with product links for almost every item. An order form is also attached to this week’s Paw Print. **NOTE:** The **YOUTH SHORTS** are running small. And the **GOLFERS WINDSHIRTS** are running a bit big. Please stop by the samples near the office to check out the sizing of these items.

**APRIL CHAPEL MISSION PROJECT** is the Judith Lindman Memorial Children’s Book Drive. Along with our weekly chapel offerings we will collect new and gently used children’s books. Please look over the attached flyer for further information.

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# AUCTION NOTES - April 18, 2009

**THIS SATURDAY!!!!**

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



**Volunteers:** Volunteers are still needed. The auction signup sheet is located outside the office.

**Baked Goods:** Please bring donations of baked goods anytime on Friday or Saturday morning. (Nothing that needs refrigeration.)

**Childcare:** Children are welcome. Optional childcare will be provided during the Live Auction from 6:00-8:00 pm.

**Baskets:** Please drop off any baskets or containers in the office. The auction committee will use them next year!

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**RCLS STUDENTS GO TO STATE!!** Over spring break, 8th graders **Katie Piens** and **Daniel Nordman** participated in the **Minnesota State Science Fair** in Minneapolis. Both Katie and Daniel were selected to represent their projects at the State level because of how well they did at our Regional Science Fair over a month ago. Katie received a Third Grand Bronze Award as well as the Seagate First Year Award. Daniel received a Third Grand Bronze Award. Congratulations to both on their accomplishments!!

**PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE** Trinity Lutheran Church in Rochester is seeking a part time secretary (18-20 hours/week). Primary duties include maintaining membership rolls and general secretarial work. Computer skills are essential and data base experience is desirable. Preferred hours are Tuesday-Thursday each week. Please call or stop in for further information, an application form and job description. Trinity Lutheran Church. 222 – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W., Rochester. (507) 289-1531.

**PASTOR OTTE TO LEAD HOLY LAND TOUR** Pastor William Otte of Trinity Lutheran Church, an RCLS Association member, will be leading a 9-day tour of the Holy Land, with an optional 3-day extension to Egypt. The tour will leave on February 9, 2010, and will include stops in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, and many other Biblical sites. This is a life-changing experience! If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Otte at (507) 289-1531 or [pastorotte@charterinternet](mailto:pastorotte@charterinternet) for details and a colorful brochure.

**A LITTER BIT BETTER:** Please join in Rochester's city-wide litter pick up April 18 through the 25. Pick a date, pick a spot and pick it up! Please register at [rneighbors.org](http://rneighbors.org). The complete registration materials are on line. Litter bags may be picked up at all the local Kwik trip stores.

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### **OVERINDULGED CHILDREN— What does that mean?**

Are we doing too much for our kids? Are we giving them more than they need, spoiling them? Does any of this have an affect on them as students or adults? Is there an answer to how much is too much? Jennifer Finch-Mitchell, a school counselor, will explore some of these questions with us on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 pm. A light supper will be offered at 5:15 pm. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child. The SAC department will provide childcare from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at \$2.00 per child. Free childcare and supper will be provided for the first twenty-five (25) registered. This event is sponsored by the RCLS PEP -Parent Education Partners group. Please fill out the attached flyer and return to the office. Remember free meal and childcare to the first 25 registered!

### **RCLS SUMMER STRETCH 2009 (SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES) is *STRETCHING and GROWING*:**

Attached, please find this year's RCLS Summer Stretch brochure and registration form. Classes cost \$75 per class. All grade level requirements are based on the grade the student will be entering in Fall of 2009. We have *more* classes to offer than last year. Please read through the descriptions and consider a class or two that may work for your children. Most classes have a maximum number of students, so space is limited. Classes also have minimums so you will be notified if the class will not be held due to low enrollment. Please register as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **JOB TRANSITION S.O.S.: Strategies, Opportunities & Support:**

The volatile economy and increasing number of job losses are tough on all of us, both financially and emotionally. The *Thrivent Community-Rochester Group* of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans recognizes these issues and is offering a special opportunity for individuals who have experienced a job loss. It will be held Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church at 2830 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW in Rochester. Please call Diane Barclay at 507-289-1682 or 888-221-6311 to R.S.V.P. You may also reserve your spot by visiting [www.thrivent.com/memberevents](http://www.thrivent.com/memberevents). A poster with additional information is posted near the front door of the school office.

### **TEACH YOUR CHILD TO SHARE DAY**

Attached is a half page flyer similar to the invitational posters sent home with the *Paw Print* the week before Spring Break. *All families are invited*. The focus age of children is 6-10 years; however, all children are invited. The cost of the event to be held at RCLS on Friday, April 24, is \$10 per family. A meal for the entire family and educational materials including a brand new version of the Thrivent Piggy Bank will be provided to

children. An adult session will be presented while children are also engaged in hands on activities. Please remember to RSVP at [Thrivent.com/shareday](http://Thrivent.com/shareday) or call 800-236-3736 to reserve a spot for your family.

**2009-2010 RCLS SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:** Now that the Rochester Public Schools have set their calendar, the Board of Directors will approve our 2009-2010 calendar at this month's board meeting. Once approved, we will print the calendar for your use.

It was decided at the last Board of Directors meeting that due to the late date of Labor Day we will begin school on Monday, August 31, and the school year will end on Friday, June 4. This has been decided to prevent a late end of the school year date. Other particulars will be approved at this month's Board of Directors meeting.

### **THE MAYOR EATS LUNCH WITH 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

On Tuesday, Mayor Brede had lunch with RCLS's 4<sup>th</sup> graders. This was a reward for Kayla Manuell's first place entry into the city-wide A Litter Bit Better poster contest. Mayor Brede reminded us all of the A Litter Bit Better pledge and encouraged the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and the entire RCLS family to participate in this year's program April 18 through the 24. Please go to [rneighbor.org](http://rneighbor.org) to register and to see all of the other poster contest winners from across Rochester.

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders all pledged to participate and Mayor Brede took the time to sign every child's journal entry recognizing their pledge to make Rochester "A Litter Bit Better."

### **HAVE THE BEST SUMMER at GIRL SCOUT CAMP – Register online today!**

With several resident and troop camp properties across Minnesota and Wisconsin, girls can discover nature and wildlife, connect with others at camp, and take action as they build new skills and talents. River Valleys offers more than 100 different camp program sessions ranging from wilderness trips, canoeing, and horses to international cooking, arts, and sports. Any girl can come to camp – no Girl Scout experience is required. Financial assistance is available. Check out camp and register online today at [www.girlscoutsrv.org](http://www.girlscoutsrv.org).



April 17	-Parent Transport—AM only -Gr. 3 to MN History Center, 8-2:30 pm -Gr. 1 to Quarry Hill, 12:40-2:25 pm
<b>April 18</b>	<b>-RCLS Auction</b>
April 20 am	-Preschool to Oxbow Zoo, 8:30-10:30
April 21	-Gr. 4 to Quarry Hill, 11:45 am—2:15 pm -Overindulged Children Program, 6 pm
April 22	-Grade 5 sings at chapel
April 23	-Gr. 4/5 to Mayo Civic Center, 10 am
April 24	-Gr. 3 to Mayo High School, 9-10:30 am
April 25	-Regional Spelling Bee
April 26	-Spring Fling, 6:30 pm
April 29	-Gr. 4 to sing at chapel
May 4-8	-Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 4	-Gr. 6 to Ft. Snelling/State Capitol
May 6	-Gr. 3 to sing at chapel -All School Picture, 1 pm
May 7	-National Day of Prayer -Gr. 2 to Science Museum, 7:45 am— 5 pm
May 8	-Gr. 3 to Quarry Hill, 9:20 am—noon -Moms & Muffins, gr. 3 & 4, 7:30-8 am -Gr. 1 to MN Zoo, 7:45 am— 5:30 pm -Jazz/Pops Concert, 7 pm
May 9	-Softball Conference Tournament
May 10	-Mother's Day
May 12	-Gr 6 Forestville State Park, 7:45—3:30
May 13	-Volunteer Appreciation Day -Concert Choir to sing at chapel
May 14	-Coffee/Tour, 7:45 am -Gr. 4 to Samaritan Nursing Home, 9:50-11 am -Kindergarten Circus, 9 am & 1 pm -Mid quarter reports go home
May 15	-Grades 3-8 to Winona Track & Field Day -Grades K-2 Early Dismissal
May 18	-Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
May 19	-Band Concert, 7 pm
May 20	-Gr. 2 to sing at chapel
May 21	-Choir Concert, 7 pm -PS 3's & Redeemer Campus Last Day Picnic
May 22	-Dads & Donuts, Gr. 3 & 4, 7:30-8 am -PS 4's Last Day Picnic -Last day of RCLS Library
May 25	-No School/No SAC—Memorial Day
May 27	-Gr. 1 to sing at chapel
May 29	-RCLS K-8 Track & Field Day -Book Fair
June 1	-Gr. 6-8 Picnic at Bluff Valley

**CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT:** With the challenge of our current economy, several families are facing financial hardships. As it is our ministry to “prepare for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today,” we want to make sure that every child desiring a quality Christian education has the opportunity. Unfortunately, our ability to offer financial assistance is often limited by the generosity of God’s people. If you are in a situation in which you can give a “thank gift” for your blessings, for the opportunity your children have to participate in a quality Christian education, or just as an act of worship as you return thanks for what God has done for you, PLEASE consider giving a gift today. We are only able to do what we do because of the generosity of Christian people like you. Thank you for prayerfully considering an additional “thank gift” to RCLS.

**SAC is opening a brand new summer experience called—CAMP RCLS!!**

**REGISTRATON HAS BEGUN!!** Camp RCLS will run from June 15—August 14 and will feature the following groups:

- *Yellow “Son”Shiners—The Lights of Christ*” or those entering PS-Kindergarten
- *Blue Gills “Fishing for Christ”* for those entering Grades 1-2
- *Green Aliens “We can live a life of love, even though we are not of this world.”* for incoming 3rd through 5th graders

Activities include: drama, group games, crafting, literature connection, skills reviews, devotions, indoor and outdoor games, gardening, field trips, VBS, computers, arts and crafts.

For more information and enrollment forms please stop by the SAC parent table. Come join us for a summer of camp fun!!

**Children entering grades 6 and up**, there is a program for you, too. It’s called **Staff-In-Training**. To obtain a brochure or application please stop by the SAC room. Please come and share your love for Jesus with our campers!

Routine SAC care will be available June 8-12 and August 17-25—prior to and after Camp RCLS.