



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!
Spring Fling, April 26 at
6:30 pm
Faith Leader Apprecia-
tion Day—April 29
All School Picture—
May 6



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RCLS!
- *Alumni Reunion, May 30*
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MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS.....

Saturday evening, I left the auction emotional and humbled. I must admit I was a bit concerned about the outcome in lieu of the economy and what appeared to be lesser items in the auction; however, God showed me again His greatness and power. Who am I to doubt Him? Who am I to worry or be concerned about the resources that He will give to support this ministry? I am not in control. He is in control. This is a good thing.

Initial estimates for what we made minus expenses comes to about \$36,000 plus. This is more than last year's profit. This is tremendous for any year. God is so good.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5

Sometimes, in my sinfulness, I hold onto obstacles instead of allowing God to remove them from my pathway. He makes straight our paths...not us.

What are you holding onto today? What things are you telling yourself that cause you to doubt God's power? What human understandings do you cling to instead of trusting in God's wisdom? We limit ourselves all of the time instead of allowing God to use our lives to the maximum.

God has a plan for RCLS and ministry. I can't help but be optimistic as He keeps revealing Himself as limitless and better than what I would ever expect. I believe He has the same plans for you and me...limitless in faith...better than our own expectations...our own understandings.

Let us Trust in the Lord and see what He can and will do in our lives and at RCLS. He has already declared victory over sin, death and Satan. What more can He do? I think we will be amazed.

In the name of our ultimate HERO, Jesus,

Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II
RCLS Principal

THANK YOU AUCTION COMMITTEE: I want to express my sincere appreciation for all of the efforts of the Auction Committee under joint leadership of Melinda Rud and Debbie Witte. God has used you to do something tremendous for the RCLS ministry. Your efforts have been blessed and you are a blessing to us all. Again, thank you. Mr. Pahlkotter

THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE AUCTION: Bids were offered in direct support of our ministry, far surpassing the value of the items being bid upon. This shows God's goodness and the how He works through His people. I know God has Called me and my family to serve in Rochester; however, I am the one who is blessed by your witness, faithfulness and commitment to Christian education and ministry. Thank you. Mr. Pahlkotter

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.

THIS 'N THAT

...**Land O Lakes milk cap program** is a new program and one that RCLS has decided to also participate in. RCLS will earn 15¢ for each cap through June! Land O Lakes milk is available at the following locations: Walmart North and South, Cub Foods, Barlow's HyVee, and all Super America Gas Stations.

...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!

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.

REGIONAL LUTHERAN SPELLING BEE is this Saturday in Red Wing at Concordia Immanuel Lutheran School (1805 Bush Street, Red Wing, MN 55066). Please keep our spellers in your prayers both for travel and for their spelling efforts:

Grade 3rd/4th: Josiah Tuohimaa-Robertson, Jeremy Waldner, Hannah Morehart, and Mary Hagan
Alternates: Kaeli Giese, David Will

Grades 5th/6th: Nathan Eide, Meredith Gade, Alex Wilkins, and Elizabeth Bauman
Alternates: Andrew Rasmussen, Brian Happel

Grades 7th/8th: Nick Moder, Christopher Captain, Jarika Tuohimaa, and Katrina Wessel
Alternates: Kayla Biar, Melissa Parry

CAPS OFF WITH GIRL SCOUTS

When bottles are recycled, their caps (which can't be processed by recycling machinery) are often cut off and thrown away, ending up in landfills, oceans, and rivers. Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys has joined forces with AVEDA to collect plastic bottle caps for a new recycling initiative.



AVEDA will create a second life for the discarded plastic caps by making tops for future products. RCLS Girl Scouts are collecting plastic caps from bottles of water, soda, facial cleanser, laundry detergent, ketchup, shampoo/conditioner, etc. *Not included:* metal caps and any "snap fit" plastic caps (such as margarine or cottage cheese caps). You can drop off your caps in the large white bucket by the front office April 17 through the 26. If you would like to take a flyer to your workplace, please check out www.girlscoutsrv.org for more information.

...Several prescription eye glasses have been turned into **LOST 'N FOUND**. Would one of them be yours?

...After the auction Saturday a set of car keys were found in the parking lot. Yours?

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 Avenue SW, 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 for details and a colorful brochure.

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of April 27, 2009 we will pray for John & Melinda Rud (Hannah, Micaela), Daryn & Cathy Ruggeberg (Lacey, Lincoln), Betsy Runkle (Kaya), Joel & Tamela Sanford (Taryn), Dan & Janell Schefers (Gracie), Michael & Holly Schmitt (Robert), Jeff & Lynn Schoppers (Jadyn, Jagger), and Jake & Kelly Schultz (Lindsey).

FAITH LEADER APPRECIATION DAY: Students have been working on invitations for their faith leaders... pastors...youth directors...music directors...and more...to come and be appreciated on Wednesday, April 29th, 2009. They are invited to come and attend chapel and then to enjoy breakfast on us in the cafeteria. Special music will be provided. Please encourage your children to invite their faith leaders to school. Faith leaders are asked to RSVP so that we have enough food prepared. Thank you.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING IS NEXT WEEK: You may see a few new faces in the building next week as we are screening next year's Kindergarteners. Please go out of your way to say hello.

SPRING FLING IS SUNDAY, APRIL 26: All are invited to our 7th/8th grade musical Spring Fling on Sunday, April 26 beginning at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. This recital is a reflection of their work during the 3rd quarter and is an enjoyable musical experience for all to share. All are welcome to attend and stay for the reception afterwards.

TEACH YOUR KIDS TO SHARE DAY is CANCELLED! We regret to inform you that Friday's Thrivent for Lutherans event has been cancelled.

TIMBERWOLVES BASKETBALL CLINIC! The Timberwolves will host a youth basketball clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-8 at RCLS! This exciting event will take place Saturday, May 2, 9 am—noon. Please look over the attached flyer for detailed information.

RCLS will host an **ALUMNI REUNION** on **Saturday, May 30, 2009**. This event is not just for alumni students and teachers but also current students, families, teachers, and friends of RCLS. Please extend the information on this exciting event to those that you know are connected with or have a history with RCLS! The schedule for the day will be:



5:30 pm—A church service at Trinity Lutheran Church
(222 6th Avenue SW)

6:45 pm—A Potluck dinner at RCLS. Bring a dish to pass and your own utensils, dishes, and chairs.

7:30 pm—Party at RCLS! A parking lot dance with live music by Rockology.
Those wanting a tour will have an opportunity at that time!

Come and enjoy an evening of remembering, good food, great music, and celebrating all that is 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 3- 5 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.

RCLS families have an opportunity to be HEROES in the Rochester community. Please bring in **ANY OLD CLEAN RUBBER SOLED SHOES** to Ms Timm’s kindergarten classroom by April 30. Jefferson School is going to re-surface their playground with shredded rubber. They are working with the Nike Company on this project. Thank you in advance for your donation and again being HEROES in God’s Kingdom.

Congratulations to several RCLS students who have been selected as semi-finalists in the **“MN TWINS FATHER”** essay writing contest. The semi-finalists were chosen statewide and are Katrina Marquardt (1st grade), Skylar Rechtzigel (2nd grade), Kate Heins (3rd grade), Minyoung Jeon (4th grade), Matthew Captain (5th grade) and Brian Happel (6th grade).

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR 2009-10

Besides being able to pay for tuition in full RCLS also offers two monthly payment options for the 2009-10 school year. You have the choice of paying tuition on a 12 month program (June to May) or 10 month (August-May). The payments would be automatically withdrawn from your checking/savings account. **If you are interested in the 12 month payment plan, the office needs to know by May 29 in order to set the process up and provide you with a projected cost sheet.** After May 29 the 12 month option will not be available. Information on the present 10 month plan will be sent in the summer mailing. As in the past, the **automatic withdrawal is for tuition only.** The withdrawal date for the 12 month payment plan would be the 15th of each month starting on June 15, 2009 and the 10 month option will be withdrawn on the 10th starting with August 10, 2009.

We would like to thank everyone involved in **THIS YEAR’S AUCTION**. It was a huge success and couldn't have been done without you!! God is so good!! If you have any comments, please drop them off in the office. Please put 'ATTENTION: Auction' on them. We will be having a follow-up auction committee meeting on Thursday, May 7 from 6:30-8 pm in the Conference Room. If you have any empty baskets or containers, please drop them off in the office so that we can use them next year. Thanks Again, Melinda Rud and Debbie Witte

April 25	-Regional Spelling Bee
April 26	-Spring Fling, 6:30 pm
April 29	-Gr. 4 to sing at chapel -Faith Leader Appreciation Day
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 -Gr. 3 to Quarry Hill, 9:20 am—noon
May 8	-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