



Rochester Central Lutheran School

RCLS PAW PRINT

May 7, 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!

**Jazz/Pops Concert,
May 8, 7 pm**

**Volunteer Appreciation
May 13**

**Winona Track Meet
Gr. 3-8, May 15**

**K-2 Early Dismissal,
May 15**



Special points of interest:

- *Family of Christ VBS*
- *Summer SAC registration*
- *Alumni Saturday*
- *Mrs. Peter wins RCLS a prize!*
- *Biology Summer Camp-Florida*
- *Health Notes*
- *Playground Resurfacing Project*
- *Much, much, more!*

MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS.....



If all goes well, the Pahlkotter family will close on the purchase of a home on Friday, May 15th, and then move on Saturday, May 16th. It has been nearly two years since we accepted the Call to come and serve in Rochester at RCLS and this is an exciting stepping stone for our family. We give

thanks to God for the selling of our Michigan home and now having the opportunity to settle down in a home here in Rochester. He has answered prayers beyond our expectations.

Moving is an interesting process...to say the least. First, we search through every corner of our home for the things we either need to toss or to put into a garage sale. We are always surprised by the amount of things we find. This is our third move in two years and we still seem to be finding things. Where does it all come from?

Then, we begin boxing up our lives. The boxes seem to grow and the dust bunnies seem to appear from nowhere and take over. The house begins to take on the appearance of a warehouse. This becomes a bit of a challenge for two adults and three children to eat, sleep, do homework and do all the things of life amidst the mountains of boxes and the herds of GROWING dust bunnies. This even becomes more of a challenge when nights and weekends are spent packing boxes. Tired does not even explain how one feels after a full day of life and an evening of packing. The wonderful, creative, fun-loving children and the patient nurturing parents (I must be talking about some other family.) become unidentifiable scary creatures. In short, even though the event of moving is exciting, the process of packing is a challenge.

Finally, on moving day, a fleet of trucks and trailers show up...well that is the prayer... and an army of faithful friends...yet another prayer...come and sweep up our boxed up lives and move them to our new home. This only takes a matter of minutes and then with the twinkling of an eye, the boxes are unpacked and our new home is clean and organized for years to come...OKAY, this is a dream. You can't blame me for thinking positively.

In short, moves are life changing. We get rid of the things we do not need and we take our lives and fit them into new circumstances...new places...new opportunities. I know God moves us spiritually as well...I have been moved. He gives us opportunities to grow and to be loved...inspired...uplifted...convicted...changed. Although this movement is not physical, it is life changing non-the-less. We are moved by the Holy Spirit to be changed...to believe...and to "...live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:2) This is not our own doing...this is the work of the Holy Spirit through God's Word.

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When is the last time God has moved you? Spiritually, we either grow or die. There is no standing still. Take time this week to be moved...moved by God's Word. Take time to read His love letter to you...the Bible. Don't let the things of this life...the boxes and the dust bunnies...prevent you from moving in faith.

In Christ,
Henry G. Pahlkotter, II
Principal

FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION: Friday ends this year's faculty/staff appreciation week...but it is Godly to express appreciation and encouragement, so this need not end. Thank you for those who went out of their way to express appreciation to the faculty and staff. I have truly appreciated the notes and words of encouragement shared with me. I thank God for the opportunity to work with such a blessed group of spiritually dedicated people. Further, I appreciate working with you...families who understand the importance of Christian education in the lives of their children. I thank God for the entire ministry team...faculty, staff and families. I pray that He continues to bless our efforts in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with our children and families. Further, I pray that as children are equipped with the Word that He uses them to share His love with the world. - Mr. Pahlkotter

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: On Thursday, May 7, the entire school gathered in the gymnasium to pray together on this National Day of Prayer. Mr. Pahlkotter and Pastor Biar led our prayer gathering. We sat literally around the gym and prayed together as this is one of God's blessings.

MID-QUARTER IS FRIDAY! Can you believe that we are already at mid-quarter? Friday, May 8th, is mid-quarter. Mid-quarter reports will be sent home to 3rd – 8th graders on Thursday, May 14.

HEALTH EDUCATION TEAM: Our May meeting is Monday, May 11, at 7:50 am. Come and join us as we prepare for the HERO Run...Med City Kids' Marathon. The Med City Kids' Marathon is Saturday, May 23, at 10:30 am. The marathon (last 1.2 miles) will begin at Soldiers Field Track and end on the north side of the Rochester Area Family Y. The Cost is free but you must pre-register. Forms are available in the office and must be mailed and received by May 15. You may also register from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on May 22, 2009, at the Running Room. Students must have already completed 25 miles in preparation for the Med-City Kids' Marathon. We want to have a great RCLS showing for the race, so let the school office know if you are participating. Thank you! The Health Education Team

THE KINDERGARTEN CIRCUS IS COMING! Our Kindergarten classrooms are putting on the annual circus this coming Thursday, May 14, at 9 am and 1 pm.

COFFEE AND TOUR: If you know of someone who would like to learn more about RCLS, please invite them to come to our Thursday morning Coffee and Tour on May 14 at 7:45 – 8:45 am. They will receive a tour of our school and have an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about RCLS.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 13: If you are a regular volunteer of RCLS, PLEASE attend Chapel on Wednesday, May 13 (7:55 am) and RSVP for the Volunteer Appreciation Day breakfast by calling the school office. You are invited and we want to appreciate you! Our Music department will provide breakfast music and our food service department will provide a delicious breakfast just to say thank you. Thank you for being heroes of faith through your faithful service to the Lord and in support of our ministry at RCLS.

A TENTATIVE STAFFING PLAN FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO STAFF and will be finalized within the next week or so. Watch the Paw Print for more details. The plan includes 2 full day Kindergartens and 1 half day Kindergarten, the addition of a Technology Teacher and administrative support.

ALUMNI SATURDAY! On Saturday, May 30, all alumni are invited to come to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church at the 5:30 pm service. During the service, alumni will be recognized and the blessings of RCLS will be celebrated. Immediately following the service, alumni and friends are invited to travel to RCLS for a potluck dinner. Ham, rolls and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Immediately following the dinner, a parking lot dance will be commenced with band **Rockology** providing music. Alumni, alumni parents and friends of RCLS are all invited. There is no cost. This is an opportunity for RCLS to kick off it's effort in establishing an Alumni Association for RCLS and to continue its ministry with graduates. Come. All are welcome.

THANK YOU Wenger Corporation.... In February, our music teachers attended the Minnesota Music Educators Clinic in Minneapolis. Mrs. Peter was the lucky winner of a drawing at the Wenger booth. The prize was six 6 foot sections of choral risers. You will see some of these risers at the spring choirs concerts. Thanks again Wenger Corporation!



3rd Biannual Florida Keys Biology Summer Camp 2010

Please come to an informational meeting on **Tuesday, May 12 at 7 pm** in Mr. Rudzinski's room (412)! We will discuss our Florida Keys Aquatic Education Program for the following summer. The trip is open to all **current 6th and 7th grade students** attending RCLS. The dates for the trip are **July 1-6, 2010**. We will be discussing estimated costs, itinerary, and expectations for the upcoming trip. Enjoy a power point presentation of last summers trip!

CONGRATULATIONS to 4th grader **Minyoung Jeon** who was a runner up in the Twin's *What My Father Means to Me* essay contest. She received a certificate of recognition and 4 Twins tickets to a June game where the winner will be announced.

MARRIAGE CAN BE A LAUGHING MATTER

Laughter isn't only the best medicine; it can also be the best marriage counselor. We know of its power to reduce stress in everyday life, but many couples have overlooked its usefulness in their most important relationship.

On May 15 and 16 at Redeemer Lutheran Church (869 7th Ave SE) married, single, and divorced couples will get a chance to laugh about - and make vital changes to - their relationships through Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage, a Video Seminar created by pastor, motivational speaker, musician and writer Mark Gungor.

Most marriage seminars tend to be serious, technical and emotionally taxing. Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage, by contrast, helps couples deal with tough issues in a way that's fun and non-threatening. There are no workbooks to fill out, no emotional "break-out" sessions, and no one is ever forced to speak in front of the group.

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Video Seminar takes place from 7-10pm on Friday, May 15 and 9-12:30pm on Saturday, May 16, with lunch following at no additional cost. The cost is \$15 per person or \$29 per couple. Child care will be available and if the cost is an issue please let us know. For more information or to purchase your registration, call Redeemer at 289-5147 or visit www.redeemer-rochester.com for a link to registration and teaser clips. A registration form is also attached to this week's Paw Print.

CALENDAR UPDATES

—FOR MAY & NEXT YEAR

- **Preschool 4's & Redeemer** Last Day Picnic is Wednesday, May 20! This is a change!
- **Preschool 3's** Last Day Picnic is Thursday, May 21.
- Also on May 21 at 7 pm is the **Choir/Handbell Concert**
- **Preschool Preview night** has been changed to May 27, 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.
- **Kindergarten Parents for next year** will meet at 6:30 pm on May 28. Location will be posted.
- To help with your activity planning attached is a **summary 2009-2010 school calendar**.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Parents need to pick up all medications from the Health Office by the end of the school day on Friday, June 5. All medications remaining in the Health office after Monday, June 8 will be disposed of. Medications cannot be picked up or sent home with your children.

Attention 6th grade parents: Most 6th grade students need immunizations before they can attend 7th grade. Please see your medical provider to obtain the required immunizations. Please bring your updated immunizations record to the school before August 24, 2009. Thanks to all of you who have already completed this important task.

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.

FROM THE ART ROOM: Check out the **Artists of the Month** for May! Eighth grade students learned about various ink shading techniques. Students created an interior room drawing and used one or more of the ink shading techniques to add details. Artists of the Month are: **Melissa Parry, Carol Hickman, Lucas Ziemba, and Jarika Tuohimaa**. Congratulations Artists and keep up the good work!

The Art room is now **in need of large plastic lids** (gallon ice cream container lids work the best!) If you have any of those, we would be happy to have them. Thanks again for all of the help!

Pictures of the **SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE** cast are available for purchase for 25 cents each. Pictures of each group and order forms are available in the office. Please stop by and check out the amazing cast!

The **SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is coming up on Friday, May 29. The Book Fair will be from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. We need a few people to help with the Book Fair. Please consider volunteering for an hour or two during Track and Field Day! If you are willing to help during this day, please contact Mr. Nelson at 289-3267 ext. 106 or nelsonrcls@yahoo.com.

The RCLS Library is looking for **LIBRARY WORKERS for 2009-2010**. If you love books and kids, this is the right place for you! Our schedule includes morning or afternoon shifts each week, or every other week. We also have need for substitutes, Book Fair workers, and book processors/repairers. **FREE TRAINING IS INCLUDED!** If you are interested or curious, please contact Mr. Nelson at 289-3267 ext. 106 or nelsonrcls@yahoo.com

AUCTION ITEMS FOR SALE -

- 1) Free Keyless and extra remote with the purchase and installation of a new opener from Jim Thompson's Garage Door Company. Valid in Rochester only. Additional fees apply outside Rochester. Not valid with other offers or on prior purchases. Expires 12/31/09.
- 2) A gift certificate to Bob's Smoke Stack Ribs in Elgin, MN for 2 dinners.

Please contact Melinda Rud (jimmhrud@msn.com or 288-6697) or the school office if interested.

The **RCLS LIBRARY CLOSERS FRIDAY, MAY 22!** All materials are due back by then to allow time to organize the library for the end of the year! Look for notes to come home concerning overdue items!



“KINGDOM OF THE SON” is the theme for this year's Family of Christ VBS to be held June 7-11, 6:30-8 pm. Your child will have the opportunity to journey into the Serengeti to discover exotic animals and participate in an expedition into God's world. The program is open to children 3 years of age (potty trained, please) through 5th grade. Just as last year the program will be held at the homes of Mr. & Mrs. Ken DeCramer and Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Mitchell (5823 & 5815 Shetland Drive NW). If you should need more information and/or wish to register, please email Tim-Block@q.com or call Linda at 285-1635.



Day Camp for Kids

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

REGISTRATION 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! This would qualify as overflow hours as required by RCLS for grades 6-8.

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

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE SEEKING MEMBERS: The Technology Committee is looking for two additional members. The Technology Committee provides an administrative forum for reviewing, evaluating, and recommending strategies, plans, and policies for RCLS. The committee currently meets once a month on the second Monday @ 7:00 pm. Please contact Jeff Boisen at jboisen@rcls.net for more information.

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 May 11, 2009 we will pray for Jon & Sabine Tetzloff (Stefanie), Colin & Andrea Thomas (Naomi), Dennis & Susan Thompson (Larissa), Miriam Thompson (Michael), Lisa Tonjum (Taylor, Teagan), and Charles & Leeanna Tomasek (Rachel, Spencer).

EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUND RESURFACING PROJECT... As mentioned in last week's Paw Print the Early Childhood Playground area is presently covered with pea gravel and will be replaced with soft surface playground interlocking squares. The project will enhance the playground both in appearance and function. We are asking RCLS families and friends to consider purchasing a square (or more!). The cost is \$35/1 tile or \$100 for 3 tiles. A total of 533 tiles are needed to complete the project. Outside the school office is a poster showing our progress.

**COME ONE.....COME ALL!!!
ALUMNI REUNION!**

Celebrate the students before you, the parents that supported them and all the family/friends you have the joy of knowing!

Saturday, May 30, Service for all at Trinity Lutheran Church (222 6 Avenue SW) 5:30 pm with a "registration" and short/sweet recognition of alumni there.

Moving to RCLS with (pray for good weather!) a potluck outside starting about 6:45 pm with a quick "alumni meeting" of sorts and then...

ROCKOLOGY playing from 7 pm 'til about 10:30 pm! More information to come, or please contact Jim Gregoire or Gina Mitchell.

Our RCLS families have been HEROES in God's Kingdom again! We collected **1,500 books for the Judith Lindman Memorial Children's book drive**. What a wonderful way to share your blessings with the Rochester community. It was absolutely awesome! We also collected **143 shoes for the resurfacing** of the playground at Jefferson Elementary School. It was a pleasure to be part of your sharing and giving to meet the needs of God's people with these 2 **SERVICE PROJECTS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL**. May God's Son continue to shine in your lives. Thank you. - Miss Timm & Mrs. Wickre.



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