

## Rochester Central Lutheran School

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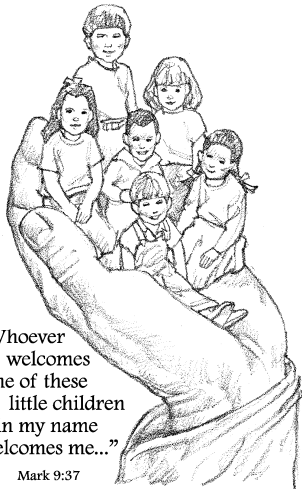
**Preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today!**

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

### **DON'T FORGET!**

**RCLS Track Day, K-8,  
May 29  
(info on page 3)**

**Alumni Gathering,  
Saturday, May 30**



“Whoever  
welcomes  
one of these  
little children  
in my name  
welcomes me...”

Mark 9:37

### **MR. DUNFORD'S THOUGHTS...**

We were blessed with the opportunity for Mr. Zachary Dunford to be our “Principal for the Day” on Wednesday, May 27. Zachary is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in Ms. Brewner and Mrs. Holtan’s classrooms. He received this opportunity as his family purchased the “Principal for the Day” offering at this year’s RCLS Auction in support of our ministry.

Here is what Mr. Dunford had to say about being “Principal for the Day:”

*“I think that being the Principal for the Day is a life-time opportunity for me. It is very fun that you get to spend a whole day with Mr. Pahlkotter and doing what he does every day. I liked making announcements in his office and at chapel. I also liked evaluating classrooms, making sure the students were doing their work.*

*I would like to be a principal when I grow up because it was a fun experience and fun dressing up in a shirt and tie. I also brought my own ‘Hershey’s’ mug with hot cocoa, not coffee. I wanted to look like a real principal.*

*I think the principal job is important to the whole school because there has to be one person in charge of the whole school and make sure everything is going right in every classroom. Most importantly, it is his or her job to make sure the school is having fun and learning about Jesus’ love, forgiveness and His gift of life eternal.*

*I appreciate what Mr. Pahlkotter does and for letting us do new things for the school.*

*In Jesus,  
Mr. Dunford  
Principal for the Day”*

Mr. Dunford was a great help today and his service is greatly appreciated.

-Mr. Pahlkotter

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

- Graduates & Honors
- Grace VBS
- Redeemer Open House
- Farewell Dr. Gregoire
- Box Tops Etc. Competition
- Summer SAC registration
- Alumni Saturday
- Playground Resurfacing Project Fundraiser
- Notes from the Development Director
- Much, much, more!

**MRS. CINDY ANDERSEN INSTALLED SUNDAY:** Mrs. Cindy Andersen, our current 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher and next year’s half-day Kindergarten teacher, will be installed on Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church. She is a rostered professional of the church and has been now officially Called to serve her Lord as teacher at RCLS. Everyone is invited to worship with her and her family this Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. as she is officially installed as Called Teacher of Rochester Central Lutheran School. We thank God for Mrs. Andersen and her ministry at RCLS.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** On Wednesday, June 10th, we are in need of assistance. The majority of classrooms will be moving for the 2009-2010 school year and the faculty will be moving, in a domino fashion, each of the rooms beginning at 8 a.m. We are in need of hands to make the move as smooth as possible. Please contact the school office if you would be able to come and assist us Wednesday, June 10th, in the morning. We think it will only take us the morning. With some assistance, it could even go faster. Thank you for your continued support. We want to be ready for the 2009-2010 school year BEFORE we break for the summer. Thank you.

**ALUMNI SATURDAY IS THIS SATURDAY, MAY 30:** All Alumni, family and friends of RCLS are invited to a special worship service at Trinity Lutheran Church this Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Alumni and parents of alumni are asked to stop by the alumni table outside the sanctuary to get your Alumni pin. Immediately following the service, we will all travel to RCLS for a potluck dinner and evening of music by **Rockology**. Come and celebrate the blessing of RCLS and fellowship with friends.

**SPECIAL MUSIC.....** Students currently in Grades 1-4 are invited to provide special music at the May 30 Alumni Worship Service. The service will be at Trinity Lutheran Church at 5:30 pm. Plan to arrive at 5:10 pm and meet in the Fellowship Hall which is directly below the sanctuary. After a short rehearsal, the students can sit with parents. When it is time to sing, the students will come to the steps at the front of the church. If you have questions, please contact Annette Engelmann. We would like to know how many students to expect. If you are planning to attend, please send Mrs. Engelmann a response at [aengelmann@rcls.net](mailto:aengelmann@rcls.net) Thank you for sharing your music with our Alumni.

**PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES** The week of June 1, 2009 we will pray for John & Wendy Wilkins (Alexander), Eric & Tracy Will (David & Nora), Deanna Wilson (Brittani, Skylar), Randy & Jessica Wimbish (Jacob) Matthew & Nola Wingren (Audrey), David & Julie Winkels (Brianna, Brittany, Andrew), Rick & Mary Witt (Kieran), Bob & Deborah Witte (Nathaniel), Marc & Heather Woolman (Andrew, Kaitlyn, Zachary), Tiffany Wrubel (Ethan), Shang-Jung Wu & Lo (Kolin), Brent & Angela Young (Chase), and Bob & Susan Ziemba (Lucas).

### **A NOTE from the DEVELOPMENT DESK...**

*"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."*  
1 Corinthians 10:13

As some of you may know, our daughter Ruby was born prematurely and has conquered many difficult medical obstacles in her short life.

The other evening, my husband and I were discussing how far she has come and the trials with her health that God has led us through. There were many times throughout our medical appointments and sometimes painful tests with Ruby that I thought, "Why Ruby? Why do we have to watch OUR baby struggle?"

However, I now see that God worked through Ruby to show others how awesome God is. When we began Ruby's appointments at the Mayo Clinic, the outlook was very grim. In addition to other medical issues, Ruby has cerebral palsy, and, at the time, we were told may never even sit, nevertheless walk on her own. Do you want to know how much exercise I get chasing her around these days? In Ruby's mind, there is no obstacle too large for her to climb.

Many of the doctors call her a miracle baby. We have had the opportunity to share that, through much prayer and grace, God has indeed performed miracles through this tough little girl. The "why me syndrome" has now disappeared, and I consider myself truly blessed by God through this entire experience with Ruby. I realize that God has especially chosen me and my husband to raise this child. He knew we had the strength to endure and overcome the challenges that life presented when Ruby was born—even if we didn't always think so at the time. We were chosen by God for this experience, and I am so glad we were. *"...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians 5:18

I learned that God does indeed present us all with our own sets of challenges based on what He knows we can handle. There is always a lesson and a chance for growth in our faith through every obstacle. As Christians, we need to make every situation a chance to show God's love and power to others.

In development news...On Saturday, we are hosting RCLS Alumni Day. It is our goal to develop an active alumni association at RCLS. Not only will an alumni association provide a connectivity of RCLS to the past, but their support can also help carry RCLS into the future. Please pray that this is a blessed event for RCLS and our alumni.

Many blessings to our RCLS families over the summer! We look forward to seeing you back in the fall.

Diana Evans  
Development Director

## 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.

**Trinity Lutheran Church senior youth** will be serving **BREAKFAST at Applebee's Apache Mall** on Sunday May 31, from 8-10 am. The breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, and drinks. Tickets are \$5 a person. You can purchase the tickets from any of the senior youth (Randy or Ed Schultz family, Darin Ruggeberg family, Mark Pike family, Block family, Ron Cobb family, Dave Winkels family) or contact Charla Schultz at 281-2888. We greatly appreciate your support!

**REDEEMER PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Things are looking good as we already have students enrolled and several perspective students for the 2009-2010 school year. We are hosting an Open House for anyone interested in enrolling or finding out more information about our Redeemer Preschool program. The Open House will be from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please let anyone who may be interested know so that they can come and experience the blessing of RCLS preschool at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Redeemer Lutheran Church is located at 869 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Rochester. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office or our Preschool Director at 289-3267 extension 209.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS** to Hailey McCoy-Munger as she was baptized at Chapel this week by Pastor Henry Biar, pastor of Family of Christ Lutheran Church. The teachers and students served as witnesses of her baptism and welcomed her to God's family. We pray that God will continue to bless Hailey as she grows in faith. Thank you Hailey for sharing this special day with your faith family at RCLS!

**EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUND RESURFACING PROJECT...** As mentioned previously 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.



**ROME: PAUL & THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH**

**Hosted by Grace Lutheran Church**

**June 22-26, 2009 at RCLS, 9am-11:30am**

The kids will be spending a little time in Rome with the apostle Paul during the week of June 22-26. Our trip to Rome begins each morning at 9am in the gymnasium at RCLS. Children ages 3 through entering 5th grade are invited on the trip. We will interact with other groups traveling to Rome, including those attending Camp RCLS and any guests we bring. This is a trip you don't want to miss! Invite your friends and neighbors, too, opportunities like these can't be passed up!

Stop by the SAC room to pick up a registration form or email Marla Berg at [education@gracebythelake.org](mailto:education@gracebythelake.org)

**RCLS TRACK & FIELD DAY** Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the day. Dressing in layers will help students be prepared for all kinds of weather. Don't forget to wear athletic shoes and to eat breakfast before you come so that everyone can do their very best and have fun! Concessions will be open, so students may want to bring a few dollars to buy a couple of goodies throughout the day. Everyone is invited to come and cheer on our "heroes." Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If you will be eating lunch on this day at RCLS please remember to let the office know **by 9 am that you will be eating and purchase your lunch ticket (\$3.25) in the office PRIOR to eating.** **Do not send a verbal message via your student (we rarely get them!).** Thank you!

If you enjoy **motorcycling**, join us this Saturday for **TRINITY'S SPRING CRUISE**. We will meet in the church's upper lot at 222 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SW at 10 a.m., have lunch in Lanesboro and enjoy some of southeastern Minnesota's most beautiful routes. We will return to Rochester around 3:00. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Jurgensen at 292-0439 or [tlcjennifer@charterinternet.com](mailto:tlcjennifer@charterinternet.com).



As we approach the month of June we say farewell to **Dr. Jim Gregoire** who has served as the RCLS Development Director the past year.

Thank you, Jim, for all of your work in getting RCLS started in the area of development. God bless you!

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

...Mrs. Debbra Prendergast (Franklyn, Sean) whose father received his crown of life on May 27, 2009.

...Those hospitalized and dealing with health concerns.

...We pray for wisdom and guidance for our nation and its leaders.

...Those serving in the military –home and abroad.

...We rejoice for the privilege of living in a free nation!



# 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.

An exciting new **BIBLE STUDY** will be offered to girls who will be in seventh through twelfth grade in the fall at Grace Lutheran Church. The title of this study is "Lies Young Women Believe" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Dannah Gresh. The kick off evening will be Sunday June 14, 7-9pm at Grace Lutheran and then we will meet each Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:30 pm followed by fellowship starting June 17. The cost of the book will be about \$15.00. If interested please e-mail Susan Brust at [susan@resetmysoul.com](mailto:susan@resetmysoul.com). As books need to be ordered soon and a gracious donor humbly has provided the cost of 10 books. So the first 10 registered will receive a book and if more than 10 register and there is a financial need please let Susan know and the cost will be covered.

## LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL:

Monday, June 1:

-6-8 Grades go to Bluff Valley to Picnic

Tuesday, June 2:

-6-8 Grade Awards at 12:30 pm in the gym (6-8 Athletic Awards, 6-8 Art Awards, 6-8 Music Awards, Gr. 8 Participation Certificates, Gr. 8 Perfect Church and School Attendance Awards, Athletes of the Year and Musician of the Year Awards will be presented.

-8th Grade Graduation Picture, 6 pm

-8th Grade Faith Builder Reception, 6:15 pm

-8th Grade Graduation, 7 pm

Wednesday, June 3:

-8th Grade Trip

Thursday, June 4:

-8th Grade Trip

Friday, June 5:

-Last Day of School

-Awards Assembly, K-7, 9 am

-**Sack Lunch Needed for all students!** - 11 am

-Closing Chapel Service, 12 Noon

-Early Dismissal, 12:45 pm—Parent Transport

-8th Grade Trip

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our **eighth grade class** who will graduate from RCLS on June 2. May God bless you in all things!

Valedictorian—Marissa Wales  
Salutatorian—Stephanie Murray  
First Runner-Up—Katrina Wessel  
Second Runner-Up—Katie Piens



Danielle Buettner, Matthew Buettner, Achol Dut, Mitchel Gade, Rosemarie Gregoire, Kamryn Harms, Karli Heroff, Carol Hickman, Mikaela Johnson, Brooke Kostinec, Nicole Laffrenzen, Timothy Lindquist, John Mattison, Megan Muras, Daniel Nordman, Mason Nordman, Austin Nuttall, Madison Okuno, Melissa Parry, Thayer Prum, Arianna Reinstrom, Lincoln Rugeberg, Michael Thompson, Jarika Tuohimaa, Taylor Tonjum, Audrey Wingren, Andrew Winkels, Lucas Ziembra



# **DUNK TANK FUNDRAISER!!**

## **At the RCLS Track & Field Day**



**Here's your chance!! You can't miss the opportunity!!**

The following people have agreed to 'get wet' for the sake of raising funds for the resurfacing of the early childhood playground area. This project will enhance the playground both in appearance and function!

For just a \$1.00 you get two attempts to 'dunk' one of the following individuals!

Mr. Phil Michels, Facilities Operation Manager (8 am)

Mrs. Julie Prentice, Gr. 5 Teacher (9 am)

Mr. Corey Nelson, Gr. 2 Teacher (10 am)

Mr. Aaron Rudzinski, Science Teacher & Athletic Director (11 am)

Ms. Shannon Koehne & Ms. Meghan Churchill, SAC Staff (11:45 am—1 pm)

Mr. Henry Pahlkotter, II, Principal (1 pm)

Pastor Henry Biar, Family of Christ (2 pm)

And, special guest:) - maybe

Come and enjoy a wonderful day at the RCLS Track & Field Day—exciting events, super track day food, fellowship, sunshine (we hope!), and lots of laughter!