

# CENTRAL LUTHERAN

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It's Still All About Jesus  
December 21, 2017

## CHURCH INFORMATION:

### WORSHIP SERVICES:

**Emanuel:** 8:00 & 10:30am and 7:00pm  
Sunday School & Bible Class: 9:15am  
Contemporary: 10:30am CLS Auxiliary Gym  
Rev. Paul Shoemaker – 749-2163  
Rev. David Stecker – 749-2163  
Rev. Scott Zeckzer – 749-2163  
**Martini:** 8:30 & Contemporary at 10:45am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
Rev. Jim Teasdale – 749-0014  
**St. Paul:** 8:00 & 10:30am  
Sunday School & Bible Study at 9:15am  
Rev. Michael Blodgett - 749-5444

## CHAPEL – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Theme: The Beloved Son      Leader: Mr. Creutz      Choir: Emanuel-Rehwaldt  
Offerings to Kate's Kart

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be no EACS Bus Service on Thursday, Dec. 21.  
School will be closed Friday, Dec. 22 through Tuesday, Jan. 2.  
There will be no EACS Bus Service on Wednesday, Jan. 3.



## MR. CREUTZ ACCEPTS CALL FROM OHIO DISTRICT

Mr. Creutz has accepted a call from the Ohio District - LCMS for the position of Superintendent of Schools. Please continue to keep Mr. Creutz and his family in your prayers as they finish the school year at Central and make the move to Ohio in the summer.

## MR. WEBER DECLINES CALL TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Mr. Weber has announced that he has declined the call to serve as principal of Immanuel Lutheran School, Perryville, MO. Thank you for all your prayers for the Weber family and we give thanks to God that he has affirmed his call to continue serving here at CLS!

## CREDITS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SGO DONORS

SGO gifts are a federal IRS tax deduction and half of every gift is a credit on your Indiana state taxes. The advantages of a \$1000 gift by a person in a 25% federal tax bracket, if you itemize, would reduce the federal tax by \$250. Whether or not you itemize, the \$1000 gift reduces the Indiana tax by \$500. So, a \$1000 gift to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana costs you only \$250. That's a 400% return on an investment in quality Christian education for qualifying children at CLS. Please consider taking advantage of the opportunity to support deserving children at Central. Contact Mr. Creutz in the school office (493-2502 or [kcreutz@cluth.org](mailto:kcreutz@cluth.org)) or go to [www.lutheransgo.org](http://www.lutheransgo.org) for more info.

## SPRING CONCERT AND GRANDPARENTS DAY SCHEDULED

The annual Spring Concert will take place on Thursday, April 26.  
Grandparents Day for Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade will take place on Friday, April 27.

## DATES TO NOTE

Fri., Jan. 5                      Spelling Bee

### LUNCH MENU

Mon. & Tue., 1/1 & 1/2: No School – Happy New Year

Wed., 1/3: Quesadilla, Potato Wedges, Mexican Rice, Peaches, Cheese Stick

Thu., 1/4: Hamburger, Baked Beans, Fresh Veggies, French Fries, Pears

Fri., 1/5: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Bread, Nutty Bar

### UPCOMING BASKETBALL GAMES

Fri., Dec. 29 Gr. 5 Boys Tournament & Varsity B Boys Tournament @ Heritage

Thu., Jan. 4 4:15 Varsity B Boys @ Concordia

5:30 Varsity A Boys @ Concordia

6:45 Varsity Girls @ Concordia

Sat., Jan. 6 9:15 Varsity Girls @ ESM (Getz)

10:30 Varsity B Boys @ ESM (Getz)

11:45 Varsity A Boys @ ESM (Getz)

### PTL NEWS

**SAVE THE DATE** - January 13th, 2018 - Grab a partner, grab a friend and come join in the amazing fun and fellowship at the CLS Square Dance at the Hoagland Hayloft. Cost is \$10/person and includes snacks and a drink ticket. This promises to be a GREAT evening. Tickets are available in the CLS office and will be sold at all 3 churches soon.

### HAVE YOU SEEN THE ROCK?

The ROCK is a FUN way to promote events for Central, congratulate accomplishments and share exciting news about CLS and students, even celebrate your child's birthday! Sign up for a 48hr time block, paint the rock, enjoy your creativity and let everyone help you celebrate your news. The cost is \$20 and you provide the paint. Sign up and pay Mrs. Fox. All proceeds benefit the Building Campaign.

### SCRIP NEWS

**NO SCRIP WILL BE SOLD AT THE CHURCHES ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR NEW YEARS EVE.** This will allow our scrip volunteers to spend the holidays with their families. If you see any of our scrip volunteers, please thank them for giving their time each week.

Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
lying in a manger



MERRY CHRISTMAS & Happy new year

## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

**CLHS Open House on January 21** from noon to 3 p.m. This is a chance for students of all ages to tour the high school and explore programs of their interest. They will have dedicated times for you to view their unique programs, including computer science, video production, art, biomedical and more! Check out [www.BecomeACadet.com](http://www.BecomeACadet.com) for more info.

**Concordia Scholar:** Deadline for applying for this prestigious scholarship is January 31. Students considered are chosen from the top 20 Excel Scholarship applicants who move through a rigorous process that is reviewed by the Concordia Scholar Committee. 3 are then selected. Exemplifying Concordia's best and brightest, the Concordia Scholar receives up to \$2,500 per year as an academic scholarship. This student is academically exemplary and demonstrates integrity and good character not only at school but also in the church, home, and community. A Concordia Scholar must maintain a 3.5 or higher GPA at CLHS at the end of each academic year, remain in good standing with tuition payments, and maintain a record of positive behavior. This scholarship renews automatically providing the student continues to fulfill its requirements.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Concordia Comedy Festival:** 7pm April 20 at the Cinema Center, Fort Wayne. Entries are due Feb. 23, and finalists will be announced April 10. All of the finalists' films will be shown on the big screen with a reception to follow where the finalists can meet and talk to the judges. The winners will receive a GoPro camera, and a new "Crowd's Favorite" Award has been added this year. (Groups will only be awarded one prize.) Upload entries at [www.ConcordiaComedyFestival.com](http://www.ConcordiaComedyFestival.com). Submissions may not be longer than three minutes, including credits, which are not required. Entries should be free of profanity and appropriate to show in front of a large audience of students and adults. No more than four entries per person. The festival is open to any student in grade 6-12 currently attending a school or being home-schooled in the following counties: Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Noble, Wells and Whitley.

**Register now for the A.J. Arnett 5K Honor Run/Walk** on May 19, 2018 at Concordia Lutheran High School. The run is organized by JROTC students and will benefit Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana and Shepherd's House Fort Wayne. Early bird registration is currently going on! Register for \$23, and students in K-8 run free! Just register with the high school. Visit [www.ajarnetthonorrun.com](http://www.ajarnetthonorrun.com) to learn more and to register.



## NEW HAVEN PARKS & REC NEWS

**Weekday Fit** starts January 2, 2018 at the New Haven Parks & Rec brand new facility beside McDonalds in New Haven. Drop your kids off at school and get your workout started by 8:00am. Be done by 8:45am, and get on with your day! Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are cardio days and Tuesday and Thursday are weight training days. Pick up a New Haven Parks & Rec Program Guide from school today or go to their website at [newhavenparksandrec.org](http://newhavenparksandrec.org) to check out all the wonderful programs they have to offer! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## **PASTOR'S CORNER – Questions for the Pastors**

This question was submitted by a junior high student.

**If God knew everything that would happen, did he know Adam and Eve would sin?**

This question is often asked. Since God is Omniscient (all knowing) we can be pretty confident that God knew Adam and Eve would sin. At the same time, we must remember that some of our questions reveal to us more about our limitations in understanding God than they do with finding a correct answer we can comprehend. Take the question, "If God is all powerful, does that mean He can create a rock so large and heavy that He can't lift it?" Do you notice how that question is impossible to answer given our limits in reasoning. Every answer we can come up with will make no sense. We simply can't answer the question. The reason we can't answer the question has nothing to do with whether or not God is all powerful. We can't answer the question because every answer based on our limited reasoning is self-defeating. It proved our limitations. It proves that while God is all knowing, we most certainly are not!

What we can understand about God's knowledge of our sin, whether from his observation or his foreknowledge, is that He does not allow our fall into sin, our bad decisions, and all the evil in this world that has come because of our disobedience to God's Law, to stop Him from His Will to both create us and save us. His desire to be with you forever in His Kingdom can't be stopped by sin! So.....even though God may well have known Adam and Eve would not pass the test in the Garden of Eden, The Father knew that His love for us would solve the problem through His only Begotten Son! Our sin would never stop God from creating us! He knew that His will would still be done through the cross and resurrection of Christ. While He knew we would be born in sin, the Scriptures say "He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight." (Eph 1:4) See that! While you ask the question "Did He know we would sin?" you should also ask, "Since God knew everything that would happen, did He know He would fix it all for me? Did He always know He would create me even before I was in my mother's womb? Did He know that evil can never win since God is good? Would He go on with His plan to make us in His image anyway?" The answer to all these questions is yes! And when the question goes beyond our understanding, hold on to what you can understand and leave the rest to God's infinite knowledge!

Your friend in Christ, Pastor David Stecker

If you have questions you would like to ask the pastors, just e-mail your questions to Mrs. Hayward at [jhayward@cluth.org](mailto:jhayward@cluth.org).

