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It's Still All About Jesus
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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, FEBRUARY 21

Theme: The High Priest Leader: Rev. Stecker Choir: Emanuel-Rehwaldt
3rd Quarter Chapel offerings are going to Kate's Kart, an organization that provides free books to hospitalized children. We have a goal to give 100 new books and \$200 to buy books that are in the most demand. Students will help choose the 100 books by looking through book orders in class. Send in Chapel offerings and help us reach our goal!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN CREUTZ

Mr. Creutz was recently named Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator by the LEA (Lutheran Education Association). Congratulations on this well-deserved award!

TIME TO RE-ENROLL

Re-enrollment packets for the 2018-2019 school year are available. Enrollment has opened up to the community, so re-enroll as soon as possible to keep your student's spot. **Grades K and 3 are filling up quick!** To complete our online reenrollment process, you will access our ParentsWeb through your existing login. Use District Code: CEN-IN. Please note that this cannot be done on your phone or iPad.

To access ParentsWeb:

Please go to www.renweb.com

- Select Logins from the menu bar and ParentsWeb Login from the drop-down menu.
- Type in your username and password. If you have forgotten your username or password, please click on the link provided.
- After logging in, click on the Family Information button in the left menu.

Financial Aid (SGOs, Choice Scholarships and CLS Tuition Assistance through FACTS) **Information** will be coming soon. Many of the financial opportunities are determined by your Adjusted Gross Income from your 2017 Federal Tax Return.

New this year: You will receive an email after you have submitted the enrollment packet and the office has marked the packet finished. If you believe your packet was submitted and did not receive this email, first please check your ParentsWeb account for the packet. Then, if the packet is marked submitted, contact the school office.

ANNUAL CLS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Annual CLS Association Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 25th at 1:30 in the auxiliary gym. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Topics on the agenda include: An update on the Capital Campaign and Building Project, Reports regarding finances, preschool, facilities, fundraising, and much more.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT TESTING TO START FEBRUARY 26

Central Lutheran School will begin Round 1 of ISTEP testing (grades 3-8) on Monday, Feb. 26 and end Friday, Mar. 9. IREAD testing for grade 3 will be held the following week. We encourage families to avoid making appointments during this time so that students do not miss out on an opportunity to complete the testing. If a student is absent due to illness or an appointment, we will provide opportunities for the student to make up their tests, but only during the testing window. As we approach the beginning of the testing, here are a few suggestions as you talk about the tests with your children:

- It is important to get plenty of sleep on any school night, especially during ISTEP testing.
- It is also important to start your day with a healthy breakfast. This is good advice for every morning, not just during ISTEP testing.
- Remind your child that we want them to do the best that they can on the test, just like we want them to do their best in all their schoolwork.
- Let your child know that this is just a small window into how they are doing at school. ISTEP testing is just a snapshot of their growth, and we use these tests as one of many different tools to evaluate their progress.

GRADES/SUBJECTS TESTED

Gr. 3 - Math (1 session), English/Language Arts (2 sessions)

Gr. 4 - Math (1 session), English/Language Arts (2 sessions), Science (1 session)

Gr. 5 - Math (1 session), English/Language Arts (2 sessions), Social Studies (1 session)

Gr. 6 - Math (1 session), English/Language Arts (2 sessions), Science (1 session)

Gr. 7 - Math (1 session), English/Language Arts (2 sessions), Social Studies (1 session)

Gr. 8 - Math (1 session), English/Language Arts (2 sessions)

DATES TO NOTE

Fri., Feb. 16 No School – Teacher Inservice

Mon., Feb. 19 No School – Presidents Day

LUNCH MENU

Mon., 2/19: No School – Presidents Day

Tue., 2/20: Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas/Carrots, Fresh Veggies, Peaches

Wed., 2/21: Chicken Patty, Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Pudding

Thu., 2/22: Domino's Pizza, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Apples, Cake

Fri., 2/23: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Roll, Pie

SPORTS NEXT WEEK

Thu., Feb. 15 4:30 Wrestling Meet at Holy Cross

Tue., Feb. 20 4:30 Wrestling Meet at St. Peter

5:30 Girls Varsity Basketball Game vs Lakewood Park Christian @ CLS

Thur., Feb. 22 4:30 Wrestling Meet at CLS

Fri.-Sun., Feb. 23-25 ILSAA State Boys and Girls Tournament Games @ CLS

ALUMNI NEWS

Update: Watch Crystal's interview on WANE TV on Feb. 19 at 5pm.

Crystal Grunawalt, a Senior at Concordia Lutheran High School, has been selected as a finalist for St. Francis Pay it Forward scholarship. This is a full-ride scholarship to St. Francis and is based solely on "*acts of kindness make the world a better place.*" We wish Crystal good luck as she advances forward in the selection process!

BEYOND THE BELL NEWS

Just a reminder that each person who drops off or picks up a student for before or after school care must have a five digit number assigned to them. Contact Mrs. Cobb (493-2502 x371 or pcobb@cluth.org) with any questions.

PRIVATE SCHOOL TAX DEDUCTION

You may be eligible for a deduction based on education expenditures paid for each dependent child who is enrolled in a private school.

- Your dependent child must be eligible to receive a free elementary or high school education in an Indiana school corporation;
- You must be eligible to claim the child as a dependent on your federal tax return;
AND
- The child must be your natural or adopted child, if not, you must have been awarded custody of the child in a court proceeding making you the court appointed guardian or custodian of the child.

The 4-digit code for CLS is A370. This code is required when claiming the deduction.

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.

GALA NEWS

The CLS Gala & Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, April 21st. It's a great way to help support our school while enjoying a delicious meal, bidding on awesome items, and enjoying time with family and friends. Watch for your invitation in the mail!

Last year our event raised over \$100,000 from our passionate donors, and we can't wait to raise even more this year! The emphasis this year is to raise money to provide the best facilities possible by both improving our current campus and expanding our facilities in order to accommodate the growth we have seen recently. We need your help to reach our goals! We need volunteers to help us set up, gift procurement, gift gathering host, and pack up after the big day. These are just some examples of what is needed to make our event a success. Would you be willing to donate your time? Please contact one of our event Co-Chairpersons. Thank you in advance for your support!

Carrie Bradtmueller (carrie.bradtmueller@frontier.com),

Jill Bulmahn (jillbulmahn@crossconnectionsounseling.com) and

Sara Conley (martinichurchoffice@gmail.com).

St. Paul Church will be hosting a CLS Gala Gift Gathering on Sunday, Feb. 25th from 12:00pm-1:30pm. You do not need to be a St. Paul member to attend. Donations and gifts will be accepted while we enjoy snacks and refreshments. Remember, no donation is too small! Contact Carrie Bradtmueller at 402-3010 with any questions.

SCRIP NEWS

Kroger statements are ready to print. Please print and turn into the scrip office or any scrip representative at church. Did you know you can purchase **Kohl's** gift cards and pay your Kohl's charge bill at any Kohl's store? We stock \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 increments. They have a 5% rebate.

Did you know if a family spent \$1070 in scrip a month they could potentially earn \$457 in scrip credit? You would share half of that with CLS. If we had 250 families earn \$457 in scrip credit, CLS and the families would split \$91,400. We have so much potential growth in the scrip program with your help. Please consider getting involved with scrip. Contact Brenda Carey with any questions at 493-7913.



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Save the date for "Big Fish": Based on the Daniel Wallace novel and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, "Big Fish" centers on Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest. Show dates are Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 2:00 p.m.

3rd Annual Concordia Comedy Festival: 7pm April 20 at the Cinema Center. Entries are due Feb. 23. Finalists' films will be shown on the big screen with a reception to follow. Check out www.ConcordiaComedyFestival.com for details.

Register now for the A.J. Arnett 5K Honor Run/Walk on May 19 at CLHS. The run is organized by JROTC students and benefits Honor Flight of NE 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 to learn more and to register.

CLHS students consistently top the state and national averages on the SAT and ACT tests. Here are the scores from the Class of 2017:

SAT Scores

Class of 2017 Reading Mean	574
Indiana Average	542
National Average	533
Class of 2017 Math Mean	565
Indiana Average	532
National Average	527

ACT Test

Class of 2017 Mean	23.4
Indiana Average	22.3
Class of 2017 Took ACT	55%

CLS Building Fund Update:

We have been richly blessed with our CLS community pulling together to facilitate the Lord's direction as we see in Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

The new facility is such a blessing for today and for generations to come.

We wanted to share an update on blessings to date

- We have been inspired by donations from the Elders among us that value CLS
- 5 of the top 10 donations have come from retirees honoring the legacy and future of CLS
- 27 donors have contributed above their pledge level
- 165 donors have met or exceeded their initial pledge
- 335 individuals, families, and companies have provided support
- 13 new families have begun donations in the last 2 months
- We want to thank those who have met their pledge
- We want to encourage all that are on track with their commitments
- We want to challenge all to fulfill their commitment and go beyond as they have been blessed
- We want to encourage new donors to join the family of believers committed to the mission of CLS
- Total Project Cost: \$6.75M
- Total Pledged: \$5,631,712.00 and total donated through 1/31/18: \$4,129,478.00
- Estimated additional pledges needed: \$1.18M

We are deeply encouraged and humbled by the faithful support of so many.

Thank you, and May the Love of our Risen Lord and Savior Bless you.

The Building Campaign Committee