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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 28

Theme: The Rose of Sharon Leader: Rev. Stecker Choir: Martini
3rd Quarter Chapel offerings are going to Kate's Kart, an organization that provides free books to hospitalized children. Our goal is to give 100 new books and \$200 to buy books that are in the most demand. Send in Chapel offerings and help us reach our goal!

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.

OPERETTA NEWS

The 2nd & 3rd graders of Central Lutheran will present "Simon Says: The Rockin' Trial of Simon Peter" for this year's operetta. It was first performed 11 years ago. Simon Peter is put on trial for speaking about the miracles and life of Jesus. Will Simon be found innocent or guilty? The show will be given on Thursday, March 8, at 9:00am, Friday, March 9 at 9am and 7pm. All are welcome to attend all 3 performances. We hope to see you there. A freewill offering will be taken. If you were in 2nd or 3rd grade 11 years ago, let us know if you can attend and we will reserve a special place for you. Let your classmates know you are coming, and see and hear your favorite lines and songs once again. There is no Sunday performance due to our large theater in the gym and extra seating.

SAVE THE DATE

Please keep Sunday, April 15th in mind as we will be celebrating Anne Hess and her 40 years of faithful service to God and the children's lives that she has touched through teaching. Her service of celebration will be held during Emanuel's Gathering Service at 10:30am in Central's auxiliary gym. It will be followed by a celebration banquet at Goeglein Homestead at noon. Please look for more details in the upcoming weeks.

LUNCH MENU

Mon., 2/26: Nachos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Pears, Pretzel
Tue., 2/27: Chicken Twister, Potato Rounds, Corn on the Cob, Peaches, Cinn Toast Crisp
Wed., 2/28: Sausage-Egg-Cheese Muffin, Tri-Potato, Tomatoes, OJ/Apple Juice,
Blueberry Muffin
Thu., 3/1: Cheese Toastie, Tomato Soup, Fresh Veggies, Strawberries, Jello
Fri., 3/2: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Garlic Bread, Choc Chip Cookie

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.

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)

SPORTS NEXT WEEK

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

Mon., Feb. 26 4:30 Wrestling Meet at Concordia

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.

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

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Shrek, Junior: Performances are Friday, Mar. 16 and Sat., Mar. 17 at 7pm at Concordia Lutheran Elementary and features Fort Wayne area middle-schoolers, including **Central's** own Augie Hoover, Michael Mackin, Evan Moloney and Hannah Weber.

3rd Annual Concordia Comedy Festival: 7pm April 20 at the Cinema Center. Entries are due **today**. 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%