



# The Paw Print



Central Lutheran School

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of CLS:

When God says it's time for something to happen, it's time. I really believe He's saying it's time to build a new gym and remodel the kitchen. (I really, really hope He's also saying it's time to put a new roof on the west wing of the school.)

Several signs are pointing in that direction. The most obvious sign is that both St. Stephen's and St. John voters *unanimously* approved the motion to hire an architect and engage in activities necessary to move forward with the project – *amazing!*

*The second sign:* the generosity of our families, congregation members, and other contributors. We have more than \$700,000 pledged so far – *amazing!* Combine that with the blessing of the \$90,000 US Cellular gift-*overwhelming!*

*The third sign:* the way in which all of these events have come together is no accident or coincidence. God's timing is perfect, and with Him all things are possible. It's all about Him and what He does for us.

*All praise to Him!*

In a few short weeks we're going to hear a lot of activity in the school's backyard. One of the things you'll hear is the pounding of nails. In my "other life" I direct the handbell choir at Concordia.

In the piece we are currently practicing, "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted," the upper octaves repeat the same notes over and over again.. The composer did this on purpose to remind us of the pounding of nails in Jesus' hands and feet. Not a very happy thought and certainly very painful. But without that pain and sadness, you and I would not be able to experience Easter Sunday.

That's better than a new gym or a new kitchen or even a new roof. May this Holy Week and the Easter joy to follow remind you again of His great love and sacrifice for each of us.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

## April Calendar

Snow make-up day; regular day of classes with buses	1
Snow make-up day; early dismissal at 1:10 with buses	2
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	4
Snow make-up day; regular day of classes with buses	5
Open Registration begins; registration fees increase by \$50 each child	6
CLS Fine Arts Night @ 6:00	6
Kindergarten Round-Up 8:15-12:15	8

## Kindergarten and Preschool Round-Up next week

It's that time of year again, round 'em up and head 'em out!

Next year's kindergarteners will come to CLS on Thursday, April 8, from 8:15-12:15 for their round-up. This year's theme: Teddy Bear Party. Any child who will be five years old by Sept. 15,

2010, may attend. Students need not be registered at CLS to attend our round-up, but we will need everyone to RSVP by Monday, April 5. Contact the office for a round-up registration form. Students will go through several stations for skills assessments and then to the GWAEA van for vision

and hearing screenings. While all of that is happening, parents will be meeting with Mrs. Doellinger. After the assessments, parents are encouraged to leave while the students get a taste of kindergarten activities and CLS lunch. (cont'd on P. 2)

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## Fill the Gym

## Cooking & Etiquette Exploratory

## April Events of Interest

The CLS show choir will perform at Benton Community High School's Fill the Gym Night **Monday, March 29** @ 7:00 pm. (5th-8th graders should have brought home a letter earlier this week). Students should arrive at the Benton gym at 5:45. Girls, come made-up, curled and with your leggings on. Boys, please arrive wearing your black pants, black belt, black shoes and black socks. The shirts/ties and dresses will be waiting for you at the high school. Also, no dinner this year, so make sure you eat before you arrive.

Advanced tickets may be purchased through Mrs. Thompson at \$5.00 each; \$6.00 at the door. No word on what age gets in free.

Mrs. Rinderknecht is teaching our 4th quarter exploratory which involves an overview of cooking 101. She needs some equipment and since Martha Stewart won't take my phone calls, we're going to see if parents can help us out. We are looking for the following donations:

6 sets of nested dry msrng. cups (1 c, 1/2 c, 1/3 c, and 1/4 c)

6 sets of msrng. spoons (1T, 1t, 1/2t and 1/4 t)

6, 1- or 2-cup liquid measuring cups.

Thank you in advance.

**Readlyn Fine Arts Festival:** Saturday, April 10 from 9-1.

**Track practices** will begin Tuesday, April 13 right after school. Parents, please make sure your child's physical is current and on file in the office. The big IDE Track Meet will be held at Williamsburg Saturday, May 15.

**Spring Musical** (Grades K-4) Evening performance Thurs, April 29 @ 6:30 and a matinee performance Friday, April 30.

**8th Grade Class Trip:** April 22-25.

**Two Early Dismissals:** Friday, April 2 and Wed., April 14.

## Round-Ups, cont'd

## CLS BAND STUDENTS

## Benton Festival of Bands

Come and get 'em at 12:15. Preschoolers, your round-up is **Friday, April 9, 2010**, from 8:30-10. Any student who will be 3 years old by June 1, 2010, or 4 years old by September 15, 2010, may attend. Again, please contact the office to RSVP or turn in your form. The preschool round-up theme is "Bring your Favorite Stuffed Animal."

We hope to see you there!

### *A message from your instrument:*

Dear Student: It's going to be a long, 3-day weekend at CLS. No one will be here to play me and my reed's are too short to reach the TV, so I can't even watch UNI beat Michigan tomorrow night. Won't you please, please, please take me home and play me? Just between you and me, you could use the practice before Fine Arts Night, or it will be not-so-fine Arts Night.

Sincerely, Your instrument

The date on this has been changed **from April 15 to April 26 @ 7:00 pm.** This event is different than the Lutheran Festival of Bands in Des Moines.

The Lutheran Festival of Bands will be held April 9. Please check your FastDirect email and your child's bookbag for a letter containing details about this event.

## Calendar and last day of school

## Parent Meetings

This will probably be the proverbial kiss of death, but barring any further snow days/fog days or whatever...the calendar for May/June goes like this:

Thursday, May 27, is no longer the last day of school. **May 27** will be a full day of classes. **Friday, May 28**, will be a regular day of classes but with an early out to take advantage of Benton busing. **May 31**, Memorial Day, is a NO SCHOOL day. **Tuesday, June 2**, is a regular day of school with NO BUSES.

**Wednesday, June 2**, is the official last day of school and is a no bus day. It's an early out @ 1:00 and we will dismiss from St. John Lutheran Church in Newhall, where closing ceremonies will begin at noon. Have kids bring a sack lunch that day too.

Graduation Ceremonies: Preschool graduation is **Tuesday, May 25**, at 6:30. Eighth grade graduation is Wednesday, **May 26 @ 7:00 pm.** **May 26** is preschool's last day of school.

Parents of *next* year's 2nd & 3rd graders please plan to attend an informational meeting **Tuesday, April 20 @ 6:30.** (You should have received a letter in your child's report card.) At this meeting,

Mrs. Doellinger and Mrs. Meyer will address concerns and questions regarding next year's combined classroom situation for 2nd and 3rd graders.

Parents of *next* year's eighth graders, please plan to attend an informational meeting **Tuesday, May 11 @ 6:30** regarding the 8th grade class trip and fundraising.

## PTL News & Notes

The third and last PTL meeting of the year will be held **Thursday, April 13 @ 7:00 pm**. You may be asking yourself, "Am I a PTL member?" The answer is, "If you have a child attending CLS and if you have a pulse, yes, you are a PTL member." We will be electing officers for the 2010-11 school year at this meeting. Sorry, the position of el presidente is already filled. Brian Miller, this year's VP will step into the role. As VP this year, this was his training year to take over the highest office in all the land. The positions we are looking to fill next year are Vice President and Treasurer. Nicole Williamson will be returning next year to finish out her two-year term as Secretary. (President is a one-year term; VP is also a one-year term but with the intent of taking over as President the following year; Secretary a two-year term; Treasurer a two-year term.) Anyone with political aspirations and/or accounting experience, please talk to a current PTL executive about getting your name on the ballot.

Now, earlier this week I really hosed up some important information, so let me set the record straight: **Current 3rd grade parents**, next year (God-willing) you will all be 4th grade parents. As such, you will be in charge of the PTL Brunch. So brace yourselves, here comes the pitch:

The PTL Board is looking for two volunteers to Chair and Co-Chair the CLS PTL Brunch. The Brunch has become a staple (and probably the backbone) of our PTL fundraising efforts. It's huge in terms of the outreach we accomplish and the dollars it brings in. It's also *huge* in terms of the manpower needed in order to pull this off. Not gonna lie, co-chairing this event is a big job. If leadership isn't your thing, then there's plenty of places for you to be a follower with this event. However, if you are organized, if you like a challenge, if you can delegate, if you can work systematically; if you know your danish from a bismark, this is your chance to shine. Look, it's not rocket science. You just have to have the desire to make it successful. Parents who have gone before you have lived to tell about it. In fact, most of them have resolved that facial tic and the nightmares and bedwetting only lasted through November. Your predecessors have made copious and well-written notes to help you navigate the waters. Interested? Please contact Rhonda Hollister at 223-3050 or the school office if you're one of the few, the proud, the brunch co-chair.

**Current 5th grade parents**, next year (God-willing) you will all be 6th grade parents. As such you will be in charge of the Spring Fling. Gird your loins, here comes the pitch: The PTL Board is looking for two volunteers to Chair and Co-chair the Spring Fling. Previous co-chairs of this event also lived to tell the story, and boy do they have stories! One co-chair inherited millions of dollars shortly after accepting the co-chair position. Another formerly bald co-chair now sports a full Chia head full of hair. A third co-chair said her crows feet flew away. Are you up for a passle-load of good fortune? Then call a PTL Board member or the office and sign up to be the next Spring Fling Co-chair.

## BoxTops Online

Have you registered yet to become an online member of BoxTops 4 Education? According to the info on the BoxTops website, only 3 parents have registered this year. That figure is wrong. It will update April 15, and when it does, I hope we're well into the double digits, if not the triple digits.

In the meantime, get thyself registered. It takes no time at all. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and click on the words My Profile up in the upper left. Then it should ask you if you're already a member. If not, just follow the prompts. There are two sweepstakes you should be entering. The Go Buggy Fruit Snacks and the Piece of Cake. You can vote once a day, every day. Go Buggy runs until end of March and Piece of Cake until April.

If you cast the winning vote, then you will be the first to hear from General Mills. We'll probably be the second to hear. Any winning vote entry will receive a \$50 SCRIP Gift Certificate and the love and admiration of your peers. You'll also be crowned BoxTop Hero and your face will be splashed all over the Thursday Note. C'mon, it doesn't get much better than that!

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### Full Membership Churches

*St. John, Newhall*

*St. John, Keystone*

*St. Stephens, Atkins*

**CLS Mission Statement:** Central Lutheran School assists our congregations and parents by preparing children to be disciples for this life and the life to come.

**THEME for 2009-10: Spiritual Fitness.**

**HYMN OF THE YEAR:** Let us Ever Walk with Jesus

**4th Quarter CHAPEL OFFERING:**

To date: \$59.12

**Next Week's Chapel 3/31/10:**

Leader: Pastor Horn

Singing: 6th Grade

## Miscellaneous

The Spring Pictures from Lifetouch are here! Parents are under absolutely no obligation to purchase. Preliminary snooping (we like to call it Quality Control) has revealed that some of them are *really, really* good, even the ones in their jammies. They're a different quality than the Fall pictures. If you don't want them, please send them back to school (intact) and we'll be good. If you're a buyin', then send in check or money by Friday, April 9. Pictures may be picked up at conferences. If you're not coming to conferences, we will send them home Monday, March 29, with your child.

Zipper Repair: Got a jacket that's too good to throw away but the zipper just won't work. Go to Drahos Shoes in Belle Plaine. If the teeth are all there, they can put a new pull on for \$4.00.

Please sign up to work a Saturday for BYSA Concessions. Call the office.  
The dates are April 10 (grades 1 & 4); April 17 (grades 2 & 8); April 24 (grades 6 & 7); May 1 (grades PS & 5); May 8 (grades K & 3).

New Daycare Provider in the area:

Jennifer Davis  
Atkins, IA  
446-7410

**PTL AND ATHLETIC COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER**  
**ATKINS CONCESSIONS-BYSA SOCCER LEAGUE**

**DATE: APRIL 10**

**Athletic Committee Leaders:**

<i>Amy Wells</i>	<i>Amy Eggert</i>
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**7:00 AM - 9:00 AM      SET UP / WORK CONCESSIONS**

<b>GRADE: 1</b>	<b>GRADE: 4</b>
<i>Elaine Weirather</i>	

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM      WORK CONCESSIONS**

<b>GRADE: 1</b>	<b>GRADE: 4</b>
	<i>Boyles</i>
	<i>Kaestner</i>

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM      GRILL**

<i>Brett McKenney</i>	
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**11:30 AM - 2:00 PM      WORK CONCESSIONS / TEAR DOWN**

<b>GRADE: 1</b>	<b>GRADE: 4</b>

**11:30 AM - 2:00 PM      GRILL / TEAR DOWN**

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**PTL AND ATHLETIC COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER**  
**ATKINS CONCESSIONS-BYSA SOCCER LEAGUE**

**DATE: APRIL 17**

**Athletic Committee Leaders:**

Folkmann	Pegump
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**7:00 AM - 9:00 AM SET UP / WORK CONCESSIONS**

<b>GRADE: 2</b>	<b>GRADE: 8</b>
	Steve Weirather

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM WORK CONCESSIONS**

<b>GRADE: 2</b>	<b>GRADE: 8</b>

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM GRILL**

Brett McKinney	
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**11:30 AM - 2:00 PM WORK CONCESSIONS / TEAR DOWN**

<b>GRADE: 2</b>	<b>GRADE: 8</b>

**11:30 AM - 2:00 PM GRILL / TEAR DOWN**

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**PTL AND ATHLETIC COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER**  
**ATKINS CONCESSIONS-BYSA SOCCER LEAGUE**

**DATE: APRIL 24**

**Athletic Committee Leaders:**

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**7:00 AM - 9:00 AM SET UP / WORK CONCESSIONS**

GRADE: 6	GRADE: 7

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM WORK CONCESSIONS**

GRADE: 6	GRADE: 7
	Boyles
	Jane Hagen

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM GRILL**

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**11:30 AM - 2:00 PM WORK CONCESSIONS / TEAR DOWN**

GRADE: 6	GRADE: 7
Burris	
Burris	

Lori Gerhold 12:30 → close

**11:30 AM - 2:00 PM GRILL / TEAR DOWN**

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**PTL AND ATHLETIC COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER**  
**ATKINS CONCESSIONS-BYSA SOCCER LEAGUE**

**DATE: MAY 1**

**Athletic Committee Leaders:**

<i>Kathy Lange</i>	<i>Kristin Meyer</i>
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**7:00 AM - 9:00 AM SET UP / WORK CONCESSIONS**

<b>GRADE: PS</b>	<b>GRADE: 5</b>
<i>Williamson</i>	<i>Marilyn Gerhold</i>

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM WORK CONCESSIONS**

<b>GRADE: PS</b>	<b>GRADE: 5</b>
<i>Williamson</i>	

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM GRILL**

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**11:30 AM - 2:00 PM WORK CONCESSIONS / TEAR DOWN**

<b>GRADE: PS</b>	<b>GRADE: 5</b>

**11:30 AM - 2:00 PM GRILL / TEAR DOWN**

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**PTL AND ATHLETIC COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER  
ATKINS CONCESSIONS-BYSA SOCCER LEAGUE**

**DATE: MAY 8**

**Athletic Committee Leaders:**

Burris	Burris
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**7:00 AM - 9:00 AM      SET UP / WORK CONCESSIONS**

GRADE: K	GRADE: 3

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM      WORK CONCESSIONS**

GRADE: K	GRADE: 3
Boyles	

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM      GRILL**

Boyles	Shawn Becker
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**11:30 AM - 2:00 PM      WORK CONCESSIONS / TEAR DOWN**

GRADE: K	GRADE: 3

**11:30 AM - 2:00 PM      GRILL / TEAR DOWN**

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