



## THE THURSDAY NOTE

### Andrew T. advances to State Geographic Bee!!

For the second year in a row, eighth grader Andrew T. has advanced to the state level of the National Geographic Bee! Andrew is the son of Scott and Becky T. Andrew was hard at work at our servant event for Kids Against Hunger when he learned the good news. The state bee will be held Friday, April 9. Congratulations Andrew!

### Fine Arts Night entry forms due!

Although the deadline has passed for performance entries for CLS Fine Arts night and Readlyn, the creative writing entry forms are due March 16 and the Arts & Crafts entry forms are due March 25. Please talk with your child's teacher to obtain entry forms. There is no charge to enter the CLS Fine Arts Night. If you take an entry to Readlyn, PTL will pay for the first entry fee; parents are responsible for anything else (\$3 per entry). CLS FAN is Tuesday, April 6. Readlyn Fine Arts Festival is Saturday, April 10. (BB game for 4/10 will be rescheduled.)

Early Dismissal/Grandparent and Grandfriend Day	12
4:30 Jefferson Show Choir Invitational	12
Newhall Fire Department rents gym 1-5	13
Mahan Gym Rental 9-9	14
Baseball Practice begins	15
School Board Meeting 6:30	15

#### 2009-10 Theme

Spiritual Fitness

#### Hymn of the Year

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

#### CLS Mission Statement

Central Lutheran assists our congregations and parents by preparing children to be disciples for this life and the life to come.

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## Thank you, Jon Rinderknecht

Mrs. Woltemath and her 3rd and 4th grade music classes would like to go on “record” with this public thank you to Jon Rinderknecht for designing and constructing the holder for the recorders the kids are playing. “It’s better than anything we could have purchased in the music catalogues,” said Karen Woltemath. You can see more of Jon’s wood-working skills Wednesday, March 17, at chapel when we unveil the new altar and processional cross. The altar and cross will be dedicated in memory and in honor of Tim Block, who was tragically killed in an auto accident last summer. Please plan on joining us for this very special ceremony. Jon has also constructed a beautiful wooden cross that will hang near the doors of the new addition. \*Norm Abramson, you’ve met your match!

## Feed Your Faith Concert/Supper results

Thank you to everyone who attended the Jenni Williamson concert and soup supper! Proceeds from the event totaled a little more than \$2,000. Most of the food items for the supper were donated so a good deal of the proceeds are profit. Big thanks to Jeff and Nicole Williamson for making the arrangements with Jenni and for handling publicity. Thanks also to the PTL and the 6th grade and 3rd grade parents for co-hosting the event. The highlight of the concert was Jenni’s back-up band, the CLS kids choir. It was a beautiful evening.

## Sports Physicals

Parents, don’t let your kiddo get caught without a sports physical on file! Baseball practice begins Monday, March 15. We must have a current physical on file before your child is allowed to practice. Track begins at the end of the month, so those kids will also need current physicals. If you have any doubt whether your student’s physical is up-to-date, please contact the ADs (Mrs. Wolter or Mrs. Meyer) or the office.



### Chapel Information

#### 3rd Quarter Offerings:

Hearts for Jesus and  
Lutheran Family Services

#### Total to date (3rd q):

**\$264.52**

#### March 17 Leader:

**Kindergarten**

*As we celebrate NLSW, we thank the many volunteers to have dedicated their time and talents to CLS. Your labors of love are a testament to God’s love for us. Together may we continue to serve with a heart like Jesus. God Bless you now and always.*

—SAC

## Surveys Trickling In

The Annual Parent & Board of Ed Surveys are slowly coming back. The surveys are the parents’ opportunity to let the school board, the principal, and the teachers know what we’re doing right and what we need to improve upon. The surveys should have come home a week or so ago in big white envelopes. Complete the surveys and send them back to the office in the same envelope. Please remove the family name label from the front and seal the envelope. Surveys are due March 25. This isn’t one of those phone surveys where they tell you it will just take a “few moments” and then it turns out to be more like a half-hour. It moves quickly. You also have an opportunity to leave written comments if you’d like to elaborate on any of the questions or if you’d like to raise an area of concern. Please take advantage of this opportunity to provide meaningful feedback for your school. Didn’t get a survey? CALL ME!

\*Obscure reference to Norm Abramson, the Bostonian, bespectacled master woodworker who co-starred with the crochety Bob Vila on PBS’s *This Old House*. No one can carry off a plaid flannel shirt like Norm. He remained at *This Old House* for several seasons before being named host of his own show, *The New Yankee Workshop*. Norm’s favorite woodworking technique: the biscuit. It’s a work of art.

## Class Tithes of the US Cellular \$100,000 contest winnings

Thanks to all of your hard work, a lot of charities are going to get some very good news in a few days. As you know, the school tithed the \$100,000 contest winnings. Each classroom was given \$1,000, for a total of \$10,000. The students then decided where to send the money. The votes have been cast and the decisions are in:



**Preschool:** \$500 to Lutheran Bible Translators (Martin & Joan Weber

\$500 to Jennifer Anderson who is a missionary in Kazakhstan. (LCMS World Missions)

**Kindergarten:** \$400 KAH; \$600 Benton Food Pantry

**First Grade:** \$500 to Paul & Ali Federwitz, missionaries serving in Ghana. (Lutheran Bible Translators)

\$500 to Jennifer Anderson who is a missionary in Kazakhstan. (LCMS World Missions)

**Second Grade:** \$1,000 to Jennifer Anderson who is a missionary in Kazakhstan. (LCMS World Missions)

**Third Grade:** \$500 to Camp Courageous.

\$500 to Earthquake relief efforts in Chile.

**Fourth Grade:** \$250 to Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Pekin, Illinois, to help build a new school.

\$250 to Jenni Williamson music ministry.

\$500 to Jennifer Anderson who is a missionary in Kazakhstan. (LCMS World Missions)

**Fifth Grade:** \$100 to KAH; \$900 to Paul and Ali Federwitz (Lutheran Bible Translators)

**Sixth Grade:** \$500 to Kids Against Hunger; \$500 to LCMS World Missions — no designation.

**Seventh Grade:** \$1,000 to Jennifer Anderson who is a missionary in Kazakhstan. (LCMS World Missions)

**Eighth Grade:** \$500 to Juvenile Diabetes Association.

\$500 to Kirovskoe Orphanage Project in Kyrgyzstan.

The US Cellular coverage area has gone global, and they didn't have to construct a tower, launch a satellite or open up stores across seas. Talk about a ripple effect...



## Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) deadlines announced

Parents, if you read nothing else in this edition of the Thursday Note, please read this!!! The deadline for any current CLS family who wishes to apply for ILSTO scholarships for the 2010-11 school year is SATURDAY, MAY 1. Earlier this week you should have received a letter from the school that contained all kinds of vital information that you need to know if you receive STO money or plan to apply for STO money:

- 1) Get an application form from the office or download an application at [www.iowalutheransto.org](http://www.iowalutheransto.org).
- 2) Provide the first page of the federal 1040 or 1040a of your completed 2009 Federal Tax return with your application. Specifically, they need the information on Line 22 of the 1040 and line 15 of the 1040a. (They do not want adjusted gross income.)
  - a. If you don't have a tax return to put with your application, you must **state the reason** why you don't file income tax returns. You must, however, still **provide an amount of income**.
- 3) Mail your application to ILSTO using the address provided at the bottom of the STO application. Photocopy your application and the paperwork you attach to the application. You will need that information to attach to your SPICE application in the fall.

Please remember that any family who plans to apply for SPICE (the local scholarship fund) must first apply to ILSTO. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mrs. Doellinger. She will walk you through it. The application form is not long or complicated. There is even space for you to make the committee aware of any extenuating circumstances that might cause a change in your income. Through the generosity of a lot of donors, including 17 Benton County families, \$488,000 will be available for 2010-11 school year. Please don't miss the deadline of May 1. Our STO contact has cautioned us that the deadlines will be firm this year. If you miss the May 1, deadline, you will put your scholarship in jeopardy. We expect word from STO in June regarding which families have qualified and the amount of the award.

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# KAH Assembly Line

The Kindergarten through 8th grade classes worked assembly-line style yesterday to pack up more than 10,000 instant meals that will be sent overseas to disaster-ridden countries. Henry Ford would have been proud. After donning a hair net and cleaning hands with antibacterial gel, the kids set to work measuring the rice, adding the chicken flavoring and dried vegetables, weighing the packages, sealing the packages with a heat sealer (we're happy to report no seared fingertips) and then packing the boxes — 4 to a row, 9 rows. A little bit of packing tape on the box and they were good to go. The KAH people left behind a few packages of the “Fortified Rice-Soy Casserole Chicken Flavored” and the kids will all have an opportunity to taste test the fruits (or casserole) of their labors. Thanks to everyone who donated to this very worthwhile cause, and thank you to the CLS students for



Over 10,000 served in 3 hours! That's some fast food!