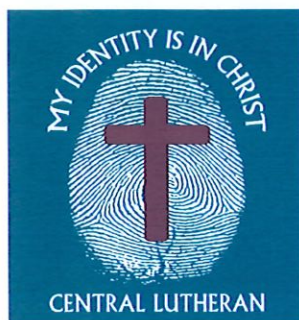


## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE:

K-4 Musical 1:30 and 6:30 pm	4/11
Preschool VIP Day	4/15
Early Dismiss	4/16
K-8 <sup>th</sup> VIP Day- no bussing- students go home with guests	4/17
Board Mtg 6:00	4/21
Early Dismiss	4/23
Kindergarten Round Up - 5 and 6:15 pm	4/24



**MY IDENTITY IS IN CHRIST**  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

### Mission Statement:

Central Lutheran provides students with a quality education built on a firm Christian foundation, so that they grow in the knowledge of Jesus as their Savior and become loving servants to others.

### Principal

Franklin O. Parris  
principal@centrallutherschool.org

310 3<sup>rd</sup> St W  
Newhall, Ia 52315  
(319) 223-5271

**We are so excited to tell you that we have reached our \$1000 goal for Hy Vee Receipts. We have earned \$1154!! We**



**took in \$230,779.71 in receipts! WAY TO GO CLS FAMILIES!! Special thank you to Marilyn Mittan for all of her dedication and help with the receipts totaling and collecting, we appreciate all of her continued support.**

**Anything dated after April 1, 2025 from any CR/Hiawatha Hy Vee store will be held onto for next year. The Hy Vee Receipts box is across from the office. Please continue to turn them in so we can meet our goals and start our campaign for next year- what an easy way for CLS to fundraise!**

**SAVE THE DATE- VIP Day on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and no PM bussing. Students will go home with their guests following lunch. No School on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> or Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for Easter. Classes will resume on Tuesday.**

**Non-Public Transportation Forms will be due back to the office by Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The form is included in the attachments. These forms are for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have a parent bring them to school and they do not ride the bus. Please fill one out if you live outside of the Benton Community School District and get in turned in to the office if you would like us to file it for you.**



**ESAs for 2025-26 School Year - The application period for Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) for next school year will be open from April 16th - June 30th, 2025. All accredited private school students will be eligible for an ESA, regardless of income, but all families will need to fill out the application. Mr. Parris sent an email this am with all of the details. All CLS families will need to fill out the application. Please see his email for the link to get started. Window opens 4/16/25.**



## **Central Lutheran School Flower/Plant Sale**

**Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Central Lutheran School Gym-**

**310 3rd Street, Newhall**

**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00-6:00 pm**

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-Noon**

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00 pm**

**Come and check out the wide variety of flowers, plants, and vegetables. Cash Or Check only Mrs. Fry is in need of cardboard flats that can used to take plants and flowers home. If you have access to cardboard flats/boxes and would be willing to collect them for her, that would be awesome. It takes a LOT of cardboard boxes/flats to move out all of the plants and flowers we sell each year. If you are collecting flats for us, you can drop them off any time at the school any time and she will find a "home" for them.**

**The K-4<sup>th</sup> grade Spring Musical entitled " IT'S A HIT !" is TODAY, Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and 6:30. Storyline of a girl who moves to a new town and is told she cannot pitch on the local baseball team. See how the students discover that they can all be ALL STARS if they work together because we are all One in Jesus. Special thank you to Jenny Williamson for allowing us to use her song " We are One".**





**The Seventh graders are going to team up with St. John, Newhall, to make a delivery to the Orphan Grain Train facility in Clemons, IA. Our trip will take place on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking donated items that come in between now and May 12<sup>th</sup>. Attached is a flyer listing the kinds of items they distribute worldwide. What a great time to go through closets and drawers, boxes of Goodwill items, etc. Bring your donations to CLS between now and May 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you from all the people who will benefit from your kindness!! Please call Mr. Runge if you have any questions.**

### **GRADUATION IS COMING AND SCRIP IS READY!**

Graduation season is almost upon us. We have stocked up on those \$10 gift cards and can order VISA cards in the \$25 increments. If you need groceries from Walmart, Target or Fareway, WE HAVE THOSE. If you need gas from Caseys or Kwik Star, WE HAVE THOSE!!! If your going out to eat at BWB, Olive Garden, Cheddars, Applebees, Wendys, Burger King, Subway sound good, WE HAVE THOSE and so many, many more! Stop in the office, fill out a CAIP form so that %ages of the cards you purchase can be applied towards your lunch account 3 times a year. The lunch account credit is new so if you are interested in this, please request a CAIP form to have yours changed from tuition to lunch.

### **Spring Picture \$**

**Spring Picture proofs went home with all students. You may order online or you can send in your envelope to the office by Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be picking up all orders from us on April 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**So many people to be thankful to for the successful Spring Fling held over the weekend. \$35,846.05 was raised on Saturday for CLS through all of your generous donations of time and ongoing support of Central Lutheran School. Thank you to all who donated, headed up committees and those who attended and bid on items or played carnival games. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you! A big shout out to the Bingo donators of Gems by Gigi, Brit's Custom Tees, Christine's Creations, Stacey's Potz and Sweet, Sweet Sourdough. We would also like to thank Face Painting by Lindsey and the face painting volunteers Stacey Straw and Anna Herb. Here's to all of our efforts to make this event one to remember! We give all glory to God for His rich blessings to CLS through everyone's generosity! Thank you!**





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**Motto: See Jesus, Seek Knowledge, Serve Joyfully**

**Frankly Speaking - From the CLS Principal's Desk**

**April 10, 2025**

Hello CLS Families!

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**Thank you** to Alexis Hach and Rachel McLeod for all your hard work with making and serving the tacos last Thursday! I was told we served OVER 200 people and raised over \$1500 for the band program!

**Thank you** to everyone and anyone who donated and helped with this year's Spring Fling! I pray fun was had by all! With all the hard work, over \$30,000 was raised for programs for our PTL to use with our students!

**Thank you** to everyone who purchased or spread the word about the Roger Inmann Antique Farm Toy Auction. The school received over \$60,000 to be used for student programs. Thank you to Karen Inmann and her family for this blessed donation! The family hopes and prays that the Lord will bless these funds for programs for the students at CLS as well as encourage others to do the same thing!

**Education Savings Account Applications open April 16!**

Starting with the 2025-26 school year and beyond, all Iowa resident K-12 students are eligible for the Students First ESA program, regardless of household income.

**Application Details**

- The **Students First ESA Application** is available in both English and Spanish.
- The application window for the 2025-26 school year opens on April 16, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., and closes on June 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.
- **Apply Now!**

**First-Time Applicants**

- Parents/guardians must **sign up** using an email and password.
- A confirmation email from Odyssey will be sent—follow the instructions to verify your email.
- Once verified, log in to the ESA portal to complete the application.

**Returning Applicants**

Parents/guardians with an existing ESA portal account can simply log in and submit their application for the 2025-26 school year.

**Funding & Benefits**

Families enrolling eligible children in an accredited Iowa nonpublic school will receive funding equal to the per-pupil allocation provided to public school districts for the same year. For the 2025-26 school year, this amount is \$7,826, with potential increases based on the increase voted on by the legislature for public school funding. Funds are deposited into an Education Savings Account (ESA) and can be used for tuition, fees, and other approved education expenses.

**Iowa DOE ESA Website:** <https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educational-choice/education-savings-accounts>

**My Calendar** - If you click on Planner on Fast Direct, you can click on my calendar. I will try to keep it updated daily. This way you can see what appointments I have in case you need to get a hold of me. You can also see what is coming up at school with our activities.

If there is anything I can do to help with your child's Christian education here, please give me a call (319) 223-5271 or email ([principal@centrallutheranschool.org](mailto:principal@centrallutheranschool.org)).

Our Identity is In Christ!  
Philippians 1:3-6,  
Principal Franklin O. Parris

## Sunday Worship Schedule

St. Stephen's Lutheran Atkins Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am	St. John Lutheran Church Newhall Worship 8am, 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Van Horne Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 8:45 am
St. Mark's Lutheran Church Garrison Worship Sat 6pm, Sun 8am Sunday School 9am	Trinity Lutheran Church Vinton Worship Wed 6:30pm, Sun 9am Sunday School 10:15am	Zion Lutheran Church Shellsburg Worship 10am Sunday School 8:45am
Grace Lutheran Church Blairstown Worship 10am Sunday School 9am	First Lutheran Church Belle Plaine Worship Sat 6pm, Sun 10:15am Sunday School 9am	St. John Lutheran Church Keystone Worship Sun 9:00 am St. Paul's Lutheran Church Luzerne Worship 8:30 Sunday

## • SUPPORT CLS

Turn in all Hy-Vee  
receipts – CLS earns  
0.5% of the total.  
\$1100 was raised this  
year!!

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come.  
The old has gone, the new is here!”

2 Corinthians 5:15

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### **Chapel News:**

**3rd Quarter Offering:** AVERYday Ministries-  
Haiti Women's Shelter

**Next chapel leader:** Pastor Palmer

**Hymn:** I Know that My Redeemer Lives  
AGPS 127

Box tops earned CLS  
over \$100 last year!  
Thank you to all who  
contributed online to  
the contest!!





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# Central Lutheran School Flower/Plant Sale

Friday, May 2 (1:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

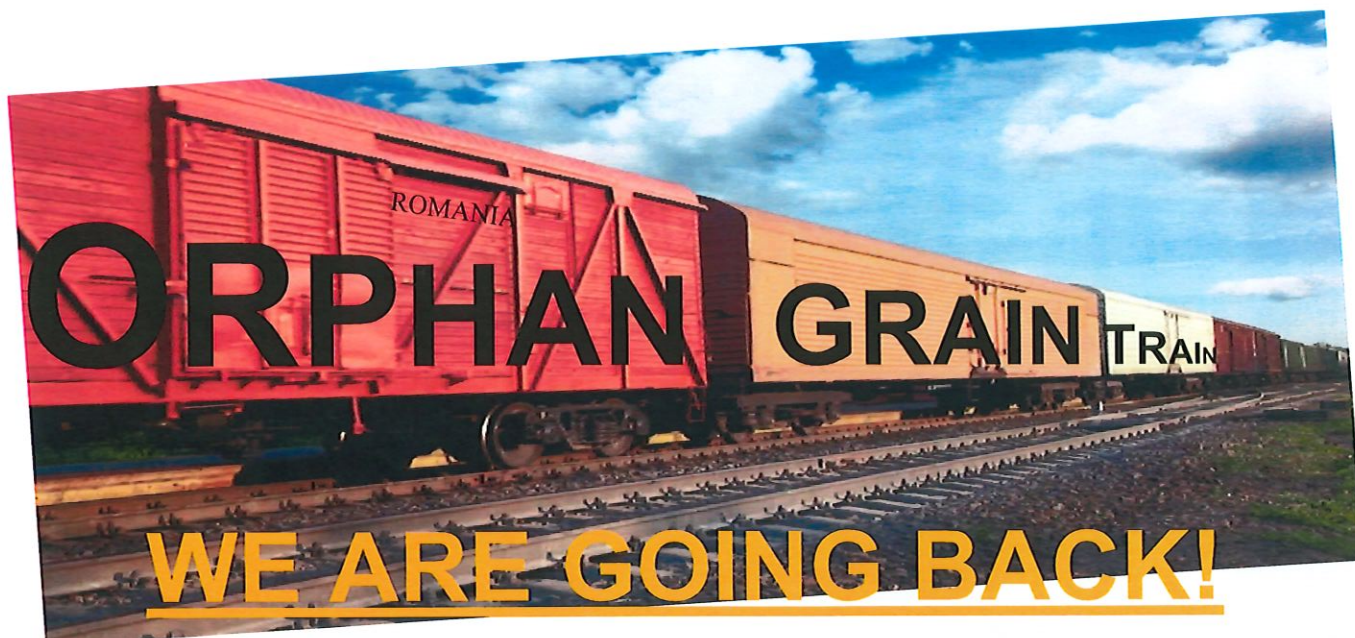
— Saturday, May 3 (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) —

Sunday, May 4 (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm)

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Central Lutheran School Gym     310 3rd Street West, Newhall

Come and check out the wide variety of flowers, plants, and vegetables. (cash/check only)



**7th Grade is taking another  
load of donations.**

**-TUESDAY, May 13-**

**Bring your donations of gently used or  
new items to CLS between now and  
May 12.**

**List of accepted items below.**

**Cash donations to pay for shipping**

**Infants' supplies**

- Cloth and Disposable Diapers • Layettes • Stuffed toys

**Medical Equipment and Supplies**

- Bed and bath linens • Sheets • Disposable gowns and gloves • Hospital beds (hand-crank with vinyl mattresses) • Prosthetic limbs • Walkers, wheel chairs, crutches, canes • Stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs & otoscopes •

**Hygiene Supplies**

- Sanitary products for women • Toothbrushes • Diapers-all sizes • Towels and washcloths • Bar soap • Combs

**School Supplies**

- Back-packs • New coloring books, crayons etc. • New ballpoint pens and pencils • Writing paper and notebooks • Sports equipment such as soccer balls, bats, baseballs, ball gloves and uniforms

**Clothing (gently used or new)**

- Infant, children's, women's and men's clothes • Shoes clean and wearable • Underwear (NEW only)—all ages and sizes • Socks (good used or new)

**Quilts, comforters, blankets, towels, washcloths • All sizes are needed**

- We ship quilts, blankets & comforters year-round

**Miscellaneous Items**

- Bicycles • Sports Equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, baseball equipment, shoes, goals, etc.)

*Thank you for sharing your blessings!*



**NONPUBLIC PARENT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM****Notice to Nonpublic Parents:**

Iowa Code Section 285.1 requires public school districts to provide transportation services to resident nonpublic students that are entitled as per that section. How the transportation service will be provided is to be determined by the public school district. When funds are appropriated by the Iowa General Assembly and if your public school district has selected "Parent Reimbursement" as their transportation service type of choice and you meet the transportation entitlement policy provisions of the public school district in which you live and the nonpublic school being attended has been accredited by the Iowa Department of Education, you are entitled to parent reimbursement as per Iowa Code Sections 285.1, subparagraph 3 and 285.3.

(Iowa Code, Section 285.3) If your public school district selects the "Parent Reimbursement" option, it is your responsibility as the nonpublic parent or guardian to notify your resident public school district that you have children attending an accredited nonpublic school and its location. In addition, specific information, as requested on this form, must be submitted by the nonpublic parent or guardian not later than December 1<sup>st</sup> (for first semester reimbursement) and May 1<sup>st</sup> (for second semester reimbursement), each year. Failure to submit this request by the above deadline each semester will result in the denial of the reimbursement request for the claim period.

NAME (Parent or Legal Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (of parent or legal guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the location (address) at which the nonpublic student(s) listed below now reside? [Circle one: Yes No]  
(If "No", indicate beneath the name of each student listed below the address where each nonpublic student(s) lives.)

*[Iowa Code, Section 285.1, subsection 3, limits the number of students that may be eligible for parent reimbursement to a maximum of three (3) elementary students and one (1) high school student per family.]*

Name-Nonpublic <u>Elementary</u> Student(s) (Last, MI, First) (Maximum of 3 Elementary Students)	Age of Student	Grade Level (this year)	Name - Nonpublic School of Attendance	Distance between Std. Residence & Nonpublic School
1. Address:				Miles =
2. Address:				Miles =
3. Address:				Miles =

Name-Nonpublic <u>High School</u> Student (Last, MI, First) (Maximum of 1 High School)	Age of Student	Grade Level (this year)	Name - Nonpublic School of Attendance	Distance between Std. Residence & Nonpublic School
1. Address:				Miles =

I certify that the above information is accurate and that I am a parent or legal guardian of the above named nonpublic student(s). I also affirm that the nonpublic school(s) of attendance is/are accredited by the Iowa Department of Education.

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

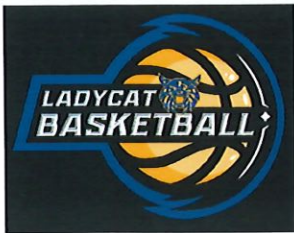
RETURN THIS FORM TO:  
(Name and address of the resident public school district.)

For public school district use only:

Enter or Stamp Date Received Here:

Received by:





# BENTON GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

**June 9th-12th**

<b>Youth Camp:</b>	<b>Grades 2-4</b>	<b>12:00-1:30 pm</b>
<b>Intermediate Camp:</b>	<b>Grades 5-8</b>	<b>1:30-3:00 pm</b>

***\*\*Grade is the grade entering next fall\*\****

**LOCATION:** Benton Community High School Gymnasium

**COST:** \$40 (Make Checks Payable to Benton Girls Basketball)

**CAMP FEATURES:** Benton Girls Basketball T-Shirt, Basketball Fundamentals, Daily Competition

**THINGS TO BRING:** Shorts/T-shirt, Basketball Shoes, Water Bottle

**COACHES:** Jeff Zittergruen  
Jeremy Suiter, McKenzie Banasik

***\*\*Registration is due Friday, April 25th\*\****

*The primary purpose of this camp is to help each camper to improve her overall basketball fundamentals with an emphasis on shooting, ball handling, passing, and defensive fundamentals. Camp coaches and high school counselors will also work with the girls on promoting teamwork, communication on the court, and building self-confidence. Various individual competitions will be held throughout the camp along with organized games on a daily basis where the campers can put their new learning to good use.*

**Twitter:** @LadyCatsBasket1     **Facebook:** @BCLadyCatsBasketball     **Instagram:** bcladycatsbball

Any questions, please feel free to contact Coach Zittergruen at [jjittergruen@benton.k12.ia.us](mailto:jjittergruen@benton.k12.ia.us)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the Fall of 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size:    YouthS          YouthM          YouthL          S          M          L          XL

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail registration/payment to:**

Benton Girls Basketball  
c/o Jeff Zittergruen  
600 1<sup>st</sup> St  
Van Horne, IA 52346





## GIRLS' SOCCER CAMP

### CALLING ALL K-6 GRADE GIRLS' SOCCER PLAYERS

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 6 from 6:00-7:15

**WHERE:** Benton Community High School Soccer Field in Van Horne

**WHAT:** We will break into K-2 groups, 3-4 groups, and 5-6 groups.

Campers will get instruction from the BC Girls' High School soccer team and coaches. Each camper is \$25. This includes a shirt, admission to game, and camp instruction.

**THEN:** All campers that wear their shirt, will get in free to the home game on Thursday, May 8. Campers will stand with players during introductions, sit with players in the stands, and then come out during half time to show some skills!

By **April 30**, please fill out the form below and send to Heidi Keiper at Atkins

Elementary with payment (checks to Benton Girls Soccer) or mail to:

Heidi Keiper

306 Pleasant Ct.

Atkins, IA 52206

Questions? to [hkeiper@benton.k12.ia.us](mailto:hkeiper@benton.k12.ia.us)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Tshirt sz. YS YM AS AM AL AXL

Parent Name/Number/Email \_\_\_\_\_