

# PANTHER PATTER

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School  
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## Cultivating a Mission Heart in Our Children

The love of Jesus fills our hearts to overflowing! We know we are forgiven, and we are confident of our eternal salvation. That love overflows to those around us, sharing the good news of Jesus with family, friends, co-workers, and other people God brings into our lives.

Having a mission mindset – seeking to save the lost around us – is not always easy. A variety of earthly factors can lead the strongest of Christians to “hide it under a bushel;” something we sing in the song that we don’t want to do! If we struggle, how can we foster a mission heart in our children?

A recent article in Forward in Christ magazine offers some suggestions. The quote below is one of five suggestions for Christian parents to help them foster a mission heart in their children.

### Build Awareness

When I was a young child (think three years old), I thought that everyone knew and believed in Jesus. As I grew older, the reality that a kind neighbor, relative, or friend in my small world didn’t believe was heart boggling. What did that mean for them?

When children learn that not everyone believes in Jesus, they can feel sad. We have the opportunity to build them up. We know Jesus and the comfort that God our Savior “wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.” (1 Timothy 2:4-6)

That knowledge comes with an opportunity. God gives us – young and old – the privilege to share the good news about Jesus’ love and forgiveness. Romans 10:13,14 says, “‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”

It is such a joy to witness children sharing their faith! They talk about Jesus with their neighbor, the hurt child at the playground, or even the cashier at the store. When children learn that they carry the powerful good news of Jesus’ love and forgiveness with them, it is hard for them to keep it to themselves.

*Excerpt from December 2017 Forward in Christ magazine article by Amanda Rose*

Do you have any stories of children – yours or others – who displayed a mission heart? I’d like to collect some of these stories to share in future Panther Patters. Please send me a ParentSquare message or email with your story. May God bless your efforts to foster a mission heart in your children.

**ST. PAUL’S PASTORS AND STAFF** thank you for the many cards and gifts given to them over the holidays.

## WISCONSIN TAX DEDUCTION FOR SCHOOL FEES

Your family may benefit from a 2017 state tax deduction using Schedule PS. You will need to include the Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN). St. Paul’s number is: 39-1208234.

**NO PIANO LESSONS FOR MRS. WENDT’S STUDENTS JANUARY 15-19<sup>TH</sup>.**



**BE BOLD  
BE STRONG**

**“THE RIGHTEOUS  
ARE AS BOLD AS A  
LION.”  
PROVERBS 28:1**



### Chapel Thought

God provides so very much good for those who seek Him.

***“The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”***

*Psalm 34:10*

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS FOR 2018-2019 DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2018

WELS families may now begin applying for financial assistance to help with fees for children attending grades K – 8 at St. Paul's for 2018-2019. Unfortunately, we do not have assistance available for non-WELS families or for preschool fees. Families who have children attending Luther High School may complete one TADS application and target the information to both Luther and St. Paul's. Details are available at our [website](#).

### How to apply for Financial Assistance from the Ginny Viner Scholarship Fund

1. Download and print this [https://secure.tads.com/Content/EN/Templates/2018-19\\_worksheet\\_online.pdf](https://secure.tads.com/Content/EN/Templates/2018-19_worksheet_online.pdf)
2. Use this worksheet to help you gather all necessary information to complete the online application. (The worksheet is NOT submitted to either TADS or St. Paul's.)
3. Once you have completed the worksheet, go to [myTADS.com](http://myTADS.com). Next to Financial Aid Assessment, hit "Click to Log In." Login with your credentials, or hit "Create a New Account."
4. Contact TADS if you have questions (800-477-8237). At the end of the worksheet you will find several options for reaching TADS: online chat, email, phone, etc.

## WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM

Luther High School will be participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, which is a part of the Private School Choice Programs. Schools that participate in the program receive a state aid payment for each eligible student on behalf of the student's parent or guardian.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) will have student application information for the 2018-19 school year available in late January 2018. The open application period is FEBRUARY 1–APRIL 20, 2018. For more information, please visit [www.lutherhigh.org](http://www.lutherhigh.org).

## COURTESY FOR OUR HANDICAPPED FRIENDS

Winter weather makes it difficult to see lines in parking lots and on roads. I know there have been days I have had a hard time finding the lines for parking spots in our parking lot at St. Paul's. The three handicapped parking spots that begin our single row of parking, extend to approximately the north side of the cement slab outside the gym doors. As a courtesy to those who really need to use those spaces, we ask for you to avoid using them. Thanks so much for your cooperation and outpouring of love to our neighbors.



**PLEASE NOTE EARLY DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 IS AT NOON  
(lunch will be served)  
NO SCHOOL, MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

**REPORT CARDS**

Friday, January 12, is the final day of the second marking period. Report cards will be coming home with the children on Thursday, January 18.

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Preschool open house will be held Sunday, January 28, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Invitations will be sent to all families who, according to our records, have a child who will be between 3 and 5 years of age by September 1, 2018. **If you do not receive information, please let us know in the church/school office.**

**SHORT SHOTS BASKETBALL**

Short Shots Basketball is a program that serves primarily St. Paul's students, ranging from grades one through four. The participants will meet on four Saturdays: February 24th, March 3rd, March 10th, and March 17th. The first session each day (1st and 2nd graders) runs from 8:30-9:30 am, and the second session (3rd and 4th graders) is from 9:45-10:45 am. **We need approximately 15-20 volunteers for each session, and are actively looking for volunteers ranging from 5th graders to adults.** Lack of volunteers would mean no program. Yikes! To sign up as a volunteer, please see the ParentSquare announcement or directly contact Mr. Fetcenko. For questions, also contact Mr. Fetcenko. Thank you, and GO PANTHERS!

**SPRING SCIENCE AND FINE ARTS FAIR REGISTRATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 9**

Students in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to participate in the Spring Science and Fine Arts Fair, held at Luther High School on March 10, 2018. Spring events include solo, duet, and ensemble instrument (including piano), several categories of forensics, brand new science activities, and team social studies competition. For science this year, classrooms of 5<sup>th</sup> and/or 6<sup>th</sup> graders will create displays on an energy topic. Either individually or in a group, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have a chance to test a life hack. Information is available by clicking on "Science Guidelines" on the [lalschools.org](http://lalschools.org) website. Or, just use this [link](#). Visit [lalschools.org](http://lalschools.org) to find out more information. Contact your child's classroom teacher with questions.

**WSMA MUSIC FESTIVALS**

**Saturday, February 24**, Melrose–Mindoro will host the WSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival for middle schools **grades 6, 7, and 8**. This festival is for instrumental and vocal students. **Information for this festival needs to be to Mr. Adickes at Luther High by January 19.**

**Wednesday, March 14**, Luther High School will host this year's *piano festival* for students in both middle school and high school. **Information for this festival needs to be to Mr. Adickes at Luther High by February 7. These are final dates.**

Students interested in participating should speak with their piano and instrumental instructors now about pieces. The dates for entering are final dates. Be sure to send in your entries and fees (\$10.50 for class A solos; other solos, \$8.50; and ensembles [2-9 players \$15]) on time. **Late Fee is \$10.00 +\$1.00 per entry solo and ensemble.** The information Mr. Adickes needs is as follows:

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| 1. Student's name   | 4. Title               |
| 2. Student's school | 5. Selection number    |
| 3. Class of music   | 6. Accompanist         |
|                     | 7. Instrument or voice |

WSMA lists for this school year are on line at [www.wsmamusic.org](http://www.wsmamusic.org). If you have any questions, please see Mr. Larson or contact Mr. Paul Adickes at Luther High School, at 608.783.5435 ext. 1340 or e-mail [adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us](mailto:adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us). Mr. Larson will have the forms with him as he visits our school.