



PANTHER PATTTER

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School
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The Foundations of Christian Education: PEACE, HOPE, JOY, and LOVE

“For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” *1 Corinthians 13:12, 13*

“How does a person get to Heaven?” If you ask the average person walking down the streets of America this question, what answer do you think you would get? Maybe they would say that the person needs to do more good things than bad. Maybe they think everyone gets to go to Heaven because “God is supposed to be loving, right?” Maybe they would say that Heaven isn’t a real place.

In Luther’s day, people were being told lies about Heaven, too. Luther had studied Scripture, and he knew how a person got to Heaven – through faith in Jesus. Read how Pastor Hefti describes the situation in Luther’s town.

Principal, Benjamin Bain

The young doctor of theology [Luther] maintained that the forgiveness of sins was not something that could be earned by human effort or bought and sold like melons in a market. As pastor of the souls in his care at the town church, he was fed up with the rotund, Dominican monk, John Tetzel, who was luring Luther’s flock to the other side of the Elbe River to buy indulgences, papers promising pardon and a get-out-of-jail free card from purgatory. The money-grubbing fundraiser marched into town with his little dog and pony show to the banging of a drum. He announced to the peasant farmers and shopkeepers: “As soon as the coin in the coffer clings, the soul from purgatory springs.” It was all for a good cause of course. Half the money went to build St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. The other half went to pay off the bank loan Albert of Mainz took out to buy his archbishop’s hat from Pope Leo. Luther knew this was not how the forgiveness of sins and friendship with a holy God were attained. This is not what gives a person peace to lay his head on his pillow each night. Others sensed this too. Luther did something.

Pastor R. W. Hefti

“Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God.”
Martin Luther



**NO SCHOOL FRIDAY (MARCH 31)
DUE TO PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

VOTERS' MEETING RESULTS

The Voters’ Assembly of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School decided to call Danielle Fetcenko to be our new 4-yr-old preschool teacher. She is presently serving Mt. Olive Lutheran School in Delano, MN. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates her call and determines where she can best serve the Lord.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Friday, March 17, marks the end of the 3rd Quarter. Teachers will be handing out report cards at Parent/Teacher Consultations scheduled on Wednesday, March 29, Thursday, March 30, and Friday, March 31. **Conference forms are attached to today’s Panther Patter.**

2017-2018 CALENDAR

The approved 2017-2018 school calendar is available at our school website.

**2017 Author Fair Featuring
Karyn Lukasek, author and illustrator,
presents "Paper-Cut Bible Stories"
Monday, March 27, 2017 (1:30 p.m.)**

CROSSLINK

The spring edition will be sent home electronically with our Panther Patter today. There are some great parenting articles and some super ideas about celebrating Easter. Please take some time to read it over the next couple of days. It is also accessible on our website.

REPORTING ABSENCES

As the weather continues to feel more spring like, a larger number of students are walking or riding their bikes to school. It is therefore even more important that parents call school before 8:00 am when their child is going to be absent. We want to be absolutely sure that our students are safe and that nothing happened on the way to school. It is our policy to call parents if their child does not show up for school and we have not received a phone call excusing the child for the day. Sometimes it is very difficult to reach parents at work, so please notify your child's teacher or the office when your child will be absent or late. ***If your son/daughter will be late, please indicate in the message if they will be taking hot (option 1 or option 2) or cold lunch. We also need to know option 1, option 2 or cold lunch for the next day.*** Thanks for your help and cooperation in this matter.



LANCER/SABRE BAND

Rehearsal for all band members will be held Friday, March 24th and March 31st at Luther High School. Band students will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. **Sabre and Lancer Bands** meet from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Jazz band will meet from 4:00-4:45 p.m.

SINGING SCHEDULE

Grades 3 and 4 will sing at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sunday, March 26 at 8:00 a.m. Good Shepherd is located at 1500 Sand Lake Rd. in Holmen.

MARK YOUR Calendars

Easter For Kids

**Saturday, April 8, 2017
9:30 a.m.**



JOIN US FOR "BUNCO"

Women in Christ spring fellowship event will be held Sunday, April 2, from noon to 2:00 p.m. We will have a light lunch and then play "Bunco." If you don't know how to play, we will teach you! Sign up in the church lobby or contact Lisa Loersch at mllloersch@msn.com or 608.781.9118. Special dietary needs and childcare available upon request.