



# PANTHER PATTERN

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*

Have you ever watched the 1953 movie *Martin Luther*? It was nominated for two Academy Awards. In his paper, “The Lutheran Reformation for Lutheran Teachers,” Pastor Hefti suggests it is the most comprehensive and historically accurate film of Martin Luther available. If you haven’t seen it, you can find the entire movie on YouTube. In particular, I would like to point you to a particular [clip](#). This is the historic moment when Luther takes a stand against the emperor. After watching the clip, read Pastor Hefti’s description.

I have heard kids giggle during that part of the *Martin Luther* movie (1953) where Luther takes his famous “stand” before the emperor. The actor Naill MacGinnis portrays the reformer with his eyes nigh-well bugging out of his head in stress as he says, “I cannot...I will not recant!” As I grew older and had watched the film a few hundred times, it made more sense. Luther knew what was at stake. He had counted the cost. He could not have known at the time that, unlike Huss and countless others, he would be spared and used by God to split the modern world in two. He knew, even as he opened his mouth, that those words might be his last.  
*Pastor R. W. Hefti*

We all have taken a stand with Luther, too. When we confess our faith in the creeds on Sunday morning, we are taking a stand. We are proclaiming the truth about the Triune God and His Word. By God’s grace we have not taken that stand with a threat on our life, but may He give us a faith strong enough to do so. May we boldly and confidently confess the truth of Scripture to a hostile world, trusting God’s love for His faithful people.

*Principal, Benjamin Bain*

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times.”  
*Martin Luther*



### CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS’ MEETING

This Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be an important congregational meeting. The Financial Ministry Team (FMT) has assembled the 2017-2018 Ministry Plan based on the requests of the boards. Since the increase is nearly 6%, the FMT met to discuss options for reducing the Ministry Plan. Some reductions were made at that meeting, but any other reductions will impact the ministry we would like to do in the name of our Triune God. The FMT would like your input! Can we as a congregation rise to the challenge and fund the proposed Ministry Plan, with the help of God? Please make it a priority to attend this Open Forum.

### 2016-17 SCRIP CREDITS

As we approach the end of the school year, many families are making their final payments to St. Paul’s. As a reminder, your scrip credits will accumulate through April 30 to be applied to the current school year. This amount won’t show on your school statement until early May. To see the credit to expect from scrip, log in to your Family Account on [shopwithscrip.com](#). From **Dashboard**, click on **Family Functions**. Choose **Order History**, which lists your account activity for the current year. The amount listed as **St. Paul’s - Education Account** is your credit accumulated from May 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

### BAND REGISTRATION

**Band registration for all students will be held Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Luther High School Band Room. Register at that time to avoid paying a late fee of \$20.



EARLY CHILDHOOD PRESENTS

# "STORY TIME DOWN IN THE JUNGLE"

ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT  
FRIDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30 P.M., (SANCTUARY)

## SINGING SCHEDULE

The Junior Choir will sing at both the 8:00 & 10:30 services Sunday, April 30.

## SHORTS MAY BE WORN AS ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE AS OF MAY 1

"Shorts, Skirts, and Dresses: These should cover half the distance from the top of the inseam to the knee." Your children have grown through the winter. Shorts that were appropriate in September may be too short now. Please take some time to verify proper length with your children.

## MAY CALENDAR

We are sending home the school calendar for the month of May. Please take note of all the special events taking place during the month.

## National Volunteer Week (April 24-28)



# Thank you!!

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others . . .so that in ALL things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

*1 Peter 4:10-11a*

1. Volunteer coach
2. Volunteer hot lunch checker
3. Volunteer hot lunch, teachers aid, and whatever else the school needs ☺



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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# BIG BOAR BARBECUE



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD 3-7PM**  
MEAL INCLUDES: PORK SANDWICH, BEANS AND COLESLAW  
DESSERTS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE BY DONATION

**TICKETS ON SALE**  
BEFORE SCHOOL AND AT  
SCRIPT COUNTER (WED/SUN)  
STARTING APRIL 2

**\$9**

PROFITS RAISED GO TO PAY FOR  
BUSING FOR FIELD TRIPS,  
RETIREMENTS,  
8TH GRADE GRAD SUPPLIES,  
KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS ITEMS,  
GRANDPARENTS' DAY, PARENT  
SQUARE, MARKETING

EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN SCHOOL PARKING LOT  
WEATHER PERMITTING TABLES WILL BE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE FOR DINING AND FELLOWSHIP