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One of the books I read this summer is *Reformation 500: The Enduring Relevance of the Lutheran Reformation*. It is a collection of essays written by ten WELS pastors, many of whom are Martin Luther College or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary professors. Perhaps that sounds boring to you. In truth, the book has been marketed for pastors, and some of the essayists use plenty of Greek without explanation. However, there were several essays that I truly enjoyed reading. The final essay was by Daniel Deutschlander, professor emeritus of Martin Luther College. Deutschlander has written a number of books, including one I enjoyed reading titled *The Theology of the Cross*.

His essay "The Enduring Uniqueness of the Lutheran Reformation," begins with a comparison of Martin Luther to Odysseus from Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey*. It is a fascinating comparison that I will let you read yourself.

What unique characteristic is it in Luther and in the Lutheran Confessions that we share and want with every fiber of our being both to preserve and to pass on?

Permit me to suggest that it is this: Luther took God seriously, in particular God's attitude toward the individual. And taking seriously the God who sees, who knows, who judges all things, Luther was engaged in a single-minded quest for certainty about that God and his relationship to him. Those are the two hinges on which the door of the Lutheran Reformation swings: taking God seriously and the quest for certainty.

What do you think? Would you agree with Deutschlander? Read more in *Reformation 500: The Enduring Relevance of the Lutheran Reformation, 2017*. Available from Northwestern Publishing House.

Principal, Ben Bain

ABSENCES

As a matter of policy, **we would ask that you call school before 8:00 am** on days when your child will be absent from school or possibly late. If we do not hear from you, and your child is absent when school begins, we will be contacting you at home or at work. We want to know that your child is safe and that you know where he or she is.



APPOINTMENTS

Please make every effort to schedule doctor, dentist, and orthodontist appointments outside of school hours. We realize how difficult it is to get appointments, yet we hope that children will miss as little school as possible when they are scheduled. Please call your child's teacher or send a note a day or two before the appointment so that they are aware that your child will have to miss a part of the day. **Please come to the office and we will call your child out of the classroom.**

LATE WORK NOTICES

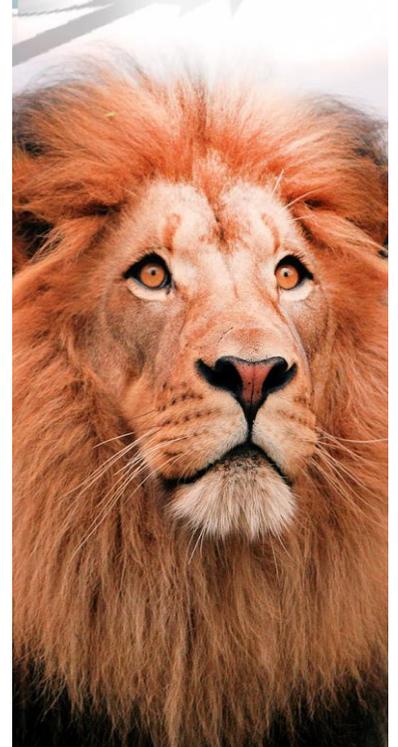
There are times when children in grades 4-8 do not complete their homework on time or do not have it at school. An incomplete or late assignment will automatically receive a grade of an "F." Late notices will also be sent home with them to notify their parents that their homework was incomplete or missing. Late notices are to be signed and returned the next day with the completed assignment. Each quarter, a child is allowed to have three "late work notices" before they will have to stay after school to serve a detention. We hope that with parents, teachers, and children working together, "late" work will not become a problem.



BE BOLD BE STRONG

"THE RIGHTEOUS
ARE AS BOLD AS A
LION."

PROVERBS 28:1



VISITORS' PASSES

We ask that whenever you are in the building to help in a classroom, work in the library, etc., please first stop in the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's pass. *When you leave the building, please return your pass to the office and sign out.* For the safety and welfare of our students we thank you for following this procedure.

SINGING SCHEDULE

Grades 7 and 8 will sing in the 8:00 am service Sunday, September 10. The Junior Choir will sing at both the 8:00 & 10:30 am services Sunday, September 17. Grades 3 and 4 will sing in the 10:30 am service Sunday, September 24.

BAND NEWS

We have 32 students participating in band this year. New students began lessons. **Regular weekly band lessons will be held on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays starting September 13.** Please note that band lessons will be billed through our school office. Please make your checks out to Luther High School, but submit them to Lori or Elaine in the school office.

SCHOOL PICTURES

We will be using LifeTouch School Portraits out of Eau Claire again this year. It is a pre-purchase package. You pay when the pictures are taken. LifeTouch guarantees that you will be satisfied or they will take your child's picture again or refund your money. ***Please be sure to send the form and money in the envelope provided to school on Picture Day, Tuesday, September 12 or order online at www.mylifetouch.com and enter in the picture day ID: MI427187YO.*** All children will have their pictures taken so that they will be included in the class composites. Please have your child dress appropriately even if you are not purchasing pictures. ***Make all checks out to LifeTouch, not the school.***

"KNIGHT FOR A NIGHT"

Students in seventh grade are invited to attend "Knight for a Night" Friday, September 15, from 5:30-10:30 p.m., at Luther High School. The Schedule includes: social games, supper, football game, bonfire and an evening devotion.

SCIENCE AND FINE ARTS FAIR

Entries for the fall fair should be given to the teachers by October 4. Students will be selected by their teachers for the Math, Chess, and Spelling portions of the fair. When we have specific times for the day's events, we will get them out. Please keep November 4 open on your calendar. It is always an enjoyable day. For additional information regarding guidelines and events go to the La Crosse Area Lutheran Schools website (www.lalschools.org). Under resources select "Science and Arts Fair." Then select "Fall Fair!"

ONALASKA FOOD PANTRY

As in the past, we want to encourage our students to consider helping those in the area who are less fortunate than they. One way of doing that is by bringing some non-perishable food items to school each week for the Onalaska Food Basket. We will place the food items in the coatroom on our way into chapel services on Wednesdays. Wouldn't it be great if we could fill the basket to overflowing every week?



Sunday school begins September 10
(9:20 a.m.) Pre-school - Grade 6
Come join the class and bring a friend!

TADS

Please check and respond to your TADS notices to avoid paying costly late fees.