



# **Panther Patter**

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School  
September 15, 2016

## 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.*

Several news items and conversations of late have made me think more about the serious issues of depression and suicide. As I was doing some reading and research, a statistic caught my attention. Suicide is the leading cause of death for ages 10-14 in Wisconsin. (<https://afsp.org/about-suicide/state-fact-sheets/#Wisconsin>) How do these preteens get to such a point of hopelessness and despair? How can we identify those who need support? What can we do to help?

Scripture provides us with words of comfort: "Surely I [Jesus] am with you always." Matthew 28:20. "He [God] will love you and bless you." Deuteronomy 7:13. "Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life." Psalm 23:6. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son." John 3:16.

We know God loves us, even when we don't feel lovable. Jesus' amazing love can carry us through dark times in our lives. His ever-present love comforts our hurting hearts. His love assures us that no matter what others say, we know He loves us.

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## **SCIENCE AND FINE ARTS FAIR**

Entries for the fall fair should be given to the teachers by Friday, September 30. 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 Saturday, November 5, open on your calendar. It is always an enjoyable day.

## **SINGING SCHEDULE**

The Junior Choir will sing at both the 8:00 & 10:30 services Sunday, September 18. Grades 5 & 6 will sing at the 8:00 service Sunday, September 25.

## **BAND NEWS**

**Weekly band lessons will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays.** Band students are reminded that Sabre/Lancer Band rehearsals start this Friday, September 16, at Luther High School. All band members will be dismissed at 2:45 so that they will arrive at Luther on time for rehearsal from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Both bands will have a concert at the Science and Fine Arts Fair.

## **SCHOOL PICTURES**

We will be using LifeTouch School Portraits out of Eau Claire again this year. It is a pre-purchase package. You can pre-order online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) (Picture Day ID: MI426187Y0) or you can 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, Thursday, September 22.** 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.



## HOT LUNCH

We are off to another great year with the School District of Holmen providing our meals. Our fruit and vegetable choices each day continue to be amazing. Encourage your child to try something new each day!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the hot lunch program you can use ParentSquare to sign up. While you can still sign up in the kitchen, ParentSquare is the best way since it will send you a reminder. Begin by joining the *Hot Lunch Program* Group on ParentSquare and choose a day! Thank you!!

## KNIGHT FOR A NIGHT

7<sup>th</sup> grade Knight for a Night will be held Friday, September 23, at Luther High School from 5:30-10:30 p.m. The schedule includes: meal, football game (LHS vs. Black River Falls), activities, and fireside devotion. Pre-register by either emailing Mr. Schibbelhut at [schigreg@luther.k12.wi.us](mailto:schigreg@luther.k12.wi.us) (put KFAN in the subject of the e-mail) or leave a message at 608.783.5435 x1102. Please include the following information:

- NAME, CHURCH AND/OR SCHOOL you attend
- Emergency contact PHONE NUMBER

It may be cold outside; please bring appropriate outdoor clothing and perhaps a blanket.

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## Luther High School Update

### LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL REGIONAL MEETING

The Luther High School Board of Control and the Wisconsin Parental Choice (Voucher) Program Ad Hoc Committee are planning regional meetings on September 18, 2016, within our Luther High Association congregations. Since the Packers and Vikings play an evening game on that date, everyone will be able to attend and not miss any of the action.

The three-fold purpose of these meetings is to:

1. Provide a general update regarding the opportunities to strengthen our financial support of Luther High
2. Share information about "Rise Up & Build"
3. Share and receive information about the Wisconsin Parental Choice (Voucher) Program. Information and input from these meetings will assist our Conference of Delegates as they formally consider this matter at their November meeting.

**Publications Coordinator job opportunity:** Luther High School is accepting applications for the position of Publications Coordinator. Interested individuals who want more information or wish to apply are to contact Principal Paul Wichmann by phone at 608-783-5435 (ext. 1160) or e-mail at [wichpaul@luther.k12.wi.us](mailto:wichpaul@luther.k12.wi.us).

**Rise Up & Build Volunteer opportunity:** Luther High School is in need a volunteer to assist with the Rise Up & Build program. This volunteer may only need to work 3 to 5 hours per week to record gifts and coordinate the scheduling of visits. This work entails working with confidential information and accurate data entry. If you are interested and/or need more information, please contact Principal Paul Wichmann by phone at 608-783-5435 (ext. 1160) or e-mail at [wichpaul@luther.k12.wi.us](mailto:wichpaul@luther.k12.wi.us).



<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsona>

Calendar and Athletic Schedule posted on ParentSquare

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_

*You are invited!*

*Grandparents & Special Friend's Day*

Friday, October 21, 2016  
1:00-2:45 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran School  
1201 Main Street, Onalaska WI 54650



Other events that day:

Grandparents' Day at Luther High School 8:00 a.m.-noon

Grades 5-8 Play "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf" 6:30 p.m. in St. Paul's gym.

Dress rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. for those who can't come in the evening.