

PANTHER PATTER

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The Privilege of Prayer

My wife and I were watching a television program recently and a desperate character said a prayer. His prayer began with words something like this: "I know I don't pray very often, but I really need your help. If you really exist..." This kind of prayer by a similar character shows up in many movies and TV programs. How do you react? What do you think of a prayer like this?

We know God wants all people to be saved (2 Tim. 2:4). We also know that He loves His children, hears their prayers, and answers (1 Peter 3:12, John 16:23; Psalm 145:18-19). But how about the prayer of this TV character? Would God hear a prayer like that?

Isaiah 1:15 answers this well, "When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening." God doesn't hear the prayers of those unbelievers. Prayer is a privilege He grants to His faithful redeemed! That's why, as Christian parents, we teach our children to pray.

Therefore, children right from the cradle on should begin to pray for the princes, for their brethren and companions. For here you here the command and the promise: "Ask, and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7). You have been commanded to pray and promised that what you pray for will be given, as in Ps. 50:15, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will glorify me"; and Ps. 91:15, "When he calls to me, I will answer him."

Ten Sermons on the Catechism *Luther's Works* 51, 171-72, (1528)

Spice up your prayer life, fellow Christians! Memorize a new prayer for meals. Try a different bedtime prayer. Set a goal of saying a spontaneous prayer five times per day – maybe set an alarm on your phone to remind you. Keep a prayer list visible to yourself and your family and update it regularly. The prayers of a believer are POWERFUL because we tap into our Almighty God!

Principal, Ben Bain

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conference forms were sent home with last week's Panther Patter. Conferences will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 23-25, for grades 4K and grades K-8. There will be no school on Wednesday, October 25, to accommodate the conferences that morning. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM SHOWING YOUR PREFERRED CONFERENCE TIME BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13. Appointment times will be sent home with the October 19th Panther Patter.**

SINGING SCHEDULE

Preschool and kindergarten will sing in the 10:30 am service Sunday, October 22.

HEARING SCREENING

Students in **4K, kindergarten, first grade**, and any referrals will have their hearing tested Monday, October 23, beginning at 8:15 am.



**BE BOLD
BE STRONG**

**"THE RIGHTEOUS
ARE AS BOLD AS A
LION."**

PROVERBS 28:1



Chapel Thought

Have you seen the clip from *A Return to Grace* in which Luther tells Charles V that he will not recant? Much was at stake for Luther, including his very life.

***"Be on your guard;
stand firm in the faith;
be courageous; be
strong."***

1 Corinthians 16:13

VISION SCREENING

Preschool 4K, Kindergarten, first, third, and fifth grades will have their vision screened Tuesday, October 24, beginning at 8:15 am. Referrals from other grades may be made by calling the office at 783.4822 ext. 0.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION

There will be *no school on Thursday and Friday, October 26-27*. The entire faculty will be attending the Wisconsin State Lutheran Teachers' Conference in Milwaukee. We are thankful for the opportunity to network with other Lutheran teachers and grow in our teaching ministries. The theme this year is *Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura*. Professor Joel Otto will deliver a keynote address titled "Luther Transforms Education."



Thank you to Connie Gronholz, hot lunch coordinator, and to all the volunteers that make our hot lunch program a success. Thank you also to Holmen Sand Lake Elementary School kitchen staff for providing us with healthy, well balanced meals.

Come and join us for lunch. Student lunches are \$3.50 each and include milk. Adult lunches are \$4.15. Please be sure to order by 8:00 am in the office (608.783.2552 ext. 0).

**National School Hot Lunch Week
October 9-13**

SEEKING FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

Requirements: a minimum high school diploma; minimum one year experience with school nutrition programs (could be volunteering with our hot lunch program); familiarity with bookkeeping programs (currently QuickBooks)

The position requires approximately 20 hours/week during the school year, and some hours during summer months. Applications and job descriptions are available in the school office. Resumes would be accepted in place of an application. Deadline: October 18, 2017.

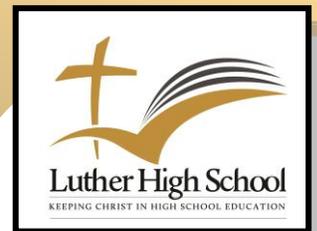
WINTER SPORTS MEETING

If your 5th-8th grade child plans to play basketball this season for St. Paul's, please plan on attending one of our Fall Athletic Meetings. The first option is Sunday, October 22nd, from 11:50-12:20 pm (Fellowship Hall), and the second option is Monday, October 23rd, from 7-7:30 pm (church). The intended purpose is to share important information regarding our upcoming basketball season and answer questions. Mr. Fetcenko will keep the informational portion to 30 minutes or less, but will be happy to stick around afterwards to answer any individual questions you may have (especially for new families). Looking forward to seeing you there! Go Panthers!

LUTHER NEWS

CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRODUCTION of "Miss Nelson is Missing" will be on Sunday, October 15, at 2:00 pm. General Admission tickets are available at the door - \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. For more information, visit the Luther High website at www.lutherhigh.org.

FALL FESTIVAL will be held Sunday October 22, beginning at 2:00 pm. This year's first annual Fall Family Fest will be an all-school event showcasing the many exciting things that are happening at 1501 Wilson Street. Come to enjoy music, take building tours, meet the faculty and staff, and participate in activities. This is a perfect opportunity to bring a friend and share in the excitement about Luther High School!



WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM will also be held on Sunday, October 22, at 4:00 pm, there will be an informative presentation about the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Students currently in eighth grade will be the first at Luther to be able to participate in the program. Parents of eighth graders down to kindergarten are encouraged to come to the presentation to learn about the program and how to make use of it.