

PANTHER PATTEN

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School
October 19, 2017

Repeated Reading

When children are small, they love to read the same book over and over. I wouldn't be surprised if parents are thinking right now about a book or books they read to their children nearly every night! We certainly had favorites in our house - the *Mercy Watson* series being one.

As we age, we are tempted to express boredom with familiar. We may develop an insatiable appetite for new, rather than the comfort of familiar. We don't want to be viewed as behind the times or old fashioned.

This attitude could spill into our spiritual lives and cause dangerous consequences. We could say, or at least think something like this: "I know what's in the Bible. I learned all that when I was a kid. I don't need to read it over and over again."

Thoughts like these are deceptions from the Devil, the father of lies. Satan knows that Scripture is a powerful weapon against his schemes. Jesus used Scripture to rebuff every temptation the Devil threw at Him. We can do the same.

We must not skim over them and imagine we have thoroughly understood them like the frivolous, smug, and bored souls do. When they hear some word of God once, they consider it old hat and cast about for something new. This is a dangerous disease, a clever and malicious trick of the devil. Thus he makes people bold, smug, forward, and ready for every kind of error and schism.

All this, as I see it, is the result of reading and listening to God's word carelessly instead of concentrating on it with fear, humility, and diligence.

Commentary on "Psalm 117" *Luther's Works* 14, 7-8, (1530)

The Word of God strengthens us, lifts us up, emboldens us, comforts us, and brings us a very special kind of peace – peace with God. Our faith and trust in God grows through contact with His Word. And, no matter how frequently you read it, you will continue to learn. Keep reading, fellow Christian soldiers!

Principal, Ben Bain

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Appointment times are attached to today's Panther Patter. Please call the office at 783.2552 ext. 0 if you are unable to make your assigned time.

No School (Wednesday, October 25 through Friday, October 27)

(Due to Parent Teachers' Conferences and State Teachers' Convention)

There will be no "Panther Patter" next week. Please make special note of those items which pertain to your family as they are brought to your attention in this week's newsletter.

SINGING SCHEDULE

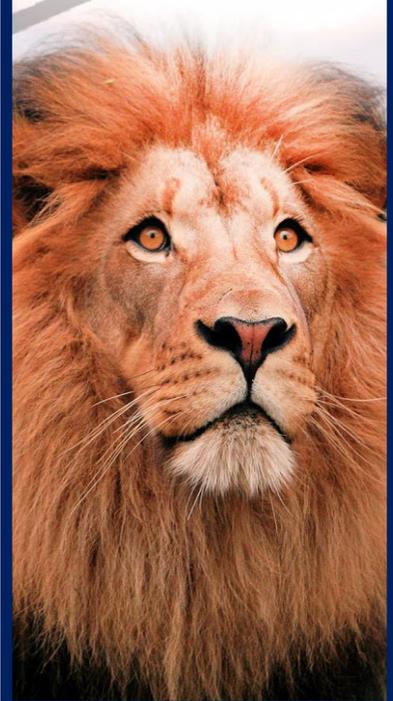
Preschool and kindergarten classes will be singing in the 10:30 service Sunday, October 22, 2017. Sunday, November 5, the Junior Choir will be singing in both services. St. Paul's will celebrate the Reformation in these services.



BE BOLD BE STRONG

"THE RIGHTEOUS
ARE AS BOLD AS A
LION."

PROVERBS 28:1



Chapel Thought

The Devil and his wicked minions lie in wait for opportunities to attack Christians. Praise God that He arms us for battle with His Word! They can't harm us.

***"They are like a lion
hungry for prey, like a
great lion crouching in
cover."***

Psalm 17:12

2017 LUTHER APPAREL: Deadline to order your apparel is Sunday, October 22. Delivery will be to Luther High School. The link to the order form is https://luther-athletics-2017.itemorder.com/sale?read_message=true.

BAND LESSONS

Band students are reminded that Sabre and Lancer Band rehearsals are held on Fridays at Luther High School. All band members will be dismissed at 2:45 so that they can arrive at Luther on time for rehearsal from 3:00-4:00 pm.

HEARING SCREENING

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

VISION SCREENING

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.

SCIENCE AND FINE ARTS FAIR

Students from St. Paul's will be involved in a number of events Saturday, November 4, at Luther High School. We encourage everyone to attend the fair, especially families with younger children. You will enjoy seeing the talents of the young people of the La Crosse area Lutheran elementary schools. You will also have a better understanding of the opportunities your children will have in the arts when they get into fifth grade. The fair begins at 8:00 a.m. and continues throughout the day.

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!



St Paul's Lutheran Church

Enjoy a fun afternoon with other families!
Everyone is invited!

Sunday, October 22nd: 3:30-5 PM
St Paul's Church Parking Lot
1201 Main Street Onalaska

campfire * games * snacks
cocoa/cider * wagon rides

How does it work? Decorate your trunk and hand out candy to the "trunk-or-treaters." You can even have games or activities at your trunk for the kids to play. Wear your costumes!

Trunk Decorating starts at 3:00pm, Trunk or Treating starts at 3:30pm

Help us plan by registering your vehicle @ www.StPaulsOnalaska.org or signing up on Facebook/StPaulsOnalaska

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd: 3:30-5pm
St Paul's Church Parking Lot

LUTHER NEWS

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.

ART STUDENTS HAVE MADE COIL HONEY

VESSELS for Family Fun Fest, October 22.

- Honey Pots may be purchased with a pint of honey for \$20.
- Individual honey pots can be made in the art room with a pint of honey included. Pots will be glazed and fired for pick up by Nov. 1.
- Individual pints of honey can be purchased for \$10.



All donations will be given to "Rise Up and Build."

SPECIAL VIEWING OF A RETURN TO GRACE

will be held at 2:00 pm on November 5, in Luther High School's chapel/auditorium. Following the movie, Pastor Hefti and Professor Korthals will be available for Q & A.