

# PANTHER PATTERN

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School  
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## Standing Firm

Any parent knows how difficult it can be to stand firm. Take your children shopping, and you are sure to be asked to buy them something. Saying, "No," to your dear child could begin a battle, sometimes an embarrassing public display. As your children age, rules and boundaries change. Adolescents often push against those boundaries, and parents are forced to either stand firm or reconsider the rules. Frequent pestering can wear any parent down and make it difficult to stand firm. Of course, children might try to pit parent against parent to get their way. Standing firm as a parent is not easy.

Standing firm in the faith is not easy either. Certain schemes by the Devil may be obvious to us, but he also is very sly. The Word of God fills us with Christ, giving us Jesus' strength and courage to stand firm. Luther says it well.

Living in me as He does, Christ abolishes the Law, damns sin, and kills death; for at His presence all these cannot help disappearing. Christ is eternal Peace, Comfort, Righteousness, and Life, to which the terror of the Law, sadness of mind, sin, hell, and death have to yield. Abiding and living in me, Christ removes and absorbs all the evils that torment and afflict me. This attachment to Him causes me to be liberated from the terror of the Law and of sin, pulled out of my own skin, and transferred into Christ and into His kingdom, which is a kingdom of grace, righteousness, peace, joy, life, salvation, and eternal glory. Since I am in Him, no evil can harm me.

Lectures on Galatians *Luther's Works* 26, 167, (1535)

Stand firm, Christian soldiers, stand firm! Christ is in you!

*Principal, Ben Bain*

Visit our Facebook page to see a video summarizing our Reformation 500 celebration activities!

**REFORMATION CELEBRATION AT ST. PAUL'S** will be celebrated in the Sunday, November 5, worship services. The Junior Choir and the parent choir will sing at both services.

**THIS IS FOR YOU:** Learn how the Lutheran Reformation applies to you in 2017. "Relevant Reformation" begins at 9:30 am this Sunday, November 5, in the Fellowship Hall, and Thursday, November 9, 7:30 pm in the church. This stewardship emphasis is for every confirmed member. Please pick the day/time that best fits your schedule throughout November.

## LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL REFORMATION CELEBRATION:

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.



## BE BOLD BE STRONG

"THE RIGHTEOUS  
ARE AS BOLD AS A  
LION."

PROVERBS 28:1



## Chapel Thought

King Solomon adorned the steps leading to his throne with 12 lions, one for each tribe of Israel. It must have been an awesome sight! When we consider the awesome power and majesty of our God, the lion seems to be a pretty good representation. Greater than King Solomon is our King Jesus!

*"On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."*

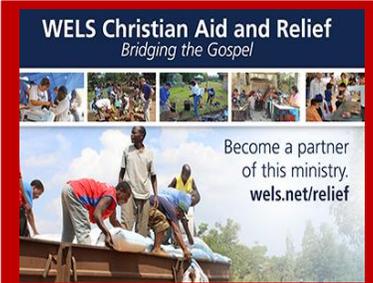
*Revelation 19:16*

# SCIENCE AND FINE ARTS FAIR

It's THIS Saturday! Festivities begin at 8:00 am and continue into the afternoon. Please visit [lalschools.org](http://lalschools.org) to view the daily schedule as well as vocal schedules. (Onalaska students are listed in Room 1810.) Arts and crafts MUST have identification slips (*firmly attached* to the lower right front) and judges forms for each project. Projects missing these items will not be displayed or judged. Please contact your teacher with questions.

## WEEKLY MISSION GIFTS

It is wonderful to see God move the hearts of His people to help those in need. Our first quarter mission offering was given to the Committee on Aid and Relief to help those devastated by hurricanes. The total collected was \$403.79. As a comparison, our mission offering collections totaled \$717.43 during all of 2016-2017, which is an average of about \$180 per quarter.



**WELS Christian Aid and Relief**  
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The collection for the Food Basket in October is another awesome example of God moving the hearts of His people. St. Paul's families donated 1,006 items! A letter of thanks from the Executive Director of the Food Basket says, "We are blessed to have you as a partner in sharing Christ's love by feeding people in need."

Thanks for your generosity to those in need. Jesus' love shows through you.

During the second quarter, our mission offerings will support a project through **Kingdom Workers** to help the people of **Indonesia** acquire *clean water*.

## WE WELCOME NEW FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR ANGELA PARRISH

I am excited to announce that we have hired Angela Parrish as our new Food Service Director. Angela comes with experience in school lunch, nutrition, and food safety. She is passionate about cooking!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Joan Christie and Tami Yehle for coordinating the vision and hearing screenings. Thank you also to Dr. Holly Fisher, Heather Olson, and Angie Riley for their assistance. The outcome of these screenings may be the first step in getting your child the help he/she needs to better their day to day functions. Thank you also, to Heather Olson who has stepped forward to become certified to coordinate our screenings next year. *Please consider helping next year.*

**LANCER AND SABRE BANDS** will rehearse Friday, November 3, from 3:00-4:00 pm at Luther High School. This is the last Friday practice until March. Thank you to all parents and grandparents that help get the students to Luther High School for their practices.

Both bands will play at the Science and Fine Arts Fair on Saturday, November 4.

Please note that there will be no regular band lessons next week.

## TEEN EVENT

(Grades 7-12)

**Sunday, Nov. 19**

**2:00-3:30pm**

**\$9 per person**

**High Roller Skating Rink**

3624 E Ave S. La Crosse

Teens Living for Christ

