

PANTHER PATTERN

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Heart Check

What was going through your mind today? Perhaps much of your day was spent thinking about the schedule and your responsibilities. I know there are days when my head spins just looking at my list of tasks. When my daughter needs a ride to work, and it is my responsibility to get her there, she often needs to text me as a reminder. My mind is absorbed in other jobs.

Maybe something else occupied your mind throughout the day. Certainly there is much thrust in front of our eyes and into our ears each day. Whatever fills your mind is a reflection of what is most important to you.

The following excerpt from Luther's Works focuses on Matthew 6:21, part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In it he urges Christians to test their hearts to find out what is most important to them. Especially guarding our hearts against the temptation of greed.

Now Christ concludes with a proverb, saying: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." This is equivalent to what we Germans say about a greedy belly: "Money is his heart"; that is, if only he has money, that is his joy and his comfort, in other words, his god. On the other hand, when he has nothing, that is death for him; then there is no heart, no joy, no comfort.

What He means is this: "Keep watch on your own heart, and test it. And be assured that your heart will be in the same place where your treasure is." As the common saying has it, "What is dear to you, that is your god." It is to this that your heart draws you; you think about it day and night; you go to sleep with it, and you wake up with it, whether it is money or property, pleasure or fame.

So take a look at your own heart, and you will soon find out what has stuck to it and where your treasure is. It is easy to determine whether hearing the Word of God, living according to it, and achieving such a life gives you as much enjoyment and calls forth as much diligence from you as does accumulating and saving money and property.

Commentary on "The Sermon on the Mount" *Luther's Works* 21, 175-76, (1532)

May it be true of each of us that the Word of God is on our minds day and night!

Principal, Ben Bain



BE BOLD BE STRONG

"THE RIGHTEOUS
ARE AS BOLD AS A
LION."

PROVERBS 28:1



Now Thank
we all
our
God

Thanksgiving Break
There will be no school
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday,
November 22-24.

Thanksgiving Worship
Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 pm
Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 23, 9:00 am

Chapel Thought

God is in control of all things, and that is a great comfort to His children.

"Who endowed the heart with wisdom or gave understanding to the mind?"

Job 38:36

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

We have designated three handicapped parking spaces available for use at the end of the school day. Those next to the building are not able to be used due to bus and pedestrian traffic. There are drivers who need to make use of these spaces, so please keep them open for those with handicapped license plates or visor signs. We appreciate your courtesy.



SINGING SCHEDULE

Fifth and sixth grade classes will sing in the Sunday, November 19, 10:30 am service.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS INSTRUMENTALISTS

Parents, students, pianist, and instrumental students, please coordinate with your teachers what songs you will be playing for the Advent/Christmas season. The following information should be submitted to Tricia Bain by Wednesday, November 29: name of the piece you are playing, instrument, and length of time you will need to play it. Tricia may be contacted at 651.380.4166, patricia.bain4@gmail.com or message her on Parent Square.

SCIENCE AND FINE ARTS FAIR AWARDS

Grade 5 & 6 Math Team: 1st Place

5 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade
Vocal Ensemble 1st: Kayden Van Loon/ Jack Schmeling/ Landon Bryant/ Nathan Karr	Vocal Solo 1st: Raleigh Olson	Vocal Duet 1st: Lauren Larson/Sophia Botcher
Vocal Ensemble 2nd: Makayla Sill/ Kayla Schiebel/ Amanda Yonkovich	Individual Results 1st: Raleigh Olson	Vocal Duet 2nd: Maddie Olson/Emily Gronholz
Vocal Duet 2nd: Sammy Schams/Sam Lipps	Spelling 1st: Xander Wendt	Vocal Solo 1st: Lauren Larson
Vocal Solos 2nd: Macie Neumeister Makayla Sill		Spelling 1st: Luke Schmeling
Individual Results 1st: Jack Schmeling		Individual Results 1st: Connor Savor
Individual Results 2nd: Samuel Hackbarth		



Over 500 students from WELS high schools and preparatory schools from all across the country will be gathering once again for Choral Festival. On November 10, rehearsals will begin at the La Crosse Center, leading up to the Pops Concert that evening at 7:00 pm. The Pops Concert gives each group a chance to showcase their unique musical talents. Saturday will be spent rehearsing and preparing for the Sacred Concert which will be held at the La Crosse Center on Sunday, November 12, at 2:00 pm. No tickets are needed; freewill offering will be taken at both concerts. The Choral Festival only comes to La Crosse once every 15 years, so please plan to attend these two exciting concerts. If you are interested in volunteering for Choral Festival, please contact Paul Adickes at adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us.

Thank you to all families hosting students.

Our congregation will be hosting Wisconsin Lutheran High School students. They will be singing in the 10:30 service this Sunday, November 12.

“Five Signs of an Ideal Sports Parent” are

1) cheer everybody on the team, not just your child;

2) model appropriate behavior;

3) know what is suitable to discuss with the coach;

4) know your role; and

5) be a good listener and a great encourager.



WHAT KIND OF A SPORT PARENT ARE YOU?

I grew up playing soccer. As a kid, I loved running around and trying to kick a ball. Over time, my skills increased, and I became more competitive. My parents didn't know the sport, so they just came to watch – no judgment or criticism. They left that to the coaches. I continued to play soccer into college, earned my referee license, and even coached. To this day, I still love the sport.

As a soccer enthusiast, I made a poor soccer parent. When Grace started soccer, I too often wanted to “help” her get better. After all, I had something to offer. I knew soccer. Even though I was encouraging and positive, I think my conversations were too much like this: “You really hustled on the field today, but your passes need to be crisper. Let's practice that on Saturday.” This came across rather negatively; almost like saying, “You're good, but not good enough.”

Mrs. Peterson shared a wonderful blog post about being a good sports parent with the parents of our b-team boys. I really appreciated the insights and suggestions of the author, Steve Henson. The key points of the section titled “Five Signs of an Ideal Sports Parent” are 1) cheer everybody on the team, not just your child; 2) model appropriate behavior; 3) know what is suitable to discuss with the coach; 4) know your role; and 5) be a good listener and a great encourager. The key phrase he encourages parents to say is “I love watching you play.”

Please join me in striving to be an ideal sports parent this basketball season. May our words and actions reflect the love we have for our children, our coaches, our referees, our opponents, each other, and our amazing God!

To read the entire blog post, visit:

<http://www.thepostgame.com/blog/more-family-fun/201202/what-makes-nightmare-sports-parent>

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