

PANTHER PATTER

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School
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No One Can Fathom

It's a little irritating, isn't it? Your children think they know more than you. Admittedly, there are situations when our children actually do know more than we do. I'm sure each parent reading this could name a few topics in which their children would beat them in a trivia competition. However, there are also times that parents certainly know more, and children do well to listen and learn from them.

We are tempted to treat our Heavenly Father the same way, sinner that we are. We are tempted to lean on our own understanding, instead of calling on His name. How could we possibly know more than our Omniscient God? Isaiah 40:28 says, "...his understanding no one can fathom." Enjoy Luther's comments on this verse below.

The Hebrew word means understanding—the power and acuteness of wisdom. It is as if He were saying: "Let them be as wise and acute as they wish. I will be more than a match for them and be wise. Just stay with Me. Look at Me as you would in a mirror. In you there is death, sin, despair, destruction. In Me there is life, righteousness, consolation, and deliverance. Since My Word is everlasting, cling to it. Do not dwell on your own thoughts."

It is natural for us who are beset by sins to struggle in our own thoughts. "But you must not give place to them. Instead, drive them out by the Word. Do not pursue your own thoughts in tribulation, because then you will fall into a sea of temptation. Rather, keep thinking of Me, because there is no search of the understanding directed against you. I will be more than a match for them. They first have to overpower Me."

Lectures on Isaiah *Luther's Works* 17, 30, (1527-30)

We turn to trusted, knowledgeable people for advice often. It is just a good idea to learn from others. Let's remember to turn to our Omniscient God first and foremost with all of our concerns and problems. His Word is wisdom!

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

Imagine going into battle with a giant, fearsome lion by your side. That would give you some confidence, wouldn't it? Our almighty LORD compared himself to a lion coming to the aid of His people.

"As a lion grows, a great lion over its prey...so the LORD almighty will come down to do battle."

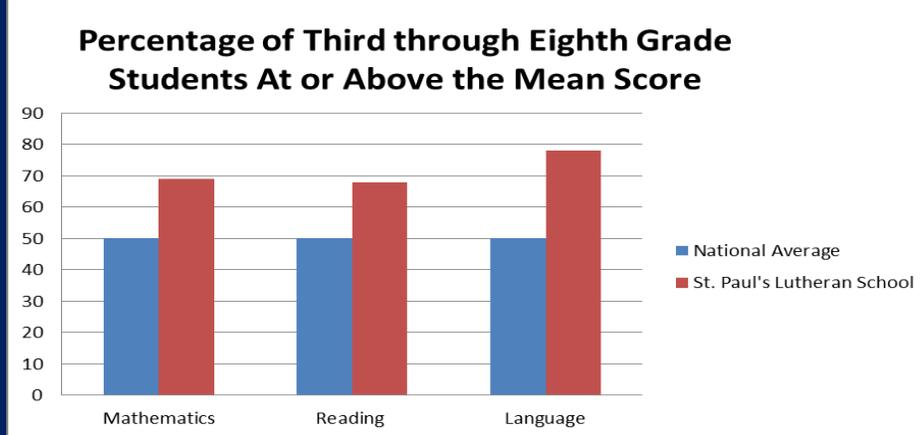
Isaiah 31:4

NO PANTHER PATTER THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20-24.

SINGING SCHEDULE

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

A Snapshot of St. Paul's Fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing Results



ADVENT SERVICES

On Wednesday, December 6, St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be having the first of three Advent services. There will be a 2:00 pm service, which the school children in grades 1 - 8 will be attending, and a 6:30 pm service. Parents are encouraged to join their children for one of the services. If you plan to attend Advent Services as a family in the evening, please send a note with your child and he/she will be sent to study hall.

BASKETBALL GAMES—COME AND SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!!

Friday, November 17	Home game vs. Stoddard. (<u>Boys' A Only</u>)	6:00 pm start
Tuesday, November 21	Home game vs. Tomah. (All teams except Girls' B)	5:00 pm start

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.

CHURCH DECORATING

Teens and their families, and all members of St. Paul's are welcome to help decorate St. Paul's for Christmas! Decorating will take place Wednesday, November 29, at 6:00 pm. Pizza will be served following the decorating.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Early Childhood Christmas Service, preschool and kindergarten classes, will be held Sunday, December 3, at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. Children in grades 1-8 will share the good news of the Savior's birth Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 pm. The title of their service is "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come." Those who are unable to attend the service on December 17 may want to join us at 9:00 am Friday, December 15, for our final rehearsal at school.