

# PANTHER PATTEN

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## Follow the Leader

Perhaps you remember the [scene](#) in *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* when Balin tells the story of Thorin Oakenshield. The dwarves were suffering terrible losses on the battlefield, including their king. Defeat seemed certain, and despair ran through their hearts. Then Thorin wounded Azog and rallied the dwarves. Balin says, "There is one I could follow; there is one I could call king."

People seek strong leadership. They look for someone they can trust who will guide them, protect them, and give them hope. Balin saw those characteristics in Thorin.

Christ our King is so much greater than any earthly king. He is so much more than fictional writers can even imagine. There are many places in Scripture that describe His majesty and power. In the quote below Luther comments on descriptors of our King recorded by David in [Psalm 110](#).

Behold the glory of this King! It surpasses all that is glorious and powerful, whether in heaven or on earth. He is a different Lord, unlike those who have land and people, cities and castles, silver and gold, body and goods. He is Lord and King of eternal possessions that are peculiar to God, such as peace and joy and the immeasurable wealth of eternal righteousness and life. Of course, He also holds in His hands all that pertains to this temporal life, whatever there is of power and authority. He can do with it as He sees fit. Hence all princes and lords are subject to Him; they cannot reach beyond the limits He has set for them. But as Psalm 110 shows, it is of special importance that the devil, death, and sin have been put under His feet unconditionally.

Commentary on Psalm 110 *Luther's Works* 13, 241, (1535)

You and I have a leader to follow; He is Christ the King! There is none like Him.  
*Principal, Ben Bain*

## INDONESIA WATER PROJECT

Today St. Paul's students were treated to a presentation by Coral Cady. Ms.



*Yesus sayang padaku  
Alkitab mengajarku  
Walaupun kecil lemah  
Aku ini miliknya*

Cady serves WELS Kingdom Workers as the field manager for South East Asia. From her more than ten years working in Indonesia, and her experience as a Lutheran teacher, Ms. Cady helped students appreciate how important clean water is for our health and well-being. One of the things WELS Kingdom Workers has been doing is teaching

Indonesians how to build and maintain systems to purify their water. While providing this humanitarian aid, the workers share the gospel of Jesus. Ms. Cady showed the students the Bahasa Indonesia translation of Christ Light, materials used to teach

children the Word of God. At the end of the presentation, Ms. Cady taught the students how to sing "Jesus Loves Me" in Bahasa Indonesia.

Our second quarter mission offerings are dedicated to support water projects in Indonesia. We thank Ms. Cady for her presentation and her work serving the people of Indonesia. If you would like to know more about WELS Kingdom Workers, their mission, the work they do, and opportunities to participate and support their work, visit their [website](#). There is a [video](#) on their website about their work in Indonesia.



## BE BOLD BE STRONG

"THE RIGHTEOUS  
ARE AS BOLD AS A  
LION."

PROVERBS 28:1



### Chapel Thought

Christ our King triumphed over sin, death, and the Devil. As our Leader and King, His victory is ours as well. We need not weep. Eternal life is ours through the Lion of Judah.

*"Stop weeping. Look! The  
Lion from the tribe of  
Judah, the Root of David,  
has triumphed..."*

*Revelation 5:5*

## STANDING UP TO BULLYING

Lutheran Elementary School parents are invited to attend a presentation at Luther High School called "Standing Up To Bullying" on Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00 pm. Sarah Riek, a counselor from WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions, will talk with parents about the important topic of bullying. The presentation is located in Luther's Chapel Auditorium. For more information, visit [www.lutherhigh.org](http://www.lutherhigh.org).



## 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.

# Mark Your Calendars!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Early Childhood (Preschool & Kindergarten) Christmas Service, 4:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Sunday School Christmas Service, 10:30 am  
Luther High School Christmas Concert, 2:00 pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Final Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Service (Grades 1-8), 9:00 am  
*Please dress up*

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 & 17

Live Nativity at Riverside Park, La Crosse  
(Kids 14 and under must be supervised by a parent or adult.) 5:00-10:00 pm & 5:00-9:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Children's Christmas Service "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" (Grades 1-8), 4:00 pm  
*Please dress up*

## The Onalaska Education Foundation

Onalaska Education Foundation invites you to the 10th annual Taste of Onalaska and Casino Night Saturday, January 20, at Stoney Creek Inn, 3060 S Kinney Coulee Rd, Onalaska. Join us for an evening of food, fun casino tables, and DJ music. Tickets are \$30 and include admission, meal and entertainment.

Tickets are available online at: <http://www.onalaskaeducation.org/TasteofOnalaska.html>

The Onalaska Education Foundation supports educational programs and creative projects that inspire both teachers and students to achieve excellence in all Onalaska schools.