

PANTHER PATTERN

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School
December 14, 2017

Word Becomes Flesh

The title above is a phrase familiar to Christians. These are words from John 1:14, part of the gospel reading for Christmas Day in our lectionary. We know that Jesus, our Savior, the Word of God, was born in a manger. He became flesh and blood, just like the crown of His creation, so that He could save us from our sin.

In Luther's sermons on the Gospel of John, he explains in some detail why it is so important that our Savior be both God and man. The excerpt below gives only his succinct answer. Readers are encouraged to find a copy to read more.

To sum up, we must, first of all, have a Savior who can save us from the power of sin and death. This means that He must be the true, eternal God, through whom all believers in Him become righteous and are saved.

But, secondly, we must have a Savior who is also our Brother, who is our flesh and blood. "In the beginning was the Word"; "this Word," he added later, "became flesh."

Sermons on the Gospel of John *Luther's Works* 22, 23-25, (1537-40)

Last year, Luther High School students sang a choral piece titled "The Word Was God" by Rosephanye Powell. It is very moving. Here is a link to a wonderful recording by the [St. Olaf Choir](#). God bless your celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Savior, the Word made flesh!

Principal, Ben Bain

JANUARY 2018 CALENDARS

Attached to today's Panther Patter is the January 2018 calendar. Please note that school resumes Thursday, January 4, 2018.

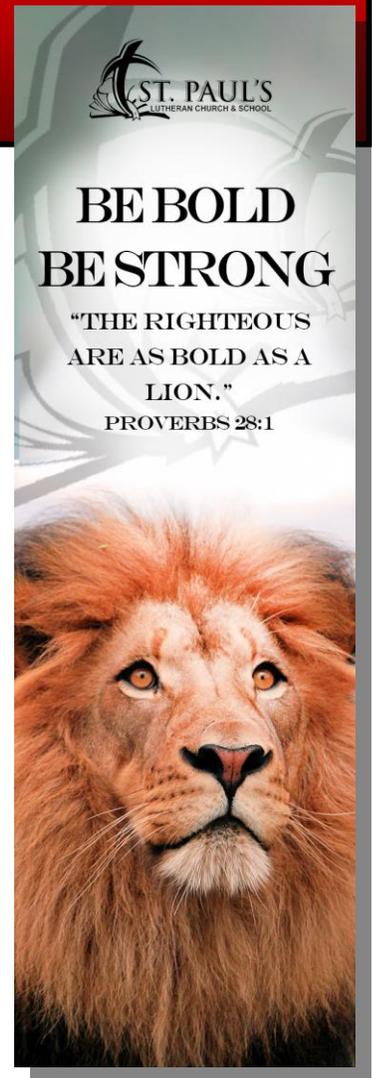
PANTHER SPORT SHORTS

Come and cheer on the Panthers at their next home game Friday, December 15. Action starts at 5:00 pm. Concessions will be available. Go Panthers—Go!

WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM

Luther High School will be participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, which is a part of the Private School Choice Programs. Schools that participate in the program receive a state aid payment for each eligible student on behalf of the student's parent or guardian.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) will have student application information for the 2018-19 school year available in late January 2018. The open application period is FEBRUARY 1–APRIL 20, 2018. For more information, please visit www.lutherhigh.org.



"Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord." CW #55

Christmas Eve, December 24 (6:00 pm)

Christmas Day, December 25 (9:00 am)

New Year's Eve, December 31 (6:00 pm) with Holy Communion

Season's Blessings

Carole Ziehe
D.A.

Brenda Larson
Steve R. Haney

Becky Schiebel

Ron Gyetsa
Patsy Bill Baden

Beth Wickmann

Don Olson

M. J. F.

Jelena M. Peterson

Lorann Mahnke

John F. F.

Kennette Lehr
Beth Wrobel

Sandy Waebeking

Betty Van Loon

Robert W. Miller

Dan Schoepfel

Wady Schibkallut

Heide Mueller

Beth Web

Benjamin P. Bain

Danielle Fetters

Maize Muller

Christmas Season.

The faculty and staff of St. Paul's Elementary school wish each and every family a very blessed