

From the Principal.....

As we move into December, our classrooms begin to glow with the anticipation of Christmas – Christmas art decorates the hallways and excitement builds as we prepare for our Christmas program. Practices are already underway, and it is such a joy to watch the students learn songs, memorize lines, and most importantly understand the message behind what they are sharing. Their enthusiasm reminds us that the story of Jesus' birth is good news worth celebrating.

In the middle of all our rehearsals, decorating, and family traditions, it is good to pause and remember the heart of Christmas. The prophet Isaiah pointed God's people forward to the gift we now celebrate: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given...and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." -Isaiah 9:6

One way we help students live out this message is through our annual Walmart shopping trip. Each year our students pool their money together and select gifts and necessities for families in our community who are in need. This experience teaches a lesson that stays with them far beyond the Christmas season...that is truly is more important to give than to receive. We pray this service opportunity helps shape generous hearts and reminds our students of the joy that comes from blessing others.

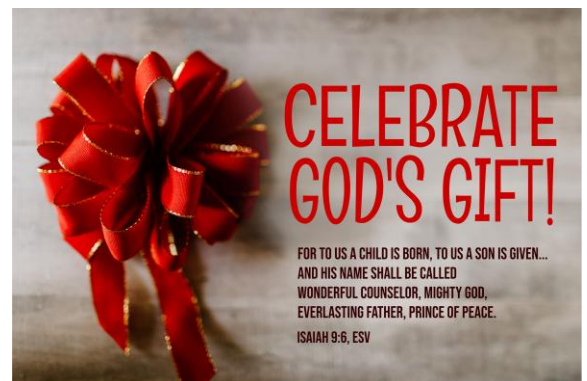
A children's book that beautifully supports this theme is [The Sparkle Box](#) by Jill Hardie. In the story, a young boy fills a special box with acts of kindness done in Jesus' honor. It teaches children that the most meaningful gifts of Christmas aren't wrapped in paper – they shine through love, generosity, and compassion.

As a school family, may we look for ways to "fill our own sparkle boxes" this season: showing kindness, serving others, and sharing the joy of Jesus' birth in all we do.

Blessings to you and your family during this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Seehafer



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Upcoming events

December 2	STEM Club 3:05-4:00 p.m.
December 3	Board of Education 6:30 pm
December 5	Walmart Shopping
December 9	Art Club 3:05-4:00 p.m.
December 16	God's Kids Club Kids for Christ 3:05-4:00 p.m.
December 17	Children's Christmas Service 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 24-Jan. 2	No School Christmas Break
January 5	Classes Begin -- 7:55 am

Happy Birthday to

December 2	Jett Mueller
December 22	Jackson Price



December Chapel Offerings to Support Camp LuWiSoMo

This December, our chapel offerings will be dedicated to supporting **Camp LuWiSoMo**, a Christ-centered camp and retreat facility located in Wild Rose, Wisconsin. Camp LuWiSoMo provides a place where children, youth, and families can grow in faith, experience God's creation, and build lasting friendships through outdoor ministry.

By donating our offerings to Camp LuWiSoMo, we are helping ensure that campers of all ages continue to have opportunities to encounter Christ in meaningful ways—whether through summer camp programs, retreats, or special events. Your generosity will directly support the camp's mission of nurturing faith and fellowship in a beautiful natural setting.

We invite everyone to prayerfully consider how their gifts this month can make a difference. Together, our December offerings will bless Camp LuWiSoMo and the many lives touched by its ministry.

Mission Statement

The mission of St. Stephen Lutheran School is to prepare our students to be disciples of Christ through academic excellence with a firm foundation in God's Word.

Vision Statement

It is our vision at St. Stephen Lutheran School to be the model in Christian education for delivering academic excellence, faith-based education, and enhanced student achievement.