

From the Principal.....

Love in Action

February is often known for hearts, Valentine's cards, and reminders of love. At school, we see love lived out every day...in helping hands, kind words, patience, forgiveness, and friendships that grow stronger even after disagreements.

The Bible reminds us where true love comes from:
"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Jesus is the perfect example of love. His love wasn't just spoken, it was shown through His actions. He cared for the lonely, welcomed children, forgave freely, and put others before Himself. As we move through February, we encourage our students to look for ways to show Jesus' love in simple but meaningful ways: including helping a classmate, encouraging a friend, listening carefully, or pitching in without being asked.

A children's book that beautifully connects with this message is Have You Filled a Bucket Today? By Carol McCloud. The story reminds children that our words and actions can either "fill" others' buckets with kindness or dip from them with unkindness. When we show love, kindness, and encouragement, we are living out Christ's love in everyday moments.

Valentine's Day is a wonderful reminder that love is more than candy and cards; it's about caring for one another the way Jesus cares for us. My prayer this month is that our school continues to be a place where love is shown freely, forgiveness is practiced often, and Jesus' love shines through each of us.

May we challenge ourselves, students and adults alike, to ask each day: *How can I show Jesus' love today?*

In Christ,
Mrs. Seehafer



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Upcoming events

- February 3 Knight of Excellence
Art & Science Fair
6:00-7:00 pm
- February 4 Board of Education Meeting
5:30 pm
- February 10 Art Club
3:05-4:00 pm
- February 16 No School
- February 17 Open House
4:30-6:30 pm
- February 18 Ash Wednesday
- February 20 No School

Happy Birthday to

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| February 7 | Maya Price |
| February 16 | Natalie Virnig |
| February 22 | Hailey Nisleit |



February Chapel Offerings to SWD Hearts for Jesus

Throughout the month of February, our school will be supporting this year's **Hearts for Jesus** mission project. For the past 20 years, the South Wisconsin District has partnered in the joyful work of establishing a national Lutheran church body in the Dominican Republic. What began with one Brazilian pastor and one American deaconess has grown into a vibrant ministry that now includes **five congregations, a preaching station, two schools, a home for individuals with developmental disabilities, and a seminary.**

At the 2025 District Convention, our churches and schools committed to a special thank-offering with the goal of raising **\$100,000** to help construct a new church building for one of the congregations in the Dominican Republic.

Our students will have the opportunity to take part in this mission through their Chapel offerings each week in February. We're excited to join together in blessing our brothers and sisters in Christ as the Gospel continues to grow around the world.

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.