

## February 2025

Dear St. Stephen Families,

Love. With just that one word, so many things come to mind such as "puppy love", "true love", "love at first sight", and "all is fair in love and war". Of course, in our great state of Wisconsin, one can't help but think of the Packers and Jordan Love (even though I will forever be a Brett Favre fan).

Throughout this past football season, I've enjoyed watching the performance of Jordan Love. His dedication and skill on the field have brought excitement and hope to many fans. Just as Jordan Love lead his team with perseverance and strength, we are reminded of the leadership and love that God shows us every day.

This February, especially with Valentin's Day coming up, gives us an opportunity to express OUR love and appreciation for one another. It is a time to show kindness and compassion reflecting the love that God has for each of us. This month, especially, I am reminded of the profound blessing it is to teach and take on the role of principal at our Christ-centered school. Each day I get to witness the love of God in action-through the care our teachers provide, the friendships formed among our students, and the support of wonderful families.

February in Wisconsin is a month that beautifully intertwines the themes of love and faith, making it a perfect time for reflection. As we navigate through February and the cold winter days, we are reminded of the warmth and love that surround us from God. This month, we should all reflect on the greatest love of all: God's love for us. In 1 John 4:19, we are reminded, "We love because He first loved us." At St. Stephen, this truth guides everything we do. Whether it's teaching math,

attending chapel, or simply greeting one another in the hallway, we strive to reflect the unconditioned love of Christ in our actions.

February also brings special opportunities to help students understand that love is more than a feeling - it is a choice to serve, care, and show compassion to others. Simple, but important things such as praying together, reading scripture, or finding ways to share kindness to classmates reflects God's love. Therefore, with open hearts, let's embrace this season and reflect Christ's love in ALL we do.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seehafer

## **Upcoming events**

February 1	Herd Basketball Game 7:00 pm
February 3	WPCP Application Period Begins
February 4	Kids for Christ
February 5	Board of Education-5:30 pm
February 6	Open House 5:30-7:00 pm
February 11	Art Club
February 17	No School
February 18	God's Kids Club
February 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Attend <i>Cinderella</i> at Children's Theater - Madison
February 21	No School
February 25	STEM/Board Games



## February Chapel Offerings LeadaChild

LeadaChild is an independent Lutheran Mission Agency, dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus' love to children through Christian education in third world countries.

LeadaChild gathers gifts and donations from supporters and uses the funds to provide scholarships, school registration, and supplies for children so that they can attend Lutheran schools and after-school programs. They also provide professional development for leaders and teachers at their sites, with an emphasis on effective ways to share the Gospel and teach Biblical truths to children.

Whether these children experience modern classrooms with computers and desks, or are surrounded by woven grass walls, they are hearing about a Heavenly Father who loves them. A Son who has redeemed them from sin, death, and the devil, and a Spirit who fills their hearts with hope and salvation.

Thank you for your continued support of our Chapel projects.

Offerings are collected at every Chapel service and encourage faithful giving of first fruits to our Lord. Chapel offering envelopes were distributed on the first week of school. If you have misplaced yours, please contact the Office.

## Happy Birthday to

February 7 Maya Price

February 16 Natalie Virnig

February 22 Hailey Nisleit

