

## Principal's Page

Usually at this time of the year, I have what I call the post-Christmas blues. All the hustle and bustle has come to an end. Shopping is done, gifts have been exchanged, special family gatherings have come and gone, and eventually the pretty decorations have to be taken down. The entire month of December I always look forward to all the Advent and Christmas services, especially the candle light service on Christmas Eve (my favorite). Those too, have ended. However, as we transition from the festive warmth of December into the chilly embrace of January, I can't help but think of our school theme for this year...**ENDURE!** The lessons and joys of celebrating Jesus' birth will linger in our hearts. For teachers and students, this time of year is not just about returning to school routines but also about carrying forward the **ENDURING** themes of Christmas.

The first theme we can carry forward is that "Jesus is the Light of the World". The story of Jesus' birth reminds us that He is the light in our lives. As we enter January, we can strive to be lights in our school and community. This can be as simple as helping a classmate or participating in community service, reflecting Jesus' love in action.

A second theme we can carry forward into January is "New Beginnings". Just as the New Year offers a fresh start, Jesus' birth signifies new beginnings and hope. This is a perfect time to set personal and academic goals, such as improving study habits. January offers a chance to start anew with Jesus as our Guide.

Another theme we can carry with us is "Enduring Faith". The message of Christmas is certainly one of enduring faith and love. As students, we can carry this message into our daily lives. Whatever challenges we may face, we can rest assured that Jesus is always with us. This God-given faith can provide strength and motivation, helping us to overcome obstacles and grow both spiritually and academically.

Entering January with these themes in mind, we can transform the post-Christmas blues into a period of growth and reflection. By keeping Jesus at the center of our lives, we can navigate through this second half of the school year with a renewed sense of purpose and joy.

In Christ,

Mrs. Seehafer

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## December/January Chapel Offerings

During December and January our Chapel offerings will be donated to Lutherans for Life, a Lutheran organization that exists to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be a Gospel-motivated voice For Life.

All students will also receive a baby bottle that they can fill with coins and dollars throughout December and January. These filled baby bottles will be donated to the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County, whose mission is to “serve woman and their babies, both born and unborn, in Dodge County by offering support, guidance, and education in times of physical, emotional and spiritual need.”

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.

## Upcoming events

- January 2 School Resumes
- January 7 Kids For Christ
- January 8 Board of Education–5:30 pm
- January 14 Art Club
- January 17 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Early Release
- January 20 No School
- January 21 God’s Kids Club
- January 26 All School Sing in Church
- January 28 STEM/Board Games

## Happy Birthday to

- January 12 Zoey Fude
- January 27 Katryna Johnson
- January 28 Emmitt Koepsell

“The Mission and Ministry of  
St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church & School  
is to bring Christ to all people  
and to help them grow in their Christian faith, life and service”