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Blessed by One Another – by Mrs. Seehafer

November is often the month when we are reminded to be thankful. But perhaps instead of making a list of the things we are thankful for, this month we can simply stop and look around.

Look around our school. Look around our church. Look at the people God has placed here.

We are blessed.

We are blessed with teachers and staff members who pour their time, energy, patience, and hearts into our children each day. They teach much more than reading, writing, and math. They teach God's Word, model Christian love, offer encouragement, and remind our students that Jesus is with them in every part of their day.

We are blessed by a congregation that continues to support the ministry of St. Stephen Lutheran School in so many ways. Some serve visibly, while others work quietly behind the scenes. Some give their time, some share their talents, and some simply offer a word of encouragement or a prayer. Each contribution matters.

We are blessed by parents and grandparents who entrust their children to us and partner with us in raising them in the faith. We are blessed by volunteers who step in wherever they are needed. We are blessed by the people who notice when something needs to be done, and simply do it.

And then there are our students.

Their laughter in the hallways, their questions, their artwork, their singing in church, their successes, and even their struggles remind us why this ministry is so important. Every child who walks through our doors is a blessing and an opportunity to share the love of Jesus.

St. Stephen maybe a small school, but God has given us something far greater than numbers. He has given us a community of people who care deeply about children, about Christian education, and about sharing the Gospel.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, perhaps the greatest blessing is not any one thing we can point to. It is the blessing of one another. God has brought together a church and school family with different gifts, different roles, and different ways of serving…but with one shared purpose: to point children to Jesus. "From Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen." Romans 11:36

May we continue to look around, recognize the blessings God has placed among us, and give Him the glory for this wonderful ministry we share. Blessed by one another. Blessed to serve. Blessed to be rooted in Christ.

Upcoming events

November 1	PK-4th Grades Sing-9:00 am
November 3	Gods' Kids Club
November 4-5	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 7	5th-8th Grades Sing-5:30 pm
November 10	Faith & Fun
November 11	Board of Education-5:30 pm
November 17	STEM Club
November 19	Picture Retakes
November 25-27	No School-Thanksgiving

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Dear St. Stephen Families,

I want to take a moment to share some important news with you regarding a change in leadership at St. Stephen School.

After much thought and consideration, I have decided to step down from my role as principal and pass the reins to Mr. Brian Brauer, who will officially assume the principal role on November 1. This has not been an easy decision, as St. Stephen and its families mean a lot to me. However, between the demands of the principal position and some personal challenges, I have come to realize that I simply do not have the time and energy needed to give the role the attention it deserves.

As many of you know, I broke my leg in August and underwent surgery. Unfortunately, my recovery has been slower and more complicated than expected. I developed an infection in my incision that required an additional surgery. While I continue to focus on healing, I have also had time to reflect on my responsibilities and where I can best serve our school and its students.

Mr. Brauer will continue teaching math, science, and religion to our 5th-8th graders in the mornings while taking on the responsibilities of principal as well. He brings wonderful ideas for growing our school, along with his administrative degree and a genuine heart for our students and staff. I am confident he will do a wonderful job leading our school into this next chapter!

I want to thank all of you for your support and trust over these past two-plus years as principal. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve our school in this capacity. As I step away from the principal role, I am looking forward to focusing my time and energy on what I love so much: teaching our littlest learners in 3K through kindergarten. These early years are such an important time in a child's faith and education, and I feel blessed to continue nurturing their love for Jesus while helping them grow and learn each day.

Although my role is changing, my love for St. Stephen, our students, and our families is not. I look forward to continuing to be part of this wonderful school community and seeing all that God has in store for St. Stephen School!

Blessings,
Mrs. Seehafer

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Let's make a meaningful impact this November!

Each week in November, your chapel offering helps support the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces—a vital outreach that brings the comfort of Christ to those serving our country. Whether it's a few coins or a generous gift, your contribution matters.

Let's come together as a school community to show our gratitude and share God's love with those who protect our freedoms.

Happy Birthday to

November 3	Samuel Purdy
November 7	Bryce Wianecki
November 8	Ellie Mueller
November 15	Mrs. Hessler
November 18	Adley Miller
November 21	Pastor Seehafer

St. Stephen Lutheran School - 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.

St. Stephen Lutheran School - 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.