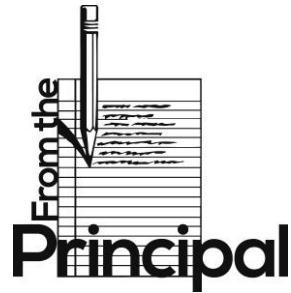


## “Endure”



I have always liked to run. I started out first by doing 5K races and moved up to 10K races. I like challenges and eventually progressed to running half-marathons. Back in 2016, I was on a mission. I wanted to see if I could run thirteen half-marathons in one year. Low and behold, I accomplished my goal. Needless to say, by the end of that year...I had ENDURED, but I was tired.

The theme for the 2024-2025 school year is “Endure”, which is taken from Hebrews 12:1-3. “...and let us run with endurance...”. As I read the theme, it made me think of all the training along with all my races that I have endured. It dawned on me that running a marathon is a lot like running the marathon of life! There are many similarities between the two.

Life can sometimes be viewed as a difficult marathon that we all, parents, teachers, and students alike must run. Life can definitely be viewed as a grueling race that includes some big hills and mucky waters that we must get through. To run this marathon called life, I think it is important to remember a few things. First, we need to understand that God sets the course for us. We may grumble or complain at times saying, “Why did the course take me around that turn?” The answer is that God planned it that way. We need to run by faith. Secondly, we must remember to always run with endurance. We have to be willing to put forth the effort. Lastly, we must never forget that Jesus is our main motivation to keep going.

So, as we “run” through this school year, never take your eyes off Jesus, never grow weary, and never lose heart. It will be a great year!

Mrs. Seehafer

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## Upcoming events

**Tuesday, October 1** – Kids For Christ (3:05 p.m.-4:15 p.m.)

**Sunday, October 6** – All School Sing in Church (9:00 a.m.)

**Tuesday, October 8** – Art Club – Watercolors (3:05 p.m.-4:15 p.m.)

**Thursday, October 10** – St. Stephen Board of Education meeting  
School Library (5:30 p.m.)

**Friday, October 11** – Grandparents' Day - Jennie Williamson "God is Great" concert

**Tuesday, October 15** – God's Kids Club (3:05 p.m.-4:15 p.m.)

**Thursday, October 17** – School Pictures

**Friday, October 18** – Field Trip to Voy's Pumpkin Ranch (after lunch)

**Tuesday, October 22** – Lego/STEM/Board Games (3:05 p.m.-4:15 p.m.)

**Saturday, October 26** – Fall Harvest Fest (10:30-12:00)  
Trunk or Treat, Games, Face Painting, DJ Music & Dancing,  
Caramel Apple Bar

## **GFL Fundraiser Update**

Serving and giving back DOES pay off!!

A **BIG Thank You** to everyone who volunteered for the  
GFL Highway Cleanup on September 14.

Thanks to your hard work, \$1300 was raised for our School!!

Your efforts make a huge difference in keeping our community clean and beautiful.

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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"

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## October Chapel Offerings Fort Wayne Seminary

Our October Chapel recipient is the Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Concordia Seminary exists to form servants in Jesus

Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all. CTS-FW is a vibrant, Christ-centered theological community that engages and resources the church and world, domestically and internationally, with distinctively Lutheran teaching, practice, and worship.

We've all seen pastors at work, leading worship, preaching the sermon, presiding over the Lord's Supper, and baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They're also the first ones to the hospital, the last ones at the graveside, the pre-marital counselors, and the Bible study leaders. They comfort God's people in distress, challenge them in complacency, and, above all, love them in all circumstances.

Your donations will help sponsor a future pastor at Fort Wayne.

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

Oct. 4	Vienna Stratman Mrs. Rupnow
Oct. 11	Callie Gonzalez
Oct. 15	April Reible
Oct. 26	Kadin Wippermann