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**As I write this...** St. Stephen Lutheran School is celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week. Instead of continuing with my own article, I defer to the words of our synodical president and the synod's director of school ministry.....

## **Presidential Proclamation**

### **2018 National Lutheran Schools Week**

Whereas, God in His Word comforts us in the knowledge that His Son "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb. 13:8); and

Whereas, That same Jesus Christ is at the heart and core of each Lutheran school's mission and work, setting them apart from every other curriculum and model available in education; and

Whereas, Lutheran schools consistently produce articulate, thinking and speaking academics and theologians who are grounded in an understanding of and faith in the One who gives the gifts of math and science, language and history, sports and art; and

Whereas, Discovery and inquisitiveness, curiosity and revelation, high standards and academic excellence are a key mission priority for the Synod regarding Lutheran education, both as they pertain to Christ and to the world His Father created; and

Whereas, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in which knowledge and understanding of Jesus and His gifts was offered freely and plainly to all, just as it remains today in Lutheran schools; and

Whereas, Students and parents, principals and teachers, coaches and donors all have opportunity to bear witness to Christ by reminding those on the field and in the classroom that "It's Still All About Jesus;" therefore be it

Resolved, That January 21–27, 2018 be officially proclaimed as National Lutheran Schools Week in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison  
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**National Lutheran Schools Week** affords us the opportunity to join with more than 2,000 schools in giving thanks and praise to the great God we serve. We are grateful for the challenge that we have been given to train and equip the children who attend our schools. During this annual event, congregations and schools are provided with an opportunity to rejoice together in the partnership that we have in sharing God's grace and mercy as we provide another year of spiritual training and educational preparation to the next generation of faithful Christian servants.

This year's theme, "It's *Still* All About Jesus," is based on Heb. 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." It provides a fitting purpose for our celebration. We worship the same Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as our ancestors did when they came to America and founded the first Lutheran schools in Perry County, Mo., in 1847.

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As we celebrate, it is important to review the context of the theme verse: *Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.* (Heb. 13:7–9, emphasis added)

Lutheran teachers are role models for their students. This is a great and awesome responsibility. Teachers stand in the same sinful condition as their students, in need of a Savior. Through their actions, teachers can demonstrate the joy of forgiveness, grace and mercy that is afforded to us by our Lord and Savior. Apart from parents, there is no more important role model for students than a joyful, faith-filled, forgiven Lutheran teacher.

We can all celebrate the fact that our schools will remain faithful to the teachings and confessions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We will not be led away by the diverse and strange teachings being imparted in our world today. Our God is faithful, and we will remain faithful to Him. We stand fast in the knowledge that our Lord and Savior is the same yesterday and today and forever. That's the reason for our celebration!

Terry Schmidt, Director  
LCMS School Ministry, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

St. Stephen Lutheran School has been blessed to serve families in educational ministry for 153 years. We give our good and gracious Lord thanks and praise for the guidance and blessings provided and enjoyed over the years. We look forward to the opportunities to come in our future, confident of His presence and abundant blessings. We are looking to participate in the Wisconsin Private School Choice Program (vouchers) for the 2018-2019 school year.

We encourage your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and support for our school ministry- for those that attend, those that serve, and for all that are connected to us. We also welcome your children and those of your family, neighbors, and friends to be a part of our church and school family.

May the Lord be with us and bless us.....He is, and He will.  
Peace & Joy!

*Mr. Joel M. Bahr, Principal*

## **Upcoming events**

Feb. 9	Midpoint 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Feb. 13	Progress Reports
Feb. 16	Early Release-12:30
Feb. 19	No School
Feb. 24	Child Care Bowling Event
March 3	St. Stephen Auction

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## Pleased to Present a Parent

One of the true blessings here at St. Stephen Lutheran School is the love and support parents have for our school. Their contributions are very valuable to the operation of our ministry. We are very grateful for them all and are "Pleased to Present" the following parents this month.....

**Kelly Merrill & Dave Wolff**..... Dave is a Process Engineer at Steel Craft Corporation in Hartford while Kelly works as a Purchasing Tech at Federal-Mogul in Waupun. Dave enjoys spending time in the outdoors with the kids, in the summer they like to go hiking and camping. Dave is also a sports fan and used to play basketball. Whenever the kids are playing, he is there to support them and has kept the books and cleans up the gym after games. Dave is also helping raise money for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip. Kelly loves art and when daughter Haley started here at St. Stephen (11 years ago), Mrs. Wrucke, her teacher, invited Kelly to come in and help the kids with art. She also helped with field trips. Kelly has served on our auction committee, marketing committee, fundraisers, concessions, and more. Dave and Kelly have three children: Haley, a graduate of St. Stephen and now a junior at Horicon High...Mason, an eighth-grader, a very solid student-athlete...and Sophie, a sixth-grader, student-athlete, and one of the nicest, friendliest, easy-going young ladies to know. Kelly says the kids get their athletic ability from Dave. With three kids and all their extra-curricular activities, they keep pretty busy. Kelly also says that she appreciates the fine education they've received from St. Stephen Lutheran.

**Mike & Katie Becherer**..... Mike has been a Tool Maker for Mantz Automation for the past 25 years. In the summer he volunteers as a T-ball coach for Horicon Recreation Department. Mike has helped clean up after St. Stephen's Rummage Sales. Katie is the Surgical Services Nurse Educator with Aurora Health in Hartford. Katie has served as an assistant coach for our girls' volleyball teams the last 2 years. She also serves as secretary for the St. Stephen's Child Care Board. Katie is also active in her church, teaching kindergarten religion on Sundays during the school year for St. Mary's, Mayville. Mike & Katie have 2 children in our school: Elizabeth is a fine young lady and student in our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, while Tristin is an energetic and inquisitive 1<sup>st</sup> grader. In their leisure time, the Becherer family loves going to Canada for the family fishing trip each year. Mike is an avid hunter and the kids will follow dad's lead. Tristin and dad enjoy archery and 3 year-old, Alexander, likes to retrieve arrows for them. The family also enjoys time outdoors in Tigerton, Canada, or by the grandparent's place on Little Green Lake near West Bend.

We recognize and appreciate the Wolff-Merrill and Becherer families, giving God thanks and praise for them. We are blessed to work with them and pray for God's continued guidance and blessings upon them.

## Happy Birthday to

Feb. 4	Rylan Powell Claire Schwartz
Feb. 11	Brooke Steiner
Feb. 19	Ethan Ramel
Feb. 22	Kollin Kanzenbach Hailey Yanez
Feb. 24	Max LaBlanc
Feb. 25	Mercedez Heller
Feb. 26	Ayla Weber

### Save the Date

Come one come all!!! Lace up your bowling shoes and shine your bowling ball to help support the St. Stephen's Child Care! Please join us Saturday, **February 24** at the Dodge Entertainment Center, in Horicon. The tournament will begin at 1:00pm.

Registration slips can be picked up in the Child Care office. Create your team of 4 with family members, friends or neighbors. The registration fee is \$20.00 per person. The fee includes 3 games of bowling, shoes, and prizes.

We will also have a silent auction with many unique baskets and item to help raise money for our child care! All proceeds will go back directly St. Stephen's Child Care, Inc. Silent Auction items will be set outside our office the week before the event to start the bidding.

We look forward to seeing you for a day of fun. We appreciate your involvement and thank you for your help in supporting St. Stephen's Child Care.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Mac 'n Cheese Corn Dogs Veggies & Dip Mixed Fruit	<b>2</b> Pizza Lettuce Salad Banana	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Chicken Patty Tator Tots Peaches	<b>6</b> Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggies & Dip Yogurt	<b>7</b> Sub Sandwiches Chips Veggies & Dip Pears	<b>8</b> Chicken Breast Baked Potato Applesauce	<b>9</b> Pepperoni Bosco Sticks Lettuce Salad Peaches	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Chicken Noodle Soup Salami Sandwich Veggies & Dip Banana	<b>13</b> Nachos Meat & Cheese Lettuce, Tomato Applesauce	<b>14</b> Chicken Nuggets Potato Smiles Peaches	<b>15</b> Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Oranges	<b>16</b> Lasagna Lettuce Salad Pears  Early Release	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> No School	<b>20</b> French Toast Sticks Cheese Omelet Sausage Cinnamon Roll	<b>21</b> Hard or Soft Shell Tacos Lettuce, Tomatoes Mandarin Oranges	<b>22</b> Pizza Lettuce Salad Banana	<b>23</b> Hot Turkey on a Bun Corn Mandarin Oranges	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Ham on a Bun Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Pineapple Tidbits	<b>27</b> Chicken Alfredo Lettuce Salad Peaches	<b>28</b> Hot Dogs French Fries Pears		<b>Chapel Offerings for the month of February will be donated to Answers in Genesis-Creation Museum</b>	