

# The Principal's Page

## Faribault Lutheran School

Faribault Lutheran School is a shared ministry of Peace and Trinity Lutheran Churches

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### PERSEVERE

There once was an unsuccessful farmer who won a fabulous fortune, ten million dollars, in a nationwide promotional contest. When he went to claim his prize, dozens of reporters crowded around him clamoring for a few words to share with their audiences. One asked, "What are you going to do with all of that money?"

With a look of puzzlement and determination, the farmer replied, "I guess I'll keep on farming 'til it's all gone."

That's what I'd call perseverance! Perseverance can best be described as determined continuation with something; or a steady and continued action or belief, usually over a long period and especially despite difficulties or setbacks. Perseverance can be an admirable quality when properly directed. However, if misdirected, as in the case of the unsuccessful farmer, it sounds eerily like Benjamin Franklin's definition of insanity: "Doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." Perseverance in the very best sense is a trait for many of us, especially as Christians. We have a message to share, a message of hope and salvation that others need to hear. One would think that everyone in this sin-sick world would be anxious to hear the simple, hope-filled message that Jesus loves them, died to save them, rose from the dead to defeat death for them, forgives them all of their sins, and is preparing a place for them in heaven. We know all too well that this great message often falls on deaf ears in this sin filled world.

In the face of such all too common resistance our sinful human nature suggests responses like fear, trepidation, discouragement, surrender, even going along to get along.

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Godly perseverance, however, is our Lord's encouragement to

us. It's not easy, but it does come with divine encouragement and practical counsel from St. Paul himself:

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:14-17 NIV)

Perseverance in sharing God's Word is insanity to the world, but it brings salvation to all who hear and come to believe it, even after resisting, rejecting and dismissing it at first. May God bless your persistence.

### "GIFTED FOR DISCIPLESHIP"

The theme chosen for the school year is "Gifted for Discipleship." This theme will be developed throughout the year in classroom devotions, chapel services, and other events. As a school, students, parents and teachers, will learn more about the wonderful gift that God has given us in His Word and how he has uniquely created each of us for His work.

### NEW PRINCIPAL ON STAFF

Mr. Joel Witt has joined Faribault Lutheran School. Mr. Witt and his family moved to Faribault from Farrar, Missouri; approximately 80 miles south of St. Louis. The Witt's would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome to Faribault.





