

# From our Principal

## Why Call a Lutheran teacher? A school principal's perspective

A proposal will be made to the congregation soon to extend a Call to a Lutheran teacher to join the staff at our school. Many people have questions about not only the process of calling a teacher but why it is important to do so. I thought it would be wise to address the why before we jump into the process.

As a Lutheran school it is our responsibility not only to teach children about God's love for them, but to do so from a distinctly Lutheran point of view. We are members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod because we believe that the doctrines and teachings of this church body are faithful to Holy Scripture. While any Christian teacher may have faith in Christ and be able to share that with the children, it is our mission to share our Lutheran faith with the children and teach them from that perspective. A Lutheran teacher (also called a commissioned minister by the LCMS) has been trained not only in theology from a Lutheran point of view, but also in teaching from this perspective.

One of the goals of our school is to bring God's Word into all parts of the children's education, to help them to see God's love in all the ways that He provides for us. There is great value for all of our students, whether they are Lutheran or not, in receiving a consistent message of God's love and about God's Word from our entire ministry team. A Lutheran teacher will be well grounded in the Lutheran faith and able to build upon the foundation the students are given by our pastors in chapel. Having teachers with the same faith background in our classrooms allows us to present the Truth of God's Word to the students faithfully and consistently from day-to-day and year-to-year.

This is the primary rationale for calling a Lutheran teacher to our congregation and school, but it is surely not the only reason. The school board and I would encourage you to talk with any of us if you have any more questions about why there is a need for Lutheran teachers in our school.

