Northern Illinois District
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Education Update

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"Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!" — Psalm 34:3 ESV

Did you know there are currently 80 Lutheran schools in the LCMS Northern Illinois District? These include 34 stand-alone early childhood centers, 43 PK-8th grade elementary schools, 2 high schools, and Concordia University Chicago.

We are pleased that so many of our teachers and staff continually work toward improving skills and furthering their own education. In fact, several of our NID educators have begun graduate work or completed the Colloquy program to become Commissioned Workers in the LCMS.

While it's true that enrollment in our NID schools has declined a bit in the past year due to various reasons, we continue to work toward offering a quality, Christian education to each of the children and families we are blessed to serve. In schools where staffing shifts and vacancies occur, call committees are formed and then they diligently follow God's direction in the search for administrators and teachers.

Our schools and youth groups in the LCMS Northern Illinois District embody the District's monthly theme for March: Priesthood of All Believers. The focus is on Jesus each and every day throughout all the activities and classes which are taught. Students are shown through the examples of their teachers and pastors how to treat one another with respect and a servant heart as they grow. Youth groups focus on keeping Jesus the main thing as they step out in service to others and grow in the Word together.

May all schools and congregations continue to support, encourage, and pray for the youth of the church.