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Congratulations to ELEA's Elementary Principal of the Year and Early Childhood Director of the Year!



Christi Lines
ELEA Elementary
Principal of the
Year
2010—2011

"The best metaphor I can use is that of fabric, woven of many strands that relate to one another, even when they often cross purposes. Christi has been gifted to be such a weaver. . . .

She has a keen mind and the ability to analyze complex situations . . . Christi has served as a shining example to others in the community of the importance of service and leadership.

I believe she embodies the quote: "There is nothing so gentle as real strength and nothing so strong as real gentleness."

ELEA is proud to announce that Christi Lines, Principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School in Waverly, Iowa, is the recipient of the 2010-2011 Principal of the Year Award. The above comments, shared by co-workers and parents, show the level of commitment and dedication that Christi has to quality, Christ-centered education.

During Christi's thirteen-year tenure as principal of St. Paul's, she has faced many challenges, including severe facility damage from over 3 feet of floodwaters rushing through the facility during a 2008 flood. She was the cornerstone of the clean up effort, working tirelessly with officials and leaders to make sure the educational quality of each child's school experience was the best it could be despite the situation.

Well deserving, Christi has also been chosen as a National Distinguished Principal representing ELEA schools, by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. She will be honored at events in Washington, DC in October 2011, and at the ELEA National Administrator & Pastor conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota in February of 2012.

Congratulations, Christi!

"She has a tremendous knowledge of early childhood development and even in the most difficult situations, Karen remains transparent to her teaching team and involves them in strategies to help not only the children in our Center, but to help the families. . . .

It is a pleasure to work with Karen, because she gives so much to the well-being of the school and children, and her business acumen enhances the whole operation. She is one-in-a-million."

ELEA is proud to announce that Karen Freeman, Director of San Marcos Lutheran Church Children's Center in San Marcos, California, is the recipient of the 2010—2011 Early Childhood Director of the Year award. The above comments, shared by co-workers and parents, highlight her dedication and knowledge and are an example of her shining qualities.

Karen has served as director at San Marcos Lutheran since 2004, and has led the center in many positive directions, none the least of which is the creation of "Children's Creek". Children's Creek is an outdoor, hands-on, developmental classroom where children are taught about the beauty of God's creation and the importance of being good stewards.

Karen recently led San Marcos Lutheran through the ELEA Early Childhood Accreditation process, receiving full seven-year accreditation.

Karen will be honored as ELEA Director of the Year at the February 2012 ELEA National Administrator & Pastor Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Congratulations, Karen!



Karen Freeman
ELEA Early
Childhood
Director of the
Year
2010—2011

Well Down The Road— The ELEA Centers of Wellness Project

The ELEA Centers of Wellness Project is poised to begin its third year. The seed grant provided by Wheat Ridge Ministries has been blessed and augmented by additional donations from individuals and one other family foundation. ELEA has in its mission, “Promoting and supporting quality Christ-centered schools and early childhood centers of

the ELCA.” This project is an example of how our association seeks to carry out its mission by providing innovative programs and models to assist the mission to provide nurture, care, and services to children, families and their communities of faith. This article addresses three key questions.

What does the Centers of Wellness Project seek to accomplish?

Our schools and early childhood centers are increasingly asked to provide more services in additional areas of human needs beyond intellectual development. The project will develop a program model that assists schools and early childhood centers to provide this service.

What is contained in the Centers of Wellness Program Model?

The model is based on the seven areas of wellness identified in the ELCA Wholeness Wheel. These areas of wellness are: Spiritual, Emotional, Vocational, Financial (Stewardship), Physical, Intellectual, and Social



Hugh Kress, ELEA's Accreditation Coordinator & Centers of Wellness Project Coordinator, on a recent school bus ride while visiting the Navajo Lutheran Mission School in Rock Point, Arizona, one of the pilot sites for the Centers of Wellness Project

services to children, families and their community?

It is a general pattern throughout our communities, states and nation that we are in a period of shrinking resources. No longer do we have the ability to maintain, much less, expand our programs and services as islands of mission. One of the main thesis of this project is that, in order to meet the increasing needs, service institutions must share and interconnect with other agencies. The Centers of Wellness Model assists and promotes tapping the resources of agencies locally, state-wide and national. In most cases, there are existing resources that can provide for a wellness program, but our mission islands do not know that they exist or how to connect with them.

A case in point is that Lenoir Ryne University in Hickory, North Carolina, has establish an institute which directly addresses the massive problem of childhood obesity. This not only offers training for those who are now at the university, but interns and

Interpersonal. The model breaks down each area of wellness into simple guidelines and standards for addressing these areas of needs.

The Key Question: How does this program assist schools and early childhood centers with limited resources to provide additional

student assistants that can work with local early childhood programs and schools in assisting their wellness programs. Many other universities offer such resources in the areas of wellness such as medical care, outdoor education, and classroom assistance. Many of our Lutheran Social Service agencies offer assistance in the social and emotional area. Not to be overlooked, dentists often have a “Mr Tooth” dental care program for schools and early childhood centers.



Through grant monies received due to their participation in the Centers of Wellness pilot project, the Navajo Mission School has some recently remodeled classrooms repairing weather damage

Later this year draft standards and guidelines will be available through the Centers of Wellness link on the ELEA web page. Individuals are encouraged to review these and respond through a simple survey. The Lord be with each who seeks to nurture and care for our children and families.

Hugh Kress, ELEA Accreditation and Centers of Wellness Project Coordinator

**Interested in ELEA Accreditation?
Visit our website at www.eleanational.org—click on “Accreditation”
on the left-hand column, and view a Power Point Presentation
that will answer many of your questions!**

ELEA's 2011 - 2012 Budget

The ELEA National Board approved the July 2011 - June 2012 fiscal year budget at its April meeting based on 490 school memberships and 15 individual and/or scholarship memberships. Also, don't forget that we are now offering online membership payments through our website - www.eleanational.org - click on "Membership", which allows members to pay by credit card. This is a great convenience and we are happy to offer the option, but there are fees for utilizing PayPal/credit cards, which also subtracts from our income.

Here's where you, the members, come in - we need YOU to: a) pay your dues; b) encourage your colleagues who are members to remain members and pay their dues; and c) encourage your colleagues who are not current members to join. Membership dues are what enable us to provide all of the services you have come to enjoy and count on—we're all in this together!!

You will notice some additional income and expenses related to programs that were previously administered by the ELCA's Churchwide Offices. As I am sure most of you know, all staffing positions which related to schools and early childhood centers at ELCA Churchwide have been eliminated during recent restructuring, and all services to schools and centers are now provided by ELEA.

The stipends received from the ELCA will allow us to continue several key programs previously administered through the ELCA; such as, Principal of the Year, Director of the Year, National Distinguished Principal (in conjunction with the National Association of Elementary School Principals), membership in CAPE (Council for American Private Education) and in NAESP, and the publishing and distribution of the annual devotion guide. This year's devotion guide was printed and mailed to all current ELEA members. Non-members wishing to have a copy or those members seeking additional copies may download them free of charge from our website at any time.

ELEA's national board of directors, along with its staff, seeks to be good stewards of your membership dollars. Office space is donated, much work is performed by a wonderful group of volunteers, and we are always mindful of spending. We have made it successful through several lean years created by a down economy and a number of school closures due to generous annual fund gifts and the grace of God. But, your membership dues are the mainstay needed to make it all happen. Thank you to all loyal members of ELEA!

Budget - July 2011 - June 2012

Income

Corporate Sponsorship	12,000.00
Annual Fund	5,000.00
Resources/Accreditation Fees	5,000.00
Membership Dues	111,937.50
Grants	
ELCA—General	5,000.00
Wellness Project/Accreditation	10,000.00
ELCA—CAPE Membership	5,000.00
ELCA—NAESP Membership	500.00
ELCA—Travel Support	2,000.00
ELCA—Devotion Guide	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,075.00

Total Income **\$ 161,512.50**

Expenses

Insurance/Bookkeeping Fees	1,820.00
Continuing Education	1,250.00
Office Expenses (supplies, equipment)	5,100.00
Mileage/Misc. Travel	4,200.00
Postage	5,150.00
Web Site Maintenance	600.00
Donald Vetter Award costs	750.00
AD&D Insurance (member benefit)	2,600.00
Accreditation Coordinator Expenses	8,000.00
Board Meetings	6,000.00
Phone and Internet	2,750.00
Misc. Member Benefits	2,100.00
Views & Vision (majority distributed electronically)	700.00
Payroll (includes 3 employees, health & pension, retirement)	105,333.73
CAPE Membership	5,000.00
NAESP Membership	500.00
Devotion Guide	4,000.00
Utilities	4,000.00
Miscellaneous expenses	900.00

Total Expenses **\$ 160,753.73**

Net Income **\$758.77**

ELEA's Purpose Statement

The Evangelical Lutheran Education Association promotes and supports quality, Christ-centered schools and early childhood programs of the ELCA and its full communion partners.

The ELEA National Board

ELEA is governed by a Board of Directors made up of representatives from each of the nine geographic Regions (Regions are defined by the ELCA - see elca.org/regions for an interactive map), along with a Pastoral Representative who can be from any Region, a liaison position from the ELCA's Congregational & Synodical Mission unit, and the ELEA Benefits Administrator in an advisory position. Board member vacancies are filled on a rotating basis, so that while members serve in three-year term increments, only 2 - 4 positions are open in any one year. Board member service runs on the same schedule as ELEA's fiscal year - July 1 - June 30 of each year.

We are happy to list the current slate of board members on Page 5, welcoming three new members this year - Pat Garrett from Region 1, Sandy Eckroth from Region 8, and Christine Hauge from Region 7 who is filling the remainder of an existing term vacated by Erinn Stampe. We also heartily thank two outgoing board members for their many years of service - Mary Ann Pollock from Region 8 who served as Board President since 2006, and Rose Moore from Region 1.

Each year in January, information is circulated regarding which positions will be open the coming July. An application process is in place where candidates submit applications which are reviewed by the Executive

Committee of the ELEA National Board and a selection is made at the Spring meeting of the Executive Committee. Regions which operate with a structured Board may select a candidate for service to represent them. The application process is still followed with references being checked.

Service on the ELEA National Board is an excellent way to not only represent your Region, but to gain knowledge about how the organization operates and be instrumental in developing policy and in program planning.

Position openings that will begin in July of 2012 are for Regions 2, 3, 7, and the pastoral position. Current board members from those regions, along with the pastoral position, are eligible for reelection, but new applicants are welcomed as well. If you are from one of those Regions, we encourage you to prayerfully consider applying for service to the organization and to our schools and centers in this way.

Board service is voluntary; however, expenses related to attendance at board meetings (airfare, accommodations, meals) are covered. The National Board meets face-to-face two times per year - generally in April and in October - and two times by conference call as needed - in June and January.

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

- ★ September 24—Region 4 Teacher and Administrator Conference at Faith Lutheran Church in Flower Mound, Texas. Watch for registration materials in August.
- ★ October 10-11—SWALDE (Southwest Chapter of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives) Fundraising/Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Registration materials are available from a home page link—www.eleanational.org
- ★ October 15—Region 4 Teacher and Administrator Conference at Butterfly Christian Preschool, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas. Watch for registration materials in September.
- ★ November 21-22—CAPSO (California Association of Private School Organizations) Conference—Long Beach, California
- ★ January 27-28, 2012—ELEA Region 3 Director and Teacher Conference in St. Louis Park, Minnesota
- ★ February 6-7, 2012—ELEA National Administrator & Pastor Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- ★ March 4—11, 2012—Lutheran Schools Week

Spring 2012
SAT and OLSAT
Testing Dates

Grades K-12

March 26 - April 26

**Mark Your
Calendars Now!!**

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ELEA's 50th Birthday Gifts!

✝ THANK YOU to those who have contributed to our Annual Fund and/or the School Extension Fund of ELEA. Donations to our Annual Fund go to ELEA's operating budget, and donations to the School Extension Fund go to provide up to three grants per year to schools and centers who are expanding their programs. We have had a great response to our 50th Birthday Appeal. ELEA is 50 years old this year! Thank you to those who have contributed in the last fiscal quarter:

- ★ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Marysville, WA
- ★ Steve and Susan Ryan, Peoria, AZ
- ★ Immanuel Lutheran School, Philadelphia, PA
- ★ Trinity Lutheran School, Marysville, Ohio
- ★ Christine Hauge, Brooklyn, NY
- ★ Butterfly Christian Preschool, Austin, TX—in honor of Pastor Stephen Youngdahl
- ★ Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool, Raleigh, NC—to the glory of God
- ★ Calvary Pre-K, Golden Valley, MN
- ★ Noah's Ark Preschool & Kindergarten, Mesa, AZ
- ★ Amazing Creations Preschool, Sunnyvale, CA
- ★ Grace Place Preschool, Tabernacle, NJ
- ★ Trinity Nursery School, Owatonna, MN—in Honor of Trinity Nursery School's 45th Birthday
- ★ Normandale Preschool, Edina, MN
- ★ Judy Hinck, Maplewood, MN—in honor of Gethsemane Lutheran School's faculty
- ★ Margaret Robison & Family, Austin, TX
- ★ Wendell & Rose Moore, Belfair, WA
- ★ Christ Lutheran Child Care Center, Belfair, WA
- ★ Good Shepherd Preschool, Olympia, WA
- ★ His Kids Christian Preschool, Limerick, PA
- ★ First Lutheran Early Education Center, Torrance, CA—in Honor of the dedicated teachers that lovingly care for the little ones entrusted to us daily
- ★ "Children First" Christian Preschool, Little Falls, MN
- ★ Hugh and Karen Kress, Waupaca, WI
- ★ Dan & Sherri Bishop, Westerville, OH
- ★ Marlene Lund, New York, NY
- ★ Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Novato, CA
- ★ Leif Ericson Day School, Brooklyn, NY
- ★ Cross & Crown Lutheran School, Rohnert Park, CA
- ★ Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School, Brookville, NY
- ★ Noah's Ark Preschool, Circle Pines, MN



- ★ Pat Garrett, Enumclaw, WA
- ★ Mel and Jane Kieschnick, Carlsbad, CA
- ★ Central College Preschool, Westerville, OH
- ★ Trinity Lutheran Christian Preschool & Kindergarten, Circleville, OH
- ★ Resurrection Lutheran Church, Oro Valley, AZ
- ★ Barbara Hanson, Red Wing, MN
- ★ Salem Lutheran Church, Glendale, CA
- ★ Raymond E. Orth, Sebewaing, MI—in Honor of Teacher Lynn Schebor
- ★ Westchester Lutheran Church & School, Westchester, CA
- ★ Carol Nelson Zwernik, Minnetonka, MN
- ★ Prince of Peace Lutheran Preschool, Everett, WA
- ★ Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Oak Lawn, IL
- ★ St. Peter's Nursery Preschool, Huntington Station, NY

In addition two gifts have been received that are designated for ELEA's Centers of Wellness Project:

- ★ Ken and Karen Kress, Emigrant, MT
- ★ Wheat Ridge Ministries

Several supporters of ELEA have designated their ThriventChoice dollars to ELEA:

- ★ Mike and Gayle Denny
- ★ Alan Feddersen

Your gifts are SO important for ELEA to maintain its current level of programming and not have to increase dues. Thank you!!!

We are celebrating ELEA's 50th Birthday all year long—if you haven't made a gift, it's not too late!

Making a significant gift to ministry can increase your bottom line!
By making a gift for a charitable gift annuity, for instance to ELEA,
you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payment for life.

Plus, part of each payment is tax free.

Call your ELCA Foundation Regional Gift Planner
or the ELCA Foundation at 800-638-3522, ext. 2970.

How Did You Celebrate Lutheran Schools Week??

“We take advantage of Lutheran Schools Week to let our families know more about Lutheran schools, since we are an outreach program with 75—85% of our enrollment from beyond our congregation. We use handouts, posters and teacher announcements as well as ‘Very Important Visitors’ (our pastors) reading stories or leading music.”

~ Carol Zwernik, Calvary Pre-Kindergarten,
Golden Valley, Minnesota

“We celebrated Lutheran Schools Week for the first time this year! Our teachers made a banner with all of the children’s hand prints that we hung in the fellowship center. We also recruited guest readers from the congregation to come into the classrooms to read. This was perhaps the best public relations we could have ever done, because it actually got people from the congregation to see what we do during the week!

It also happened to be the week of our Shrove Tuesday events. The preschool parents planned the carnival, and the church youth group planned the pancake supper. We had over 350 people attend, and made \$400 for the school in ticket sales (5 carnival tickets for a dollar). The pancake supper made \$600. This was also a great way to partner with the church. In the past, the fellowship committee planned the carnival, but they were growing tired of it (it’s been going on for over 20 years) so they were happy to hand it over. Our preschool parents breathed new life into.

The carnival games were:

- ★ Ping Pong Toss
- ★ Ring Toss (over 2 liter bottles of soda—very popular!)
- ★ Floating Ducks (pick duck, number on bottom corresponds with prize bucket—used water table)
- ★ Fishing (children fish for prizes in the dry kiddie pool with paper clips attached to attract magnets)
- ★ Cake Walk (congregation brought cakes for this)
- ★ Lollipop Tree (stuck lollipops in a cone shaped Styrofoam, color at the end of the stick corresponds with prize)
- ★ Tattoos Station
- ★ Decorating Party Bag Station
- ★ Bowling
- ★ Basketball

Each game was two tickets, except for the Cake Walk which was four tickets. We sold five tickets for a dollar. Parents and teachers supervised the games along with some of the youth. The teachers got paid to attend. Everyone won at least a sticker at each game. The only crying was when they had to go home.

Just wanted to brag a little. It was a great Lutheran Schools Week!”

~ Jenny James, First Lutheran Preschool,
Ellicott City, Maryland

“ELCA Metro New York Synod Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission, Jack Horner, preached and presided at our Ash Wednesday evening worship as we celebrated Lutheran Schools Week. He pulled children from the audience to help with the sermon.”

~ Christine Hauge, Leif Ericson Day School
Brooklyn, New York

“We celebrated Lutheran Schools Week by using the colors from the Bible for each day. Each day the children wearing that color received a little gift. We had almost 100% participation every day including the teachers. Monday was RED for the blood Jesus shed for us, Tuesday was BLUE for faith, Wednesday was GREEN for our growth in God’s love, Thursday was BLACK for our sin or WHITE for our forgiveness and being cleansed of our sin (many students tried to wear both colors) and then Friday was YELLOW for the promise of eternal life. Our K’garten through second grade students decorated and colored T-shirt reminders put on the hallway walls each day.

We invited people to come in and read to our classes. The Chiefs of Police from University City and Clayton came in on different days and read to 2 classrooms each. We had also invited the Mayors. One mayor issued a proclamation stating that March 6-12, 2011 was Bethel Lutheran School Week in the City of Clayton. This was a wonderful recognition from the city of Clayton since many of our students are from Clayton and the surrounding area.

On Ash Wednesday we invited the Grandparents and Special Friends of our students to join us in the classrooms and Chapel. After Chapel everyone joined the children for a spaghetti luncheon. We served about 40 visitors for the luncheon and everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship and celebration. Another part of this celebration was a project each family participated in. Every family received a bag with 20 different types of items that they were to incorporate into a design. The design had to have a title and a short description with it. At the luncheon each visitor had 5 votes to cast for the ones they liked best. The families that participated in this activity were very creative and enjoyed sharing with everyone else.

The final event of Lutheran Schools Week for Bethel was our 7th Annual “April Showers Bring May Flowers” Silent Auction. We had requested donations from local businesses, groups, school families and church members for the auction on Saturday, March 12 where we had over 120 items for our auction along with about 40 people attending. A major fundraiser to help our scholarship families, we had a great showing of auction items, good food, wonderful entertainment and an enjoyable evening for everyone.”

~ Antya Lentes, Bethel Lutheran School,
St. Louis, Missouri

**Lutheran Schools Week is ALWAYS the first full week of March
Dates for 2012: March 4—11 (celebrate either or both Sundays!)**

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- Teachers

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How Are Our Lutheran Students Doing?

Each year, ELEA coordinates a standardized testing program for those member elementary schools wishing to participate. This program utilizes the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT10) and the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OL-SAT8) for schools with Grades Kindergarten through 12. The program is administered by Pearson Assessment, and approximately 40—50 schools participate each year for the Spring testing program. Testing dates for 2011 were March 28—April 28.

So, the question is—How are our children doing? How well are they performing on standardized tests? I think the answers will be pleasing!

248 Kindergartners participated in the Stanford SESAT Assessment and performed at a Median Grade Equivalent of 1.5 for the complete battery. This means that the children, on average, are performing at a First Grade, 5th month level. Pretty good for Spring of their Kindergarten year! Their collective listening skills were at a Median Grade Equivalent of 1.9.

The following are Median Grade Equivalents for the complete battery of tests for each grade, along with the

number of students in the ELEA group participating:

Grade 1	368 students participating	2.7
Grade 2	466 students participating	4.2
Grade 3	502 students participating	5.9
Grade 4	526 students participating	7.5
Grade 5	568 students participating	8.5
Grade 6	436 students participating	9.8
Grade 7	414 students participating	10.7
Grade 8	399 students participating	12.6

Students in our ELEA testing group performed at or above average in all subject and cognitive areas.

Keep in mind that standardized assessments are only one measure of student ability, but in this “age of assessment”, our students fared very well.

If you would like more specific information regarding the testing program and/or test scores, please feel free to contact the ELEA National Office at 800-500-7644 or by emailing info@eleanational.org. The testing dates for 2012 will be March 26—April 26.