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Carol Koenig Named LEA 2008 Distinguished Lutheran Early Childhood Teacher

Carol Koenig, first-grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran School in St. Charles, Missouri, is the 2008 Distinguished Lutheran Early Childhood Teacher. Ms. Koenig also serves on the School Leadership Team and as Associate Principal. Previous honors include the MOCAPE Educator Achievement Award and the Emerson Electric Excellence in Education Award.

Ms. Koenig earned an A.A. from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan, a B.A. in education from Concordia University Chicago, and an M.A. in education from Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri. Prior to her ministry at Messiah, Ms. Koenig served several other Lutheran schools in Missouri, Illinois, and North Carolina.

Supporting her nomination, one colleague said, “[Carol] is a stellar educator who gets the most out of ... her students. Carol is a stellar leader among her teaching colleagues. She is a stellar witness in our school, church, and community. Carol is stellar in word and deed, all to the glory and in the name of her Lord Jesus.”

Ms. Koenig, speaking of her greatest joys in ministry, says, “Seeing children devour books, work out problems with their classmates, take responsibility for their actions, and turn to Jesus for help and forgiveness are some of the joys that I experience on a daily basis.” Her personal mission is “... to create a positive Christian environment where children feel comfortable asking questions, experimenting, and making mistakes as they learn ... and where each child can grow spiritually, mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally to his or her greatest potential as a unique child of God.”

Carol Koenig was selected to receive this award by LEA’s Early Childhood Network leadership team and LEA staff.

Award standards are available at <http://www.lea.org/forms/awards/nomecteach.pdf>.

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