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## Janet Leet Named LEA 2008 Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator

Janet Leet, principal at the elementary school campus of Christ Community Lutheran School in Webster Groves, Missouri, is the 2008 Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator. Ms. Leet also teaches second grade at Christ Community.

Ms. Leet received a B.S. in education from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, and an M.A. in education from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She completed her Colloquy through Concordia University Chicago. Prior to serving Christ Community, Ms. Leet served at Immanuel Lutheran School in Hamilton, Ohio. She has served in various district and national capacities, including the LCMS School Leadership Development team (SLED).

Ms. Leet's nomination suggests that she is "... a jewel of the LCMS" and that she should be "... the poster child for Lutheran elementary administrators" for her dedication to the students and her "... strong commitment to serving the Lord."

One of Ms. Leet's colleagues wrote, "Janet is amazing and has been blessed with so many gifts, which she values and uses to the fullest of her ability. She is a great communicator. Encouraging Christian growth for the youth of her church is a large focus for Mrs. Leet. She plays the piano for church and performances, presents children's messages, serves as a member of the nurture board and early childhood board, organizes and teaches Vacation Bible School. She has served at the LCMS National Youth Gathering."

Among her greatest joys in ministry, Ms. Leet says, "My greatest joy is sharing the love of Jesus ... with people around me." She states, "My greatest challenge ... is to help families, who are not currently a part of our school community, see the joy and blessings that come to those who are a part of our Lutheran school." Commenting on her mission and ministry, she says, "I truly do cherish the people that God has placed in my life. I love being at school each day, surrounded by His people. I try to be among His people as much as I can to insure that we are training children for service to others in the name of Jesus Christ."

Janet Leet was selected to receive this award by LEA's Leadership Network leadership team, LCMS leadership, and LEA staff. Award standards are available at <http://www.lea.org/forms/awards/nomelemadmin.pdf>.

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