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## Joplin Team Honored with LEA Esther Award

Three members of a Lutheran ministry team in Joplin, Missouri, were honored with Lutheran Education Association's Esther Award for their outstanding service after a destructive tornado last summer in Joplin, Missouri.

Principal Jeremy Schamber, DCE Jason Glasky, and Rev. Gregory Mech were co-recipients of this award, which honors exemplary and dedicated leadership and perseverance on behalf of Lutheran education in times of trial or tragedy. The award is named for Esther of the Old Testament, whose courage and resourcefulness saved her people from destruction. The award's theme is based on Esther 4:14b, which reads, "And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Shortly after the tornado struck, the staff at Martin Luther School and Immanuel Lutheran Church began serving the community through administrative services, relief coordination, counseling, and financial aid. Their action was swift and directly responsive to the needs of suffering people. In the weeks and months following the disaster, they continued to lead relief efforts for victims of the storm.

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