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Glenn Steinbrenner Named 2012 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator

Glenn Steinbrenner, principal of Immanuel Lutheran School in Batavia, Illinois, is the 2012 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator. He was selected to receive this award by LEA's Leadership Network leaders.

Mr. Steinbrenner earned both a B.A. and an M.A. in elementary education from Concordia University Chicago. He has received a Lutheran education from first grade through Master's degree.

Prior to his ministry at Immanuel, Mr. Steinbrenner served Lutheran schools in Franktown, Colorado, Rochelle, Illinois, and Naperville, Illinois. He has been a Lutheran school administrator for 26 years, with 39 years of service to LCMS schools.

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Mr. Steinbrenner is treasurer of the Northern Illinois District Administrator's Conference and has filled a variety of roles with National Lutheran School Accreditation, district teachers' conferences, and his community. He serves his congregation on many committees, including technology, buildings and grounds, and choir.

Commenting on his greatest joys in ministry, Mr. Steinbrenner said, "I thoroughly enjoy meeting and greeting each student and parent every morning...I enjoy seeing a child grasp a concept for the first time or find success as they read to me."

Mr. Steinbrenner said that among the challenges he faces is "...trying to instill Christian values in children and their parents in a world that is bombarding them with skewed values." His personal mission statement is "I want to leave to the world more than I take from it by using the talents God has given me. I strive to live a life that exemplifies servanthood. I want to lead others by my example."

Commenting on Mr. Steinbrenner, his pastor said, "Glenn continues to provide superior, dedicated, careful, expert, and Christ-like leadership to Immanuel Lutheran School AND Church... Whether enrollment is up (which has been fairly 'normal' for us) or down and whether finances are ample (virtually never) or stretched, Glenn's leadership has been a constant. He succeeds at his calling because he consistently keeps Christ first..."

Other professional staff members have commented that Mr. Steinbrenner "...is a team player...a colleague to whom one can turn for advice and support. He creates an environment where the teachers and staff...feel supported and valued. He is there to lead AND serve. He goes above and beyond his call and duties...he wears many hats...and he never complains."

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