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Michael Schiemann Named 2021 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator

Michael Schiemann was selected to receive Lutheran Education Association's 2021 Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator Award. Mr. Schiemann is principal at Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School in Cornelius, Oregon. Michael previously served as principal or teacher at Lutheran schools in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ohio. He has also served in a variety of leadership roles in local, district, and national ministries. In 2019, Mike was honored with the Northwest District Distinguished Administrator Award.

Michael earned a B.A. in music and a B.E. in education from Concordia University of Edmonton and an M.S. in education administration from Concordia University Wisconsin.

Michael said, "My greatest joy is when someone hears about Jesus for the first time!." He continued, "I love seeing how those involved in our Lutheran school are truly part of our family. When there are hard times, the family surrounds one another in prayer and the Word. Seeing seeds of faith planted and watered is by far my greatest joy!"

Commenting on challenges, Michael said, "Even in the midst of COVID, God is blessing me and our school beyond belief. Each time we have a need, God steps in. Michael's personal mission statement is "In all things, with all people, may God be praised."

In support of Michael's nomination, one of his colleagues said, "My impression of Mike after a number of years and many hours together has not changed, just grown in depth of experiences and encounters that reaffirm to me his care for and investment in his students and families, and staff and volunteers. Mike has had a major impact on our school and church communities as a whole and on many lives as individuals."

Another colleague commented, "Mike is extremely supportive of others in a wide variety of situations and truly brings out the best in others. He has a wonderful ability to be able to view so many things from a variety of perspectives."

Finally, Mike's nominator said, "Mike's high standards for staff performance and school and school overall quality have resulted in exceptional results. Mike has inspired excellence, a service mindset, and a tireless model of what of what a humble Christian servant is to be."

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