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Anne Shearier named 2022 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Early Childhood Teacher

Anne Shearier was selected to receive Lutheran Education Association's 2022 Distinguished Lutheran Early Childhood Teacher Award.

Ms. Shearier teaches at Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School in Cornelius, Ore., where she also chairs the curriculum committee and the National Day of Prayer. Previous service includes teaching in Missouri, including at the Missouri School for the Deaf, and at various schools in Texas and Colorado.

Anne earned a B.A. in early childhood education from the University of Northern Colorado and an M.A. in early childhood from the University of Missouri-Columbia. In addition, she completed the CUenet Colloquy program through Concordia University Portland. She has been recognized by Apple and the National Board for Professional Teachers.

Anne describes one of her greatest joys in ministry as “to guide young children as they enter the world of formal education and to instill a lifelong love of Jesus.” Among the challenges, she says is that the “context requires constant attention to research and communication while loving the whole family.”

In support of Anne's nomination, one parent said, “Anne cares passionately for teaching. She lives her life as an example of her character through her deep faith, involvement in school, church, and community. Something special that Anne does... is she makes the National Day of Prayer come alive.”

Also supporting Anne's nomination, her former principal commented, “Even beyond her classroom, Anne is a leader at the school. She was always involved in things that helped the school at the greater level.”

Anne's personal mission statement is “Work to create a productive, safe, joyful, Christ-filled, and enriching learning environment—work to help children gain the knowledge, skills, habits and dispositions toward learning that are essential for later success in school and in life. Work to bring understanding of Christ's greatest gifts to us, forgiveness and eternal life.”

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