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Daniel Sterling named 2022 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Middle School Teacher

Daniel Sterling was selected to receive Lutheran Education Association's 2022 Distinguished Lutheran Middle School Teacher Award.

Daniel teaches at St. Paul Lutheran School in Des Peres, Mo. He is also very active in the congregation and community; he has experience as an athletic director as well. He previously served at River Roads Lutheran School in St. Louis during his 35 years in ministry.

Daniel earned a B.A. in elementary education from Concordia University Chicago and an M.A. in elementary education from University of Missouri, St. Louis.

When asked about his greatest joys in ministry, Daniel said, "My greatest joy is to share the Gospel every day and point students, families, and my players to Christ."

Parental support for Daniel's nomination included this: "Mr. Sterling carries his commitment to excellence and dedication to developing students and teaching the Christian faith onto the basketball court. Coach Sterling was able to see skills in our son we did not know were there."

Speaking on behalf of Daniel's nomination, his principal noted, "He brings history to life for his students by often "dressing" the part of the historical figures in his lessons. The students love his passion, energy, and 'dry' or 'corny' sense of wit and humor. As an athletic director, he assists other coaches, schools, referees, and students with a variety of sport-related advice. Dan's morning faculty devotions are legendary. He often shows a video clip from a movie, then ties in the Biblical history, ministry moments, or even Christian sports characters, all leading to the spiritual motivation that teachers need to begin their school day."

Dan's pastor also spoke in support of his nomination. "Dan is a teacher who provides pertinent and relevant application of God's Word for his students."

Daniel's personal mission statement is "To teach Christ crucified and risen in every subject I teach and to serve students to eternity."

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