

MN District Schools Coordinator Report

September 10-12, 2023

The MN District has been very active since Assignment Day at MLC. The MN District received 13 graduates to serve in our early childhood, elementary, or high schools. Later in the summer, West Lutheran High School hosted the annual New Teacher Induction (NTI) seminar on July 24 for those new graduates as well as those that have only served one year in the ministry and their assigned mentors. We had over 30 attendees and feel that this workshop along with MLC's mentor program is helping our teachers stay in the ministry long-term. The new MLC graduates serving in the MN District are:

Abigail Robbert, Mt. Olive-Delano
Amanda Weddle, St. Croix Academy
Chantel Vant Hul, St. Pauls- St. James
Hannah Renner, Trinity-Belle Plaine
Hannah Willems, St. Croix Academy
Jakob Casper, Bloomington Lutheran
Joel Holz, Immanuel-Hutchinson

Katherine Fink, Salem-Woodbury
Matthew Krueger, Salem-Greenfield
Max Holmes, West LHS, Plymouth
Rebecca Loescher, Immanuel-Hutchinson
Sophia Scheuerlein, St. Paul's - Arlington
LyNSEY Marohn, Building Blocks..Cambridge

On August 15, St. John-Redwood Falls hosted an early childhood and principals workshop for the SW Conference. This was an opportunity for principals and early childhood teachers to get together and discuss items for the coming school year. I had the opportunity to talk to both groups and asked, "What can I or the MN District administration do for this conference?" The answer from the early childhood directors was, "We need help in all of our after school care programs. We are expected to run these programs if employees can't be found." The principals commented with, "The Christ Light Curriculum does not use NIV references when that's what most schools use as their Bible choice. Is there a way to include several Bible references in the new Christ Light?" This was brought up because they thought they heard that another Christ Light revision may be taking place.

Later in the summer, August 27-28, MLC hosted a workshop in the Twin Cities, coordinated by Jon Schaefer, Ben Clemons, President Gurgel and their team, for all seniors entering into the ministry at the end of this school year. There were five sectionals of 80 minutes in length encouraging and helping seniors to be ready for life in the full-time public ministry. The surveys showed the students graded the workshop/retreat 4.5 out of 5 and want MLC to continue to host this for years to come for future seniors.

The MN District Schools Coordinator along with President Klatt are looking for another early childhood director to assist our current Early Childhood District Schools Coordinator, LaShawn Smith. We hope to have this position filled this month.

The Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS) along with all District Schools Coordinators and Early Childhood District Schools Coordinators will be meeting for our annual DSC meeting September 21-22 in Pewaukee, WI at synod offices. This is where much of what the CLS will be doing will be shared with the DSCs and can be rolled out to our districts. I have included a link to the CLS Newsletter that will be shared later this month. I have listed the topics that will be in the newsletter in an effort to draw your attention to a few topics.

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- Record enrollment - gifts and challenges
- Training for future leaders in your ministry
- Future leaders already teaching
- Active teacher calling window
- Save the dates
- School openings and closings
- Theology curriculum task force
- WELS devotions
- Heart Imprints - chapel talks
- Telling the Next Generation
- 2023-2024 Substitute teacher reimbursement rate
- Business certificate for school leaders
- Ministerial Growth and Evaluation Process

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for the leadership of the MN District along with all the teachers, staff ministers, and staff that serve our varied ministries. Many of our schools in the MN District are growing and we continue to look for more ways to reach more students with the gospel message. May the Lord continue to bless you and your ministries.

In Christ's Service,

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