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Kevin Creutz Named 2018 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator

Kevin Creutz was selected to receive Lutheran Education Association's 2018 Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator award. At the time of his selection, Mr. Creutz was principal of Central Lutheran School in New Haven, Ind. He recently accepted a Call to serve as superintendent of schools for the LCMS Ohio District. His first Call was to Zion in St. Charles, Mo., where he served as athletic director, assistant principal, and technology coordinator. He was selected by LEA's Leadership Network leadership team.

Kevin earned a Bachelor of Arts from Concordia University, Chicago and a Master of Educational Administration from Concordia University, Nebraska.

Among Kevin's joys in ministry, he said, "It is a great joy to serve in a place where Jesus is at the center of all we do." He says that challenges abound too. "I think the greatest challenge for me as a Lutheran administrator is all the different hats I need to wear each day and the way the day is so segmented. A 45-minute block of time where I think I may have time to focus on a project in my office may turn into multiple conversations, short meetings, or interruptions from teachers, students, pastors, or parents who may need a few minutes of my time. While these may seem like disruptions or challenges, I often remind myself to view these as opportunities for service and ministry."

In support of Kevin's nomination, his pastor wrote, "It is eminently clear that Principal Creutz has worked diligently at understanding the relationship between church and school. He has developed a philosophy of education that allows him to provide leadership to others while they develop the gifts and talents with which God has blessed them."

One parent commented, "As principal, he sets the tone of the school. He leads with strength and compassion. We take great comfort in knowing that our children spend their days in a school led by a man of such moral character. He is respected by parents, students, and fellow faculty."

One colleague said, "Kevin is a dedicated leader to his faculty and staff, as he carries out his professionalism serving the Lord as a called church worker. He daily models his faith and promotes Lutheran education in all he does. Mr. Creutz has a passion for the students he serves at Central. He knows every child by name as he welcomes each of them to school in the morning while directing morning arrival. Throughout the week you will find Mr. Creutz walking the halls while talking with kids and showing up to the MANY, many afterschool events where he supports all different extracurricular activities."

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