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Cheryl A. Haun named 2018 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Early Childhood Administrator

Cheryl A. Haun was selected to receive Lutheran Education Association's 2018 Distinguished Lutheran Early Childhood Administrator award. Ms. Haun is the director of early childhood education at Zion Lutheran School in St. Charles, Mo. Zion's early childhood program is host to more than 200 children ages 18 months through kindergarten. She leads, mentors, and coaches 36 teachers and their assistants as well as plans programs, develops curriculum and parent engagement, and manages public relations. In addition, Cheryl serves in many capacities for a large variety of Lutheran early childhood initiatives. Ms. Haun was selected by the LEA Leadership and Early Childhood Networks.

Cheryl earned a B.S. in park and recreation administration from Indiana University and completed a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction in Early Childhood Education as well as Colloquy from Concordia University, Chicago. Cheryl also earned an endorsement as educational specialist—educational leadership from Webster University, St. Louis.

In support of Cheryl's nomination, her principal said, "Taking the program to a new level of professionalism and care was her charge. She has done that with fantastic faculty in-service as well as loving each family that comes through the doors. Cheryl has been instrumental in overseeing the building of age appropriate, natural play playgrounds in her time here. Cheryl looks at what is needed and works very hard to accomplish all that she can.

One parent wrote, "Cheryl has a true calling working with children. Her love of God is very evident. She is very compassionate, hardworking, and dedicated. She is a tireless and selfless advocate for her students and teachers."

A colleague commented, "Cheryl is focused on Jesus. This is foundational in all that she does. Her work is for Him and because of Him. She is a strong advocate for children and constantly thinks of new ideas and resources for children, families, and educators. Most importantly, Cheryl is servant hearted in all she does. She quietly works to do whatever it takes to serve God's children."

Cheryl describes her mission as "to serve in a missional environment that works to ensure the educational success of children through family engagement, reflective teaching practices, and the proclamation of the Gospel."

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