



# *Gloria Dei Lutheran School*

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Dear Congregation and Parents,

Gloria Dei Lutheran School announces its 37<sup>th</sup> year as an educational ministry of our congregation. In September, children and teachers will return for our 2009-2010 academic term. Together with parents and administrators, Gloria Dei will continue its long tradition of Lutheran witness through the nurturing of children in education and childcare.

The faculty and staff, you as the congregation and parents, and the focal point of our effort – our children – make this ministry of nurturing and caring a remarkable experience. Empowered by God's grace, we continue to make a positive difference in our time in this place. I know as you do there is no perfect pastor, congregation, parent, teacher, child, learning center, or caring place. But I hope you understand that empowered by God's Holy Spirit, our goal, and the purpose of our witness, is to maximize our gifts in providing an educational opportunity and a childcare environment that are the best we can offer.

On Saturday, March 14, registration for next fall will begin for members of the congregation and families of our current students. This will enable returning families to take advantage of registration for children (age three through fifth grade) before the opportunity is opened to the broader community on March 23. Check the enclosed registration procedures for the schedule of times. Please spread the word of these dates to your friends. Reminder: You must re-register your child each year if you plan for him/her to return in the fall.

Again this year, we will offer kindergarten parents the choice of enrolling for the half-day program (8:45-12:00) or our full-day program (8:45-3:00). We are excited about this option for our students.

I thank God for all of you and for your continuing trust in the leadership and the educational ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. As I have said to you many times, we never take your trust for granted. You give us an awesome responsibility as you charge us to care for your children. We continue to do our very best to justify that sacred trust as God gives us the power, wisdom, resources, and perseverance to continue our "pursuit of excellence."

Yours in Christ's service,

The Reverend L. Douglas Stowe  
Senior Pastor/Headmaster

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