



Connected: "I am the vine; you are the branches."

September 2023

This Lutheran Schools' theme for the school year, based on John 15, reminds us Jesus connected Himself to us in Baptism and the Holy Spirit keeps the bond secure through Word and Sacrament. Although Satan works to sever us from the True Vine and make us into deadwood, Christ's attachment to His children is strong and unyielding. By grace, may we remain plugged in unto life everlasting.

Teacher Installation and Rededication took place August 13. We thank Mary/Martha for hosting the fine reception afterward. Food kept appearing, and it was delicious! Decorations, provided by Sue Niehaus, took on the theme of teachers as superheroes, mirroring the faculty's professional development activity. This year, teachers will be reading and discussing *Superhero Educator*, a book written by a Concordia professor, which reviews best practices in teaching. Considering our wonderful staff, this will be merely fine tuning, as God has blessed our school with a group of gifted teachers, servants bringing excellence to the children every single day.

As we begin our year, our first Chapel project is for Joe Boway in Liberia, West Africa, where he has started Lutheran schools in rural areas. For the next few weeks, we are asking students and friends to support Mr. Boway by donating school supplies or making a financial gift. We are collecting #2 pencils, 40 or 70-page spiral notebooks, and new or gently used backpacks. Any monetary offering will help provide clean drinking water for students. All are welcome to participate in the project. School supplies may be placed in the marked containers near the school office, and special offering envelopes are also available in the office.

Blessings,

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