

Our Savior Lutheran School Is Growing!



Our new School Principal is **Miss Adrienne Thompson**. She is tremendously enthusiastic, highly motivated, and well-prepared to lead our school in the years to come. She grew up in Seymour, Indiana and graduated from Indiana University in 1998 with a Bachelor's degree. She soon realized that her calling was in Christian Education. She enrolled at Concordia University and obtained her Colloquy training in 2002, followed by her Master's Degree in 2006 and her Administrative License in 2007 from Indiana Wesleyan. Adrienne has had several years of teaching experience in both Lutheran and Non-denominational schools. She is now the "newest" member at Our Savior Lutheran Church too – and added blessing for our congregation.

Miss Thompson will also be teaching our 7th and 8th grade students this school year, another aspect of her position here at Our Savior that she's looking forward to with excitement. She believes in strong relationships between teacher and students, developed through good communication and mutual respect. Faith building is key to her classroom too. "With Christ as your foundation, you can never fall", she says.



Mrs. Michelle McEachin will begin her second year at Our Savior this fall, teaching students in grades 5 and 6. Michelle and her family live in her hometown of Deckerville and are members at Peace Lutheran Church in Sandusky. She is a 2005 graduate of Deckerville High School

and she received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Oakland University in 2008. Currently, Michelle is continuing her education at Baker College to add an Early Childhood endorsement to her teaching certificate.

When asked about her views on Christian Education, she responded, "The benefits of Christian Education outweigh any other form of education. It's a privilege to see both academic and spiritual growth in my students."



Mrs. Vickie Banks serves at Our Savior as 3rd/4th grade teacher and Music Instructor. Mrs. Banks has been gifted by God with great musical talent which she uses to give Him glory and honor. She graduated from Lawrence Conservatory of Music with a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance. She is also an accomplished violinist and oboist. She currently serves as Organist at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lexington. The Banks family resides in the Brown City area.

Vickie received her B.S. in Elementary Education from The University of Michigan – Flint, and her Master's Degree in Education/Curriculum and Instruction from The University of Phoenix. Her classroom is inviting and organized, and her students admire and respect her. We asked her why she chose "Christian Education", and she replied, "I didn't choose it, rather God chose me for it!"



Mrs. Hannah Schank serves as our 1st/2nd grade classroom teacher. She already has four years of experience teaching this grade level at OSL. Hannah's love for teaching shows in her manner and in the way she handles her classroom. One of the highlights in the children's day is when she reads to them!

Mrs. Schank believes Christian Education is precious. Why? "Because God should be the center of our lives at all times. The most important education that a child will ever receive is the Word of God."

Mrs. Schank (nee Kaltz) is a 2001 graduate of North Branch High School. She obtained her B.S. in education in 2007 from the University of Michigan – Flint, and is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Reading Education from The University of Phoenix. She has also completed her Colloquy studies with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.



Mrs. Lore Nickens has lived in Marlette all her life, graduating from MHS in 1991. She holds a degree in Social Service Technology - Early Childhood and is currently continuing her education through The University of Phoenix.

Mrs. Nickens has been teaching Kindergarten at Our Savior for three years. Before that, she operated her own Pre-School/Day Care Program here in Marlette for a number of years. As you can see, she has a wealth of experience working with children! Her care and concern for these little ones is evident in all she does. She makes them feel safe, secure, and loved every day. That's an environment that promotes growth and success.



Mrs. Nora Greve will be taking the reins as our new Pre-School Teacher/Program Director. She grew up here in the Thumb Area and graduated from Kingston High School in 1995. She obtained her B.S. degree in 1999 from Western Michigan University. Her teaching credentials include a "ZA" endorsement for the instruction of young children. Nora has a great deal of teaching experience both as a Pre-School teacher and as a Teacher/Manager in the Sylvan Learning program. She is excited to take up this new challenge at OSL where she sees our small class sizes and safe, loving environment one in which the children can really thrive!

Nora brings to us her creative and expressive skills and her joy in greeting every day ... and every child... with a smile.