

Meet our Teachers



Mrs. Jennifer Voigt

Preschool

I was born and raised in Chaska, MN. I went to college at Concordia University Wisconsin where I earned a degree in Early Childhood Education. Upon graduating in 2003, I received my first call to teach preschool at Christ the Vine Lutheran School in Herculaneum, MO. I taught in MO for three years. I got married in the summer of 2006 and moved to MI. I started teaching kindergarten at St. John and now currently teach preschool. My husband, Eric, serves as pastor of St. John and Immanuel Moltke. We have four beautiful children.

Mrs. Laurie Maynard

K-2

I am the kindergarten and first grade teacher. In the afternoon the second grade comes to join our classroom. We work hard every day to learn to read, write, and solve math problems. Learning is an adventure that I am able to share with my students.

I was born on Kincheloe Air Force Base in the Upper Peninsula and moved to Homestead, Florida when I was two years old. I spent my elementary years there in the sunny warmth. In the seventh grade my family moved to Rogers City, the place I still call home.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Education with a focus on Language and History. After I started teaching I enrolled in college again and earned an Early Childhood Education Degree. I have been teaching for 17 years and thank God for that Blessing every day. I truly enjoy helping students learn. My goal as a teacher is to promote a respect for learning and help students gain knowledge in a way that is relevant to each one.

Rachel Hentkowski

2-3, 6-8

I am so excited to start my first year teaching at St. John! I grew up in Shelby Township, MI and was homeschooled from 1st -12th grade. I attended Concordia University Ann Arbor and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Educational Studies and a minor in Language Arts in 2012. After graduating, I moved to Traverse City to begin my teaching career. While there I taught a 3rd /4th combined class and then taught 1st grade for two years. This will be my 4th year teaching. I married my wonderful husband Corey in July 2017 and moved to Hawks where we currently reside. Corey is a talented Welder/Fabricator for Omni in Alpena and enjoys doing welding projects in his shop at home. In my spare time I enjoy baking, visiting my family downstate, going on adventures with my husband, canning, scrapbooking, and walking. As soon as I walked in the doors at St. John's I felt welcomed and at home. I love the fact that this school is like family and I am so excited to be a part of it!

Mrs. Stacy Puroi

3-5

I was born and raised in Rogers City, Michigan. I attended St. Michael Lutheran School for eight years, and went to Rogers City High School where I graduated with honors. To start my college career I attended Alpena Community College. I then transferred to Central Michigan University, graduating with my Bachelor in Education in 1999. I began teaching at St. John Lutheran School in the fall of 1999. While teaching I enrolled in Marygrove College's distance learning program and received my Masters in the Art of Teaching.

In September of 2000 I married Kevin Puroi. We now live in Hawks with our three children. In my free time I like to spend time with my family. I also enjoy reading, camping, photography, and scrapbooking.

I am very excited to be teaching at a Lutheran School in my hometown. I love our small Northern Michigan community and being able to stay here close to family. It is an honor and a true blessing from God to be able to give a Christian education like I experienced to future generations.

Mrs. Tonya Langlois

6-8, Principal

On occasion, when I was young, my parents would bring our family into "town" for necessary purchases or to visit my grandparents. The trip was not complete without a drive past St. John Lutheran School, which allowed my father to reminisce about his time as a student there. I attended elsewhere, but knew that SJLS was special to him and his mother, also an alumni.

In middle school circumstances led my siblings and I to St. John as students our ourselves. Although only in the building for three years, it's those three years that were so pivotal, so powerful. I learned to worship with my heart, not just motions. I learned how truly extensive God loved me and forgave me. I felt loved by my teachers. I made friendships that last until this day. God used St. John Lutheran School to bring me to into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Now, having the privilege to serve as principal of this school is a humbling honor. I am elated to be able to assist our amazing teachers, supportive parents, and capable students.

Concordia University helped prepare me for this professional with a BA in Elementary Education and English in 2001. I expect to complete my Student Leadership Development endorsement in June 2018.

My husband and three kiddos keep my life full of love and lessons. I appreciate an early morning run, gardening, and time to read with them. If given the chance, I'll bake and shop til my heart's content.