



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

May 4th, 2021

Dear Church of the Savior Families,

The Board of Education of Church of the Savior Nursery School is sad to announce the retirement of our dear Director, Gail Hayman, at the end of this current school year.

Mrs. Hayman has faithfully and devotedly served our school community for over 30 years. She started her career at our school as an Assistant Teacher in September 1989. After a year, she was offered a Group Teacher position for two 3 year old classes and earned her Child Development Degree during that time. Over the next several years, Mrs. Hayman continued to teach many classes from Mommy and Me to the 4 year old classes. In 2002, upon the retirement of her beloved director Lindsay Shopland, Gail accepted the position of Director/Head Teacher. Under her leadership, enrollment has flourished, new programs have been developed including summer camp, our STEM based enrichment program and Study Buddies, and so many lives have been touched by her kindness. She has graciously hosted countless Christmas programs, Harvest festivals, Trunk or Treats, Mother's Day teas, Moving Up ceremonies, chapels and many more unforgettable moments for our students and families.

Her heart, her faith, her leadership have instilled the Christian spirit in our students, our staff, our congregation. This is a debt we can never repay. We wish her well as she moves into a life beyond our Nursery School, but never far from our hearts.

Please see below a few words from Mrs. Hayman....

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“MEMORIES”

Dear Friends,

As I enter into retirement, I can look back on my journey with Church of the Savior with gratitude. I am so thankful that God called me to this amazing place. Starting as a teacher assistant and becoming a teacher, then director has been a humbling experience. A pastor once shared with me that the more Christians we know, the greater knowledge of God we accumulate. Each person, made in God's image, possesses characteristics, gifts, personality, and uniqueness of soul.

Every person in this congregation and school has somehow touched and enriched my life. I could name each one, but it would fill up this entire page and probably a book. When members of the congregation were called to the heavenly realm, I have felt each loss. I treasure relationships that have grown through the years. I have learned that God is my strength and the source of all wisdom and hope. There were challenges every year - and each took me a little deeper into faith.

My staff has been awesome. What a privilege to serve and lead these gifted women. God has blessed them with creativity, leadership, compassion, love for children, understanding, joy and wisdom. Their loyalty and commitment to the children have made this school special. Many visitors have commented on the love they felt as they entered our doors.

I will miss the love, the camaraderie, working on creative theme days, Christmas celebrations, voices yelling “hosanna!”, Jesus is alive! Thanksgiving, Zoofest, the laughter and tiny voices, happy songs, hugs and thousands of little memories that my heart and soul have accumulated through the years.
Thank you all – thank you Pastor Paul.

I will sincerely miss everyone. Keep up the good work. Let all be done for the glory of God.

Love, Gail