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## **New School Opens in Gary**

### *Ascension Lutheran Christian School Holds Opening Service*

Gary, IN— On August 16, Ascension Lutheran Christian School will hold an opening service celebrating the school's inaugural day. The service will be held at 8:00 am in Our Savior Lutheran Church's sanctuary, located at 1150 W. 49th Ave.

Ascension Lutheran Christian School is a new school in Gary serving children K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade with plans to expand grade levels in the future. The school meets in Our Savior Lutheran Church's building, which is the former Gary Lutheran School. The school is currently enrolling students and is operated by LUMIN (Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative).

The opening service will begin with the installation of staff, which includes Dr. Sue Zientara, principal; Hollye Blossom, first and second grade teacher; Marissa Mongold, kindergarten teacher; and Benita Nicks, office administrator.

The service will begin with a welcome, and includes singing, scripture reading and special guest speakers Rev. Delwyn Campbell, Strategic Mission Developer for Gary; Rev. John Albers, President of the Lutheran School Corporation of Indiana; Dr. Jon Mielke, Executive Counselor for Christian Education with the Indiana District-LCMS; and Richard Laabs, President of LUMIN Schools.

Other guests attending the service include Rev. Rick Boshoven, Pastoral Advisor to Ascension and a member of the board of directors and Maria Wartgow, Director of Human Resources for LUMIN.

At the end of the service, everyone will be invited for a group picture outdoors using a drone. The photo will be hung in the entryway of the school. The blessing of students, teachers and classrooms will follow the opening service.

For more information, call Ascension Lutheran Christian School at (219) 887-5031 or (219) 241-5765.

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