



## *For What Matters Most: Two Stories of Families Who Chose FLS*

### ***From an FLS teacher and parent:***

When my children were still very young, my husband and I began talking about what kind of schools we wanted them to attend. Like most parents, we considered our children's futures, but maybe not in the way you might expect. Sure, we wanted our children to be successful, happy adults. We wanted to give them opportunities. We wanted them to have friends. But that was all secondary for us.

Our local public schools ranked very high within our state. Many of our friends had attended and graduated from these schools, and they "turned out fine," so people scratched their heads when we announced that we were moving to Texas to find a better option. Why would we give up our jobs and our community for a school?

The truth is that most parents think about their children's futures, but they do not think far enough into the future. Sure, they would be fine ten years from now or twenty years from now, but what about in a thousand years?

The thing that mattered the most to us was that we not only prepared our children for their vocations in this life, but we also prepared them for the life to come. We wanted our children to have a school that could prepare them to live well and to die well, because the reality is that we will all die. We could not imagine anything more tragic than spending eternity without our children.

So, we sold our house, we left our jobs, and we came to Plano, Texas to send our kids to Faith Lutheran School. We wanted a classical Lutheran school that would support and reinforce the things we believe, teach, and confess in our home. Our children have flourished academically and spiritually, more abundantly than we could have imagined.

And our story is not unique. Other families at our school have come from far and wide looking for the same type of education for their children, because the truth is that in a thousand years, nothing else will matter. More than anything, we want them to belong to the body of Christ. This has been the story of the Missouri Synod. The original founders of the synod traveled a much greater distance than our family did in order to be able to educate and catechize their children according to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. They knew that nothing else mattered as much as sharing the Gospel with their children and their children's children.



### ***From an FLS parent:***

I was commuting to my job in New York City when I heard an interview with Pastor Kieser (FLS' former headmaster) on the Issues, Etc. podcast about Classical Lutheran Education. Our daughter was in the second grade in a New Jersey public school and was starting to bring home propaganda from the teachers' union, even as the district decided they would no longer require correct spelling from the students.

I had a long phone conversation with Pastor Kieser, and we made the decision to move to DFW. The great quality of life and strong economy in the Dallas suburbs was a big factor. It was one of the best moves we ever made.

Faith Lutheran School has exceeded our expectations. Reverent worship and biblical truth are at the core of everything they do. High academic expectations naturally follow. Respect and discipline flourish in an atmosphere where Christian behavior is expected and Christian forgiveness is given. We particularly like the fact that American and Texas history is taught in a straightforward way that doesn't slander our heroes or apologize for their deeds. Having K-12 in one building means both of our children go to the same place, and the older kids get to know the younger kids and set a great example for them.

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