

As parents, we have the awesome responsibility of raising our children in the best environment we know how. We try to give them proper guidance and do our best to provide them with all they need. When it comes time to send our children off to school, we are faced with allowing them to be away from our influence and in the care of others for a good part of their day. Where we choose to have them spend these precious hours is a very important decision indeed. We hope that what we have taught them will be supported and reinforced. We pray for guidance and wisdom that we would find a school where our children will be loved and given every opportunity to become who God intended them to be. A place where they are not just a number, but would have the attention and concern of each teacher and be embraced as though they were part of a family. Those of us with children at St. Peter's Lutheran School have been blessed by such a place.

Our son Ryan graduated five years ago, and with our daughter Lauren graduating this year, we will no longer be "St Peter's Parents". This is a bitter-sweet time for us. We will miss this school terribly, yet we know that Lauren has been well prepared for the next exciting chapter in her life. Lauren has had the privilege of spending her days on the campus of St. Peter's for 8 years. Every year has been a wonderful adventure, and every teacher and staff member has loved, nurtured and taught our daughter in ways we as parents could not have done alone. Lauren has established sweet bonds of friendship with the same group of children since second grade. This is an advantage you can only get at a smaller school. Through the years, students have come and gone. The children of this class have always been warm and welcoming to the newcomers, as well as sweet and loving to the ones who have moved on. They have built a family and have benefited greatly from the bonds that have been formed over the years. This has been a very special class, a very special school experience, and a very sweet time in our daughter's life.

The people of St. Peter's have provided a loving and supportive place where our children could learn about our Lord, the world, others, and themselves. We are so thankful for this wonderful school and all the dedicated people who have provided a firm foundation of faith and knowledge from which our children will build upon for the rest of their lives. We have been tremendously blessed by St. Peter's Lutheran School and want to thank everyone involved for your love and dedication to the Lord and the children. May God continue to bless you and this school for many years to come.

The Gill family.