



CREAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Crean Lutheran High School Board Calls Kretzmann as Chief Advancement Officer



(IRVINE, CA, January 26, 2018) -- Crean Lutheran High School is pleased to announce that Mr. Nate Kretzmann has accepted God's Calling to serve the Saints community in the position of Chief Advancement Officer.

Mr. Kretzmann is currently the Executive Director at North Valley Christian Academy (NVCA) in Phoenix, Arizona. NVCA is a Recognized Service Organization in the Pacific Southwest District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LC-MS). Mr. Kretzmann has effectively led NVCA to unprecedented growth, ranking them in the top 10 of Arizona private schools the past three consecutive years. During his tenure, NVCA's K-6 elementary start-up birthed successful middle school and high school additions, along with a \$21 million campus building expansion.

Nate Kretzmann, his wife Terri, and their children look forward to returning to Southern California where Nate's career began when he served at Concordia University, Irvine, in the Admissions Department, from 1985 - 1990, and St. John's Lutheran School, Orange, from 1990 - 1995. The Lord then led Mr. Kretzmann to Texas, where he served as a Lutheran executive specializing in school leadership, building expansion, and capital development until 2003, when the Lord Called him to Arizona.

Earlier this month, the Crean Lutheran High School, Board of Directors, unanimously Called Mr. Kretzmann to serve as Chief Advancement Officer, to provide oversight in development and marketing for the advancement of the school. This position will assist Executive Director, Jeffrey Beavers next school year. Mr. Beavers is excited about the opportunity to onboard Mr. Kretzmann and states, *"The Lord continues to bless Crean Lutheran. Mr. Kretzmann is a 34 year-veteran in education; his experience in school development and fundraising, along with his passion to serve are what drew him to be a part of the Crean Lutheran Family; he will be a tremendous asset. He is not only an experienced expert leader who is highly skilled in many areas; he is also a humble man of Christian faith who cares deeply about people and the Lord's ministry, a rare combination which is hard to find. We are blessed to welcome him into the Saints Family!"*

Lutheran ministry and care for God's people are in the Kretzmann DNA. Nate is the son of three-generations of Lutheran pastors who have served in Texas and Nebraska. Their example led him to dedicate his life to Christian education. Kretzmann is a Commissioned Minister of

Religion in the LC-MS. In correspondence after visiting with faculty and staff last week, Mr. Kretzmann wrote, *“As Terri and I reflect on the journey that God has ordained for us, we are confident in His call and direction, and are eager to embrace this new ministry opportunity. Together, we are committed to support, serve, and uplift the Crean Lutheran mission “to proclaim Jesus Christ through excellence in education.”*

Please keep the Kretzmann family in prayer as they transition from their current ministry and home in Arizona, to the Saints family in California in early summer.