

## Member Highlight: Bruce Braun

In 1977 I was blessed to find two teaching positions that would forever impact my view on education. In April I was hired to finish out the year at Holy Name Catholic School in Birmingham. I was the P.E. teacher for three months and blessed to teach in my college major. In July of 1977 I received a call to teach Religion at Lutheran North high School in Macomb. In addition to teaching six classes, I supervised a Study Hall, drove a morning bus route, coached three seasons and lived 45 minutes away in Royal Oak where my wife was also a first year teacher. It was crazy, but we were in love with each other (and still are) and both feel in love with teaching in Lutheran Schools and being Christ followers in southeast Michigan.



In July of 2017, I will retire after forty years of being a passionate advocate for Faith Based Education and being a member of MANS. I was blessed to follow a career course that included teaching and counseling but quickly evolved into Director of Guidance, Assistant Principal, Principal, Assistant Superintendent, and the last twelve years as Superintendent of Lutheran Schools. I have been involved with MANS as Co-Chair of the MANS teacher conference in Detroit, a member of the Executive Board serving as treasurer and on other committees like Finance, Administrative Planning and the like. I have been uniquely blessed to see my Catholic and Christian school counterparts encourage me to boldly share Christ through faith based education. I have treasured listening and learning from others who approach the world in a slightly different way but have a Biblical Worldview shaping their perspective. I greatly appreciate the opportunity MANS has afforded me to help share Christ through an organization that brings together three unique faith backgrounds and encourages us to make sure heaven is full and hell empty come judgement day.

Jayne, my wife of forty years, and I are blessed with three adult children and two grandchildren (soon to be three). We are amazed at our forty years of watching God equip us to face the Goliaths found in our lifetime. (1 Samuel 17:40)