## WELCOME to MRS. B's 6th/7th GRADE CLASSROOM!

My name is Jeanette Baumgarn and I am the 6th & 7th grade homeroom teacher at St. Martin's Lutheran School this year. Some of the subjects I will be teaching include religion/ memory work, language arts, math, literature, history/geography, and current events. As we are somewhat departmentalized in the upper grades, other subjects will be taught by various teachers.

One of the biggest delights I find in teaching is always being able to learn something new. No matter what the subject is, there is always something interesting to learn. I also enjoy watching the students grow and mature in their faith in Jesus Christ throughout the year. One of my favorite Bible verses, found in 2 Peter 3:18 speaks about that concept exactly: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

I graduated from Concordia College, in St. Paul, MN, with a double major in elementary education and music. That degree has been put to good use over the past three decades, whether serving as a classroom teacher, homeschooling my brood of children, teaching piano lessons, or simply being wife, Mom, and even Nana.

Finding good literature is one of my favorite pastimes, and I love to share my discoveries with my students! We will be reading some stories this year about various Christians from all around the globe and how they lived out their faith. Also, in an effort to learn more about the world around us, I plan to have our class sponsor a child from another country through an organization called Compassion International. Not only will our sponsorship provide physical support for a child, but it will give him/her the opportunity to learn about Jesus, too.

Assignments will be given on a daily basis and some classes will have more homework than others. Although there will be some time to complete assignments in the classroom, there may be some days where your child may have some additional work to complete at home. Please remind them to check their daily planner to find out if their work is finished. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Thank you parents for entrusting your child to my care. I am looking forward to a wonderful year. If you need to contact me, the easiest way to do so is through email: <a href="mailto:jeanette.baumgarn@stmartinswinona.org">jeanette.baumgarn@stmartinswinona.org</a>. I will do my best to respond to you as soon as possible. I can also be reached during school hours by calling the school office at (507)452-6928.

Being a Light for Jesus!

Mrs. Jeanette Baumgarn

(aka Mrs. B)