



### **Laura Cleland, Lower School Principal**

While majoring in Elementary Education at Purdue University, Mrs. Cleland was awarded a National Science Foundation Scholarship to participate in UPSTEP (Undergraduate Pre-service Science Teachers Education Program), an ongoing study aimed at instructing teachers how to teach Science through inquiry.

In addition to obtaining certification in Elementary Education and Science Education, Mrs. Cleland also received certification in Learning Disabilities, Emotional Disturbance, and Educable Mentally Handicapped while studying at Eastern Illinois University and a Masters in Educational Administration from the University of North Texas. She received her Colloquy degree from Concordia, Austin in 2007. Mrs. Cleland began teaching in 1977 and has been at Prince of Peace since 1983. She has taught Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade, Sixth Grade, Seventh Grade, Eighth Grade, and Special Education in grades K-12.

She and her husband have four children. The Cleland's are members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church where Mrs. Cleland is involved with the Special Needs Ministry.