

PSD School Ministries Connections



December 7, 2016

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10

Compassionate Father, when your messenger told a young virgin named Mary that she was going to bear a child who would fulfill your ancient promise of a coming king who would bring restoration and healing to the whole world, this stunning announcement completely changed the trajectory of her quiet life tucked away in a village in the north of Israel.

I am struck by Mary's ready, willing response to the Lord's divine disruption: "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said." (Luke 1:38) Her peace wasn't found in the security of her quiet life, but in her yes to God. *May my life be a ready yes to you today, Lord. Amen.*

2016 PSD Educators of the Year and Jubilarians



Congratulations to the four **PSD Educators of the Year for 2016!** They were honored at LEC last month. Pictured, from left to right, are:

Peter Lark, Orange Lutheran High School, Orange, CA

High School Educator of the Year

Carol Jordening, Salem Lutheran Preschool, Orange, CA

Early Childhood Educator of the Year

Fred Friedrichs, St. Paul's Lutheran School, San Diego, CA

Elementary Educator of the Year

Scott Fogo, Faith Lutheran Middle School & High School, Las Vegas, NV

Administrator of the Year



In addition, **35 Jubilarians** were honored for their 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 55 years of dedicated service. We give thanks and glory to God for the blessings He has showered on His church through the lives and ministries of these Jubilarians.

LEC Survey--We Want Your Input!



Have you taken a moment to complete the brief [LEC survey](#)? If not, please take a few minutes to do so. Your input is valuable! Thank you to the many that have already completed the survey.

2017 PSD Early Childhood Director/Pastor Conference

The 2017 PSD **Early Childhood Director/Pastor Conference** will be held on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017**, at **Christ Lutheran Church and School in Costa Mesa, CA**. The theme is ***Connections in Christ - Church and Preschool***, based on Ephesians 4:16. During this one-day event, we are encouraging Early Childhood Directors and their Pastors to attend together to *intentionally strengthen* this vital relationship between preschool families and the congregation. For more detailed information and registration information, click [here](#).

CA Early Childhood Directors Licensing Conference Call

Our licensing conference call is **tomorrow, Thursday, December 8**, at **10am PST**. We have the opportunity to hear from Aaron Ross, DSS Child Care Advocate. Aaron will give us licensing updates regarding immunizations for staff and volunteers, fingerprinting, pesticide training and the upcoming new requirements for mandated reporters.

The call-in number is (515) 604-9366. The access code is 389623. It is suggested you call in about 10 minutes early. Any questions, please email Lynne at lynne.rose@psd-lcms.org.

New Commissioned Minister Call Documents

Dear Administrators,

Please be advised, and advise the person who prepares commissioned minister call documents at your school, that a new call document revision, v. 4.7, is now available. The new document reflects changes in the Concordia Plans for 2017. **ONLY version 4.7 is to be used beginning January 1, 2017**. The password information remains the same. Please contact School Ministries if you need password information. Thank you!

Principals of Large Schools--or Any Size School for that Matter--Conference

The **Principals of Large Schools (POLS) Conference** will take place in **San Antonio, TX, January 12-14, 2017**. As heads of schools, we do our best to keep God's Word our ultimate authority. In these times, doing that and taking part in federal and public programming sometimes can seem impossible. Learn from the

professionals as to how to create policies to protect who we are while serving all whom He brings to us!

Be encouraged by pastor-principal partnerships who are walking through these times together and learn from their experiences. Participate in a collaborative think tank session with fellow servants in ministry. **Whether you are large or heading in that direction, we encourage you to join us!**

Click [here](#) for more information and to register. A hotel reservation link will be presented after you register for the conference. The room rate is good three days prior and three days after the conference.

Music Collection Looking for a Home

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD" -Psalm 95:1

St. Paul's Lutheran International Language School in Garden Grove, CA, is looking for new homes for hymnbooks, choral sheet music, a general music bulletin board set, a set of 17 recorders, and a set of 10 CDs emphasizing one classical instrument per CD. We would love to help you expand your musical ministry! Please feel free to contact smiller@stpaulsgg.org for the full list of works. God bless you this Christmas season!

Microsoft License Agreement--One Week Left to Renew!

It is time to renew your **Microsoft Licensing Agreements!** [Click here](#) to be directed to the information page--you will find the order form linked there. There have been some changes to the agreement, so please be sure to read through it carefully. If you have any questions on the new agreement, please contact Greg Busch. His contact information is at the end of the information page. **Orders are due next Thursday, December 15.** If you aren't signed up yet with the Microsoft License Agreement, we encourage you to take a look as this agreement may save you some money.

December CAPE Outlook

Click [here](#) to read the December issue of CAPE Outlook from the **Council for American Private Education**. It includes an article about President-elect Donald Trump's choice for Education Secretary.

Survey Opportunity for California Teachers

On behalf of the California Department of Education, the Sacramento County Office of Education is conducting an interest survey to see if private school teachers are interested in earning a California Clear Credential through an online induction program, specifically designed for private school teachers.

Please have any interested teacher in your school click on [this link](#) to complete a very brief online survey so they can gauge interest in the program.

This survey will close on December 22, 2016. If there is sufficient interest among private school teachers in California, the formal application process will begin at that time. Thank you!

National School Choice Week

Winter is almost here, so stay warm and make a difference with your **National School Choice Week** scarf!

If you're planning any type of meeting, event, or activity for NSCW (January 22-28), click [here](#) to get your free materials (including scarves).

Prayer Requests

Each week, prayers of thanksgiving and prayers for teachers, administrators, support staff, pastors, students, and families of the Lutheran schools, early childhood centers, and churches of the Pacific Southwest District are listed. To include names on the list, please send information to anna.preus@psd-lcms.org by noon on Wednesday of each week. This week we pray for:

- **Kim Hahn**, theology teacher at **Orange Lutheran High School**. After three years of waiting, she received a kidney transplant on Sunday. She is doing very well and better than expected! She is up walking (gingerly) and may be able to come home from the hospital at UCLA next week.

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Pilgrim Lutheran School and Preschool, Chula Vista, CA
Christ Lutheran School and Preschool, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten, Moreno Valley, CA

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