

PSD School Ministries Connections



February 1, 2017

A Prayer for Our Nation

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

National Lutheran Schools Week Recap

We pray you had a wonderful **National Lutheran Schools Week!** It was so encouraging to see all the great activities that took place in our schools. To see photos from around the PSD, [click here](#) to view our Facebook page.

We'd love to add your school's photos to our page, so please continue to share your pictures with us! You can email kim.violette@psd-lcms.org with your photos. Thank you!

Next year's NLSW dates are **January 21-27, 2018**. The theme is ***It's Still All About Jesus!***



Children of Our Savior Lutheran Preschool, Westchester, CA, held a Chinese New Year parade during NLSW!



Pictured above are teachers from **Zion, Victorville, CA**, during NLSW on Future Day. Students and teachers dressed as they will be in the future--and these teachers didn't plan this in advance!

Around the PSD



Last week, **Hope Lutheran School** in **Glendora, CA**, had a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony hosted by the City of Glendora Chamber of Commerce, celebrating over 50 years of providing Christian education to families in Glendora and the 25th anniversary of Hope Preschool. Pictured above in purple is Preschool Director **Ellen Head** and Principal **Scott Ferguson** is cutting the ribbon. It was a wonderful day filled with many blessings!



1st graders at **Hephatha, Anaheim, CA**, had a visit from a veterinarian!

Hearts for Jesus News



Fellow Lutheran educators,

I was blessed to participate in a mission trip to El Progreso, Guatemala, in November 2015 with students and professors from Concordia University. Our experiences with the teachers and students there helped us to see that the students of the Pacific Southwest District could serve this village in Jesus' name by helping them repair their village school.

El Progreso's school is a cinder block structure with four classrooms. There are a number of challenges with the school building that we hope to address with our **Hearts for Jesus** offerings:

- Some classrooms house more than one teacher/class, making it difficult to teach effectively due to the noise. Some classes have to meet on the patio/playground because they have no classroom.
- The school's roof has significant leaks. Classroom materials are often damp.
- Classroom furniture is either non-existent or in a state of disrepair. Teachers do not have the benefit of white/chalkboards, bulletin boards or many of the tools we would consider standard in a classroom.
- The students' play area is a covered concrete patio right outside the classrooms. The concrete has large cracks and holes, a hazard for students and staff.
- The two school restrooms are also in a state of disrepair.

The construction and repair projects in the village will provide a wonderful training opportunity in carpentry, plumbing, masonry and electrical work, something that the village leadership strongly desires. The cost to repair the roofs and add two classrooms would be in the **\$30,000 range, our goal for Hearts for Jesus this year.**

Your chapel offerings will make a significant impact in the lives of these students and teachers! **Thank you for encouraging your students and staff to be give generously, and God bless our cheerful givers!**

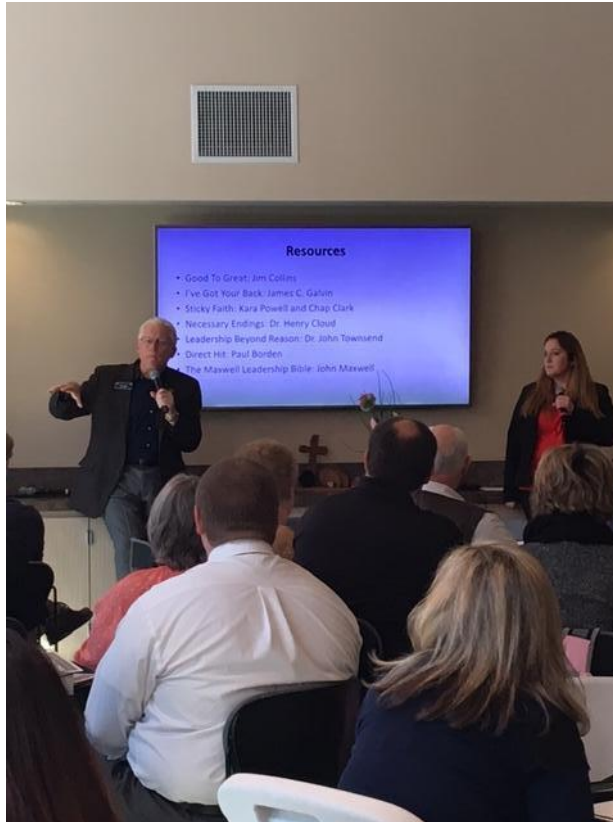
Mary Fink, Principal
Bethany Lutheran, Long Beach



2017 Early Childhood Director/Pastor Conference Update



THANK YOU to the 72 registered participants for yesterday's Early Childhood Director/Pastor Conference at Christ, Costa Mesa, CA! It was an amazing day of proven strategies that strengthen the CONNECTIONS we have between our congregations and Early Childhood centers to grow the kingdom of God! Special thanks to **Pastor Mike Gibson** and **Kristie Flohra** from **Christ, Costa Mesa** (pictured below); **Pastor Jonathan Burkee** and **Nancy Durkovic** from **First Lutheran** and **Circle of Love, Manhattan Beach**; **Pastor Craig Michaelson** and **Tonia Tate** from **Faith, Las Vegas**; and **Pastor Jeremy DaPena** and **Debbie Osman** from **Shepherd of the Desert, Scottsdale**, for their participation and video vignettes. Thank you also to the staff at Christ, Costa Mesa!



February Devotion

The February devotion is now on our website. [Click here](#) to read it! It is written by **Mrs. Linda Staake**, 2nd grade teacher at **Hephatha, Anaheim, CA**, and titled *A Special Kind of Love*. Thank you, Linda!

Tec21

Tec21 is now registering for their 2017/18 workshops. Scholarships are available through LCEF! Please [click here](#) for the scholarship application. Scholarship applications are due March 20. The PSD is hosting workshops at **Zion, Anaheim, CA; Christ, La Mesa, CA; and Christ, Phoenix, AZ**. Registration is open January 3 through March 31. [Click here](#) for more details and to register.

CAPE Outlook

[Click here](#) to read the February issue of **CAPE (Council for American Private Education) Outlook**. In it you will find the following:

- HELP Committee Confirms DeVos as Education Secretary
 - School Choice Week Rally at U.S. Capitol
 - New Center for Education Policy
 - Poll Shows Wide Support for School Choice
 - The Stellar Education of Supreme Court Nominee Neil Gorsuch
 - Florida Supreme Court Ruling
 - And Much More
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Middle School and High School Business Summer Camps

Concordia University Irvine's 6th annual **Teen Entrepreneur Academy (TEA)** and 3rd annual **Kid Entrepreneur Academy (KEA)** business start-up summer camps are set for middle school and high school students, teaching young people how to start their own businesses. Conducted by Concordia University Irvine's School of Business, the innovative summer programs help prepare the business leaders of tomorrow.

- High School students (TEA) - July 23-29, 2017; students live on campus for one week
- Middle School students (KEA) - July 24-28, 2017; day camp

To learn more, visit these websites:

TEA: www.cui.edu/tea

KEA: www.cui.edu/kea

PSD Early Childhood Equipping Conferences 2017

"RECEIVE"

The Early Childhood Cabinet is pleased to offer an outstanding professional growth opportunity for our early childhood educators throughout the District. Join us for a day of worship, learning, fellowship and fun as we learn from **Sharron Krull**, passionate early childhood educator and founder of **PlayPower**. The conference dates are **Saturday, March 4**, at **Christ's Greenfield, Gilbert, AZ**, and **Saturday, March 11**, at **Christ, Brea, CA**.

[Click here](#) for the link to the conference registration page and mark your calendars now!

California Early Childhood Directors--Please Read!

Here are some important clarifications to **CA SB 792** requiring **volunteers in Child Care facilities to be immunized**:

Aaron Ross, Licensing Program Analyst, recently shared the following points with us:

1. For purposes of this immunization requirement, a volunteer is defined as any non-employee who provides care and supervision to children in care (Health and Safety Code sections 1596.7995 (e) and 1597.622 (d)). Within a child care center, "care and supervision" is defined in Title 22, California Code of Regulations, section 101152 (c) (3), which includes the provision of basic services necessary to obtain and maintain a child care center license.

Aaron explained the criteria that Licensing analysts will use is this: *Using the 'cupcake analogy', if a parent is dropping cupcakes off to their child's classroom, they would not be considered a volunteer. However, if a parent stays in the classroom and assists in handing out the cupcakes, the parent then would be considered a volunteer and would need proof of immunization.*

2. If parents, grandparents and others are 'observers' of an event (chapel services, special programs, etc.), they would not be considered volunteers. However, if parents are *engaged and interacting* with the children (assisting with costumes, assisting in lining up, serving snack, etc.), they would be classified as volunteers.

3. Special events occurring outside the typical operational hours of the center are NOT affected by this new regulation.

To access the *Immunization and Tuberculosis Requirements Tool for Licensed Child Care Facilities*, [click here](#). To access the guidelines for implementation that analysts have received, [click here](#).

To assist in uniform compliance in our CA Lutheran Early Childhood centers, here is a suggested POLICY STATEMENT for your Parent Handbooks to outline the new Licensing requirements:

Volunteers in our Centers - As a licensed Child Care Facility in the state of California, we are required to maintain full compliance with all laws and regulations

set forth by the Department of Social Services, Child Care Licensing Division and several other state agencies, including the Health and Safety Code. Senate Bill 792 has changed the immunization requirements for volunteers in a child care facility. For the purpose of this law, a volunteer is defined as any non-employee who provides care and supervision for children. Licensing has determined that 'care and supervision' will be determined as anyone who is engaged and interacting with children.

Therefore, our policy regarding volunteers is being adjusted to maintain compliance. Any volunteer will be required to provide proof of immunization for Influenza, Pertussis and Measles, as well as TB clearance. This will apply to all adults who desire to volunteer in their child's classroom and/or participate in field trips and special events where they are engaged and interactive with children. Proof of immunizations will be kept in a specific file in the Preschool office and will only be available for review by Licensing analysts. Please note - there are several provisions for medical exemptions. Please contact the director for a list of these acceptable exemptions.

THANK YOU for your cooperation in bringing us into compliance with these new regulations. The law was enacted following the measles outbreak at Disneyland in 2015, with the stated purpose of providing further protection from infectious diseases for our children.

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:

- thanksgiving for a wonderful **National Lutheran Schools Week**. Thank you for all that you do! We are blessed to be able to share Christ's love with our students and their families!
- **Lutheran schools in Asia**. Many countries in Asia recognize and celebrate Lunar New Year, which takes place in either January or February. Please pray for traveling mercies as Asian teachers and school families travel back to their hometowns to celebrate. Pray that these families might come to know

the new life they can receive through Christ Jesus.

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Zion Lutheran School and Preschool, Victorville, CA

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