

PSD School Ministries Connections



May 24, 2017

Father,

Every time I pray, may I remember the costly sacrifice paid by your Son Jesus Christ to give me the eternal life I already enjoy in fellowship with you in the presence of Your Holy Spirit.

Whenever I eat or serve a meal, may I remember that Jesus is the bread of life.

Whenever I turn on a light, may I remember that Jesus is the light of the world.

Whenever I go in and out of my home, may I remember that Jesus is the one doorway into relationship with you.

Every time I am concerned about a need, remind me that Jesus is my shepherd--the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for me.

Whenever I am tempted to fear or even to be overly concerned about temporal things, may my perspective be transformed by remembering that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and may I freely proclaim the hope of this truth.

May the message of my life leave no doubt that Jesus is indeed the way, the truth, and the life.

Wherever I go and whatever I do, may I remember that life is worth living because

Jesus is the true vine apart from whom I can do nothing.

Above all, may the face of each person I see remind me of Your sacrificial love and move me to obey You in serving them as a testimony to this love found only in You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Study Bible for Women, Holman Bible Publishers 2014

Around the PSD



Faith Community Lutheran Church and School, Las Vegas, NV, shared with us that they just celebrated important staff anniversaries this past weekend in worship. Above are the names, photos and number of years of service at Faith Community. Thank you for your years of service!



**2017 CIF-SS Division 2
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONS**
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. Isaiah 43:2

The **Crean Lutheran High School, Irvine, CA**, Girls Swimming & Diving team won their 5th consecutive CIF championship on Saturday, May 13! Congratulations!



Rachel was honored to share in the graduation service at **Zion, Victorville, CA**, this past Sunday! Their graduation is part of the Sunday morning worship service-- what a neat celebration!



Above are 30 Pre-K friends from **Word of Life** in **Surprise, AZ**, at their graduation last evening!

Future Church Worker Grant/Thankoffering Scholarship

Grants are available for full-time students preparing for full-time church work and attending colleges, universities, or seminaries of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In addition to a District grant, students who are sons or daughters of Pacific Southwest District Rostered Church Workers may apply for ThankOffering Scholarships.

The application deadline is June 1, 2017. Our apologies--we just received this information.

[Click here](#) for more information!



PSD Administrators' Leadership Conference

Thank you to the 51 registered so far from 24 different schools! This year's conference will be held **Tuesday-Thursday, July 25-27**, at the [Temecula Creek Inn](#) in Temecula, CA. **The theme this year is REJOICE!** based on Psalm 118:24 and

Philippians 4:4-9. Administrators and leadership teams are encouraged to join us for this event! Feel free to bring your family to the hotel and stay an extra day or two! Our hotel rate is \$95+tax per night. Please note, though, that the hotel is already filling rooms for this summer. If you intend to extend your stay, please book your room now. Our rate is good July 23-27 based on availability. For specific hotel registration instructions, please click the HOTEL INFORMATION link on the [registration website](#). We look forward to you joining us!

Faith, Hope and Love: A Threefold Response to 13 Reasons Why

The Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford's "**Faith, Hope and Love: A Threefold Response to 13 Reasons Why**" provides a timely theological response and reflection for teenagers, young adults and grown adults. As conversation continues around the controversial Netflix series *13 Reasons Why*, the LCMS prays this resource will be useful for parents, pastors and teachers who continue to love and support our youth in the midst of sin and death. [Click here](#) to read it.

A Recommended Read

Rev Bill Bartlett, founding Executive Director at **Crean Lutheran High School** in **Irvine, CA**, has been writing through his cancer journey. [Click here](#) to be directed to "**Fighting Cancer**" or "**Being Still Before the Lord**" on his blog, **CANCER: Don't Drop the Mic!** "*The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.*" Exodus 14:14

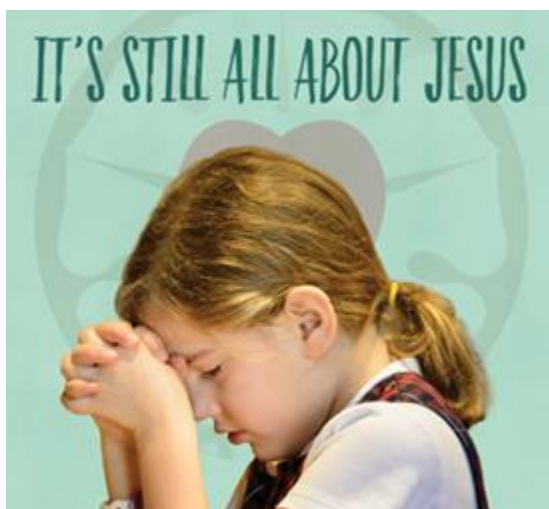
LEC 2017 Made for More Slideshow--Send Your Pictures

The theme for **LEC 2017** is **Made for More** based on the [Prayer of Moses in Psalm 90:12-17](#). Our students were made to be anything they set their hearts and minds

to be, by God's grace! It is time to share pictures of our Lutheran school students for our LEC 2017 slideshow. We are looking for pictures of your students working, playing, and serving in our Lutheran schools and beaming with hope for the future. Consider sharing pictures from graduation/promotion, service projects, career day, first day of school, athletic events, baptisms, and all the other exciting things happening in your schools. Your 2016-2017 yearbook pictures are a great place to start. Thank you!

You have been invited to upload files to CloudWOK. It is as simple as dragging and dropping or clicking +Add files. You do not need to create an account to upload your pictures. Click here: [LEC 2017 Slideshow - Upload Pictures Here](#)

Deadline: October 1, 2017



2017-18 Chapel Talks and NLSW Materials Now Available!

Both the **2017-2018 Chapel Talks** and **National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) materials** have been released and are available for schools to access and use in their planning for the upcoming school year! Following the theme of "It's Still All About Jesus", both resources draw upon the fact that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8 ESV) in

helping students realize that Jesus is still real and present in their lives today.

Chapel Talks explores the various Old and New Testament titles for Jesus in conjunction with the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. It contains resources for individuals tasked with leading weekly chapel services to students of all ages in Lutheran and Christian schools. Bible verses, weekly hymns and speaking points make up only a portion of the great content of this year's Chapel Talks. The resource is available as a free PDF download or as a print copy for purchase through Amazon.com.

The National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) materials help schools celebrate Lutheran schools together during the week of January 21-27, 2018, and focus around the fact that it really is still all about Jesus in all that we do! The NLSW resources are available as a free download and additional resources will continue to be added throughout the coming months.

Both resources can be found on LuthEd.org through the [Chapel Talks](#) and [National Lutheran Schools Week](#) pages as well as through the [document library](#) on LCMS.org.

LCEF Grant Opportunity

The Kaleidoscope Fund, established by Lutheran Church Extension Fund (**LCEF**), helps ministries shine brightly and share the Gospel. Apply for a grant from The Kaleidoscope Fund to start or expand your program. Your ministry can be positively impacted with ministry outreach and expansion, education and rostered church worker wellness. [Click here](#) for more information.

Newly Revised Social Media Policy for PSD Early Childhood Centers

The PSD Early Childhood Cabinet has approved a NEW Social Media Policy for our EC centers. This expanded policy sets forth 'best practices' in the use of social media in the early childhood setting to protect children and parents' rights as well as the integrity of the center itself. Portions of the statement reflect recent changes in California Licensing regulations and interpretations regarding teachers' use of cell phones in the classroom as a 'lack of appropriate supervision'. The Cabinet strongly encourages all our EC centers to review and include this policy statement in your staff handbooks. [Click here](#) to view it.

Please note: The link is a writable PDF. Once you download the document, you will be able to add your school information before you print or re-save the document.

New RightNow Media Family Devotional

Phil Vischer, co-creator of Veggie Tales, has a new study on RightNow Media entitled "**What is a Christian?**" With the help of some animated friends, Phil walks through the book of 1 John to teach us not only *what* the Bible says, but also why

and what it means for us today. These 15 short sessions are good for toddlers through adults! Take a look today! If you have trouble accessing your RightNow Media account, contact [Kim Violette](#).

Children's Musicals Available

We are doing some cleaning at the District Office. We came across several children's musicals that we would like to share with you! Please [click here](#) for the list of what we have available. If you are interested, please email [Kim Violette](#). First come, first serve!

Gradelink Informational Webinars

Gradelink, an LCMS School Ministry premium service, is providing informational webinars for Lutheran school administrators on the following topics:

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[Marketing and communication](#)

[Streamlining academics](#)

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Tuesday 5/31

Tuesday 6/6

Wednesday 6/14

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Hearts for Jesus--We Hit Our Goal!

Our new Hearts for Jesus total is **\$25,268.89!** We are so thrilled to hit our goal of \$25,000! Thank you for your giving hearts. We can't wait to see what our final total will be!



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 the years of service of all of our educators retiring at the end of this school year. God's richest blessings to you!
 - all of our schools, as you have end of the year activities, graduations, and other celebrations! Congratulations to all of our graduates--preschool, kindergarten, 8th grade, and high school!
 - the graduating classes at Concordia Shanghai, Hong Kong International School, and Concordia International School Hanoi. Remember these new graduates in prayer as they transition to university, in many cases thousands of miles away from their parents. 2017 marks the first graduating class for Concordia International School Hanoi--praise God!
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