

PSD School Ministries Connections



May 31, 2017

"Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your Word with great boldness." Acts 4:29

"Are you an old school or a bold school?" A few years ago, at a retirement and celebration of ministry, the retiring PSD principal used this quote in front of a large assembled group of people. He went on to state that his school was a bold school for a variety of reasons, including being on the forefront of technology implementation, curricular advances, having a gifted staff and sound educational practice. But then he said that while all of these excellent practices and people are in place, *the critical and most important reason that he considered them a bold school was because of their missional DNA - that they boldly proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior to a community in desperate need of the HOPE that only Jesus Christ can give!*

Acts relates the spreading of the Gospel of God's grace both: 1) geographically (from Jerusalem through the eastern Mediterranean lands to the capital of the Roman Empire) and 2) theologically (from a small Jewish-Christian community to an extended church in which Gentile Christians

equaled, if not surpassed, in number the believers among the Jews).

In Acts, we also read about the boldness and courage with which the apostles and early Christians proclaimed the Gospel message, and we know how God multiplied their ministry, despite threats, problems and adversity, and grew HIS church! What a great testimony to us as Lutheran educators as we read Acts and consider our classrooms, our schools, our congregations and our witness to our communities! This summer, I encourage (urge, beg) you to read the book of Acts by the pool, at the beach, in the shade of a tree in the desert, or while on vacation! Let the words and witness of some of these heroes of the faith like Peter, John and Paul motivate you to reflect upon this past school year and look forward to the upcoming school year with great boldness and courage!

Around the PSD



News from **Loving Savior Lutheran School, Chino Hills, CA:**

8th grade student **Daniel Chen** is a repeat participant at the **Scripps National Spelling Bee**, which will be held today and tomorrow in Washington, DC. He won the Inland Valley Regional Spelling Bee for the second year in a row and will hold that title for an additional year. Daniel is proudly showing off his trophy with **Principal Valorie Wend**.

Also, four Loving Savior junior high students



recently attended the 2016-2017 **SIM Science and Engineering Fair**. These young ladies placed with an award in the Junior Division. Congratulations!



Grace Lutheran School, Lancaster, CA, recently celebrated the ministry of **Principal Karen Markin**, pictured above with her husband, **Jerry**. Congratulations and God's blessings in your retirement, Karen!



Middle school students at **Christ Lutheran School, Costa Mesa, CA**, recently performed in their annual school musical.



Earlier this month, **Hephatha, Anaheim, CA**, alumni **Chris Wichmann** (HLS class of '08) and some members of his family toured with Concordia Irvine's Choir. This picture is extra-special to the Hephatha family, since it shows the legacy of the Wichmann and Aschbrenner families along with our Lutheran legacy in Wittenberg, Germany.

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 TOMORROW, June 1, 2017.

[Click here](#) for more information!

June Devotion on Website

The June devotion is now up on our website. It is written by **Pastor Tim Unke**, campus pastor at **Crean Lutheran High School, Irvine, CA**. [Click here](#) to read it. Thank you, Pastor Unke!

For Early Childhood Directors

Early Childhood Directors: be watching for an email about a new Listserv that we will be utilizing for sharing resources, asking questions, and connecting with each other professionally! We look forward to this new networking opportunity!

Recommended Literature List: Pre-K through 12th Grade

286 new award winning titles will soon be published on the California [Recommended Literature List Web page](#) and a news release will announce the update of the list for public viewing and use. This database helps students, parents, and educators find literature that entertains, informs, and explores new ideas and experiences through high-quality titles on a variety of topics and genres, selected by a committee of experts in child and youth literature.

Spend some time reading to a child this summer -- or give a child a book!

PSD Administrators' Leadership Conference



Thank you to those who have registered!

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!

LEC 2017 Made for More Slideshow--Send Your Pictures

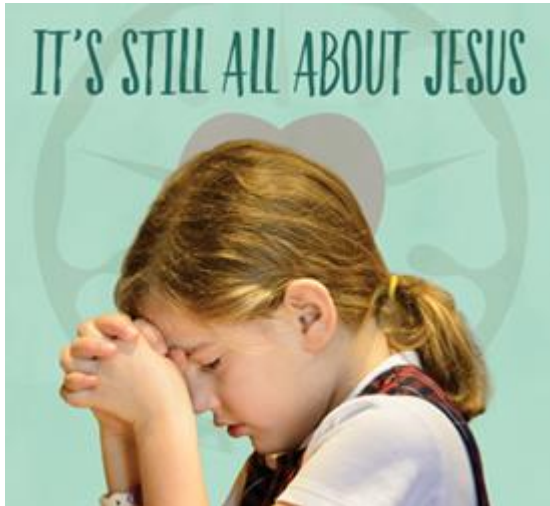
The theme for **LEC 2017** is **Made for More** based on the [Prayer of Moses in Psalm 90:12-17](#). Our students were made to be anything they set their hearts and minds to be, by God's grace! It is time to share pictures of our Lutheran school students for our LEC 2017 slideshow. We are looking for 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.

California Civic Learning Institute for K-12 Educators

California Civic Learning Institute for K-12 Educators
Professional Learning to Prepare ALL Students for Civic Life

July 24 - 28, 2017
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Los Angeles County Office of Education
12830 Columbia Way
Downey, CA 90242

Do You Have a Need for Students to Strengthen Civil Discourse? Recognize Fake News? Demonstrate Responsible Citizenship?

This year-long Institute will equip K-12 educators with tools and strategies to build civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions for all students to become informed, engaged citizens.

Learn how to frame civic inquiries, facilitate research and investigations to distinguish "real" from "fake" information, engage students in civil dialogue about controversial issues, and help them reach conclusions to take informed, responsible civic action.

Tools and techniques from the California Democracy School Civic Learning Initiative will be provided to institutionalize civic learning across entire grade levels at K-12 school sites. ***Learn how YOUR SCHOOL can become a California Democracy School!***

Nationally recognized presenters include:

Paula McAvoy, Ph.D.

Co-author, with Dr. Diana Hess of *The Political Classroom: Evidence and Ethics in Democratic Education*
Program Director, Center for Ethics and Education
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Sarah McGrew, Ph.D.

Co-Director, Civic Online Reasoning Project
Stanford History Education Group
Stanford University

[Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 7, 2017

<http://lacoek12oms.org/1537-129758>

Space is limited - please register early!

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2016 CA History-Social Science Framework

The **California History-Social Science Framework** is currently being professionally edited and designed. The draft document is posted at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/cf/sbedrafthssfwp.asp>.

The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA), the California History-Social Science Project, and the CDE are working together to host several History-Social Science Framework roll out events in 2017. Conferences include instructional resources and programs for educators to support implementation of California's new HSS Framework.

Upcoming conferences hosted by the California History Project are:

- September 28, 2017 at Santa Clara County of Education
- October 11, 2017 at Cal Poly Pomona
- January 30, 2018 at CSU Fresno

Register at <http://chssp.ucdavis.edu/programs/framework>

Additional conferences hosted by CCSESA are:

- September 6, 2017 at the Ventura County Office of Education
- November 1, 2017 at Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Register at

<https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventId=1902177>

To stay current on framework roll out and other HSS happenings, subscribe to the CDE HSS newsletter by sending a blank e-mail to join-history-social-science@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

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!

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!

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