

PSD School Ministries Connections



June 7, 2017



Around the PSD

Below are **St. Paul's, Orange, CA**, Pre-K students praising Jesus at their Milestone Celebration Service earlier today.





To the left is a photo of **Pastor Darin Sheek**, newly installed pastor at **Prince of Peace Lutheran, Anaheim, CA**. Looks like he's enjoying hanging out with students at their end of school year event!

Educator of the Year 2017

Administrators, please take the time to forward this information to your entire staff. Thank you!

Each year, we wish to honor exemplary educators in the Pacific Southwest District who exhibit exceptional leadership, teaching skills, and total commitment to Christ and the ministry of our Lutheran schools. We are asking for your help in identifying those who represent this spirit of dedication, commitment and excellence. The 2017 Educators of the Year will be recognized at the Lutheran Educators Conference (LEC) in Phoenix, AZ, in November.

Below are the links to the nomination forms for the 2017 PSD Educators of the Year. This is an open nomination system. You may nominate in any or all of these four categories. The deadline for submitting nominations is August 31, 2017. Thank you to those that participated in the Educator of the Year survey earlier this year. It was very beneficial feedback.

Process:

June-August 31: Nomination period

September: Educator of the Year committees meet to determine finalists in each of the four categories

September/October: Evaluations/interviews completed regarding the finalists

Late October/Early November: Committees select winners
Sunday, November 19: Honorees are recognized at LEC

Nomination Forms:

[Administrator](#)

[ECE Educator](#)

[Elementary Educator](#)

[Jr/Sr High Educator](#)

Thank you for your participation in honoring our outstanding educators in the PSD!

Wrapping Up Hearts for Jesus for 2016-2017

Thanks to all of the schools who have supported our Hearts for Jesus project this year, **Corazones Para Guatemala**. We met our goal of \$25,000--our total is currently at **\$25,268.89**. What a blessing! As you are wrapping up and closing your accounting for this school year, we want to encourage those of you who have not yet sent your contributions to please do so by July 1 so that we can send the gift to Corazones Para Guatemala by July 6. Thank you again for your support of this ministry!



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

Early Childhood Director Listserv

Early Childhood Directors: You should have received 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! If you need more information, please email [Rachel Klitzing](#).

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. Submissions must be postmarked by June 15, 2017.

California STEAM Symposium

The California Department of Education STEM Office has announced the 5th Annual California STEAM Symposium, which will take place in San Francisco on December 10-11. They are currently accepting workshop proposals through June 16th. Find out more information at <http://www.stemcalifornia.org/>.

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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