

PSD School Ministries Connections



June 14, 2017

Pressure to Succeed - Freedom to Fail

Lord make me at peace with "failure" when it comes my way.

Don't let the world around me squeeze me into its mold of values.

Rather let me join the apostle-band of "failures" who surrounded you.

Let me follow the greatest "Failure" of all to the cross so that assimilated,
identified, penetrated by his victory I may see...

Gain come out of loss, good come out of apparent evil, hope come out of
seeming defeat.

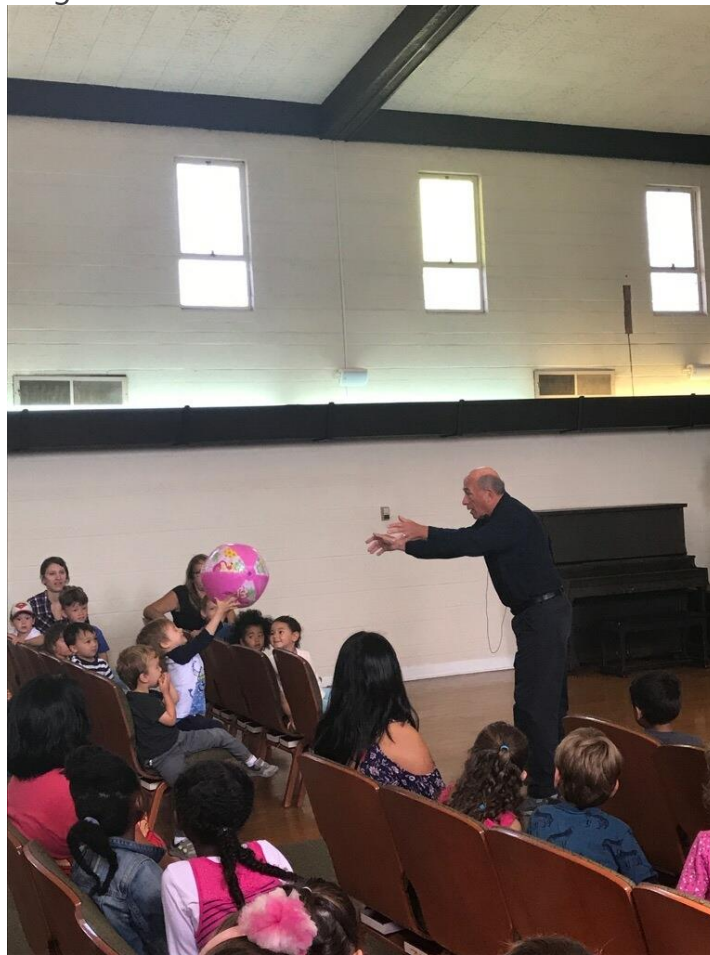
And Lord give me the goal not "to succeed" but to be faithful at all time to
you.

Please read Psalm 106:34-35 and Philippians 3:7-11

Taken from "Prayers for People Under Pressure" by Donald L. Deffner

Around the PSD

Pictured below is Intentional Interim **Pastor Gary Boye** giving his first preschool chapel at **Children of Our Savior, Westchester, CA**. Looks like everyone is having a ball!



2018 PSD Early Childhood Conferences are Set!

Early Childhood Directors, please mark your calendars NOW and make plans to attend these *professional growth opportunities* for you and your staff!

EC Directors Conference will be held at the **Temecula Creek Inn, Temecula, CA**, on **January 31 and February 1, 2018**.

ARIZONA EC Equipping Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 3, 2018**, at **Trinity Lutheran, Litchfield Park!**

CALIFORNIA EC Equipping Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 10, 2018**, at **Abiding Savior Lutheran, Lake Forest!**

SPECIAL THANKS to **Heather Chapman** and **Pam Howard** and their staffs for their willingness to host these events!

Grantparent News

This past school year, **38 students** at four PSD schools were sponsored through the **Grantparent Mission Project**, which just completed its 15th year of providing tuition assistance to students at urban PSD schools. [Click here](#) to view the most recent **Grantparent News**.

Please consider the Grantparent Mission Project for a 2017-18 **chapel offering idea**, or **sponsor a student as a school-wide mission outreach** like several of our PSD schools do! Please [click here](#) for more information about Grantparent or contact [Rachel Klitzing](#).

The photos below were taken last week at the annual **Grantparent Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon** at Concordia University Irvine. We are so very grateful for our sponsors, schools, administrators, and students! To God be the glory!









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 have now exceeded our goal of \$25,000--our total is currently at **\$27,862.39**. Thank you, thank you! 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!



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!

PSD Administrators' Leadership Conference



Don't forget to register for our upcoming PSD Administrators' Leadership Conference! So far, 64 individuals from 32 different schools/organizations have registered--awesome! The 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. 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 hope you can join us!

Concordia University Irvine's Clear Induction Program

[Click here](#) for more information about how to clear your Preliminary California Credential through **Concordia University Irvine's Clear Induction Program!**

Some Summer Reading for You

Here are a couple good reads that were shared in the most recent **LEAnews**:

About staff kids... [7 Things Ministry Staff's Kids Need From You Today](#) (*Children's Ministry Magazine*).

Summer time to think: [Rethinking the Metaphors We Teach By](#) (*Education Week Teacher*).

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 tomorrow, June 15, 2017.**

Children's Musicals Available--A Few Still Available!

While 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. If you are interested, please email [Kim Violette](#). First come, first serve!

Update: We have given MANY away, but a few remain. Email Kim to see if the ones you want are still available!

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:

- the family of **Leroy Pabst**. Leroy passed away on Sunday, June 4. He served as Principal and Music Minister at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School, Downey, CA**. Services were held this past Saturday. Leroy's wife, **Mary**, was a former teacher; his daughter, **Susan Jennings**, is the Preschool Director at **Concordia Lutheran Preschool, Cerritos, CA**; and his son-in-law, **Rev. Mark Jennings**, serves dual parishes in the PSD. Please keep the entire family in your prayers.
- 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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