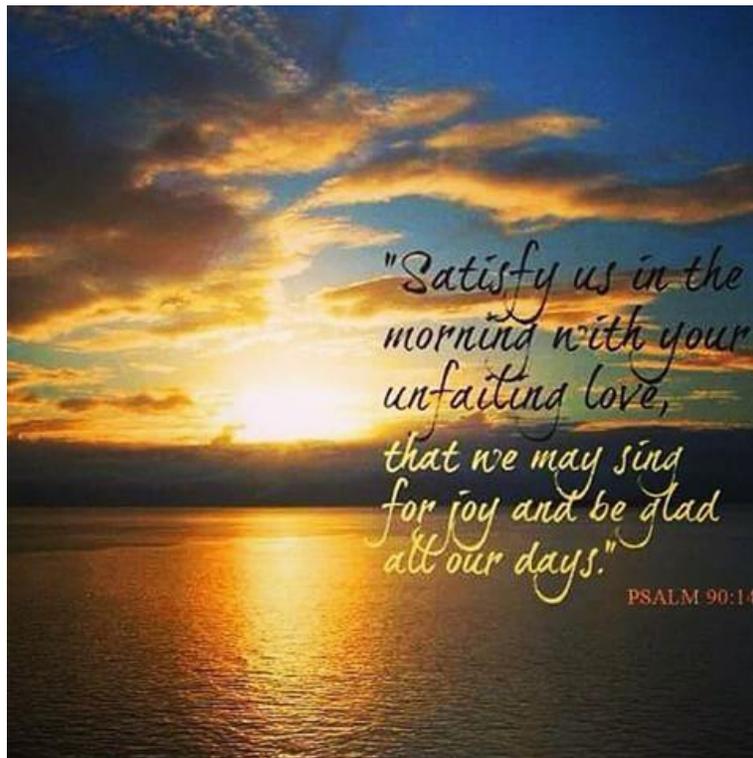


PSD School Ministries Connections



September 20, 2017

*Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. -Psalm 90:14 NIV*



Around the PSD



Pictured above are 8th graders at **Christ, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA**, unveiling the new verse for the year with their scripture banner.





Students at **Zion, Anaheim, CA**, proudly recognized Patriots Day with a flag raising and prayer.

North Valley Christian Academy, Phoenix, AZ, held its new campus dedication this morning!





Below are pictures from the first Admissions Directors network meeting that took place yesterday! A special thank you to presenters **Dr. Cari Chittick (CUI)**, **Emily Beckman (CUI)**, and **Danielle Kelso (Salem, Orange)**.



Accreditation Training Registration Now Open

Our annual accreditation training will be held **Tuesday, October 24th**, at **Hephatha Lutheran in Anaheim, CA**. [Click here](#) to register! It is important that all accredited schools have representation at this meeting. We will also be training on the new ECE Document, so any ECE Center with a visit in 2019 is strongly encouraged to have someone in attendance! If you are interested in serving on an accreditation visiting team or being an accreditation consultant, please let us know. Ideally, each of our accredited schools will have someone from their school trained in these areas to support other Lutheran schools through this process.

Lutheran Educator Poster Sessions at LEC

Do you have a great teaching idea, lesson or resource to share with your fellow Lutheran educators? We know you do, so here's your chance! We're looking for poster sessions from all areas of ministry (lessons, technology use, projects, classroom management/organization, children's sermons, mission trips, VBS...you name it!) for all ages: early childhood, elementary, middle and high school, admissions, young adult ministry, etc. Too nervous to present by yourself? Buddy up with a colleague! Please look at the **Poster Sessions** link on the LEC website for more information. To sign up to present a session, [click here](#).

[LEC Registration website](#)



LEC 2017 Made for More Slideshow - Send Your Pictures

Six student athletes from Crean Lutheran High School in Irvine, CA celebrate National Signing Day.

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! 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. Thank you!

You are 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

Bus Charter to LEC

Last Spring, we informed you of the possibility to charter a bus or two for an LEC road trip! We need to finalize and have a firm confirmation if you will indeed be using this service as well as the number of teachers you will have on the bus. If we fill the bus with 50 - 55 people, the cost per person will be \$65 - \$70. The bus company needs final reservations by the end of this month. Please email your CONFIRMED reservation to kim.violette@psd-lcms.org **no later than this coming Monday, September 25th** . Thank you!

National Lutheran School Statistics Request

Thank you to all the schools who have already responded and submitted their school statistical information to Rosters and Statistics! A special shout out to Director **Beverly Charsha** at **Children of Our Savior Lutheran Preschool**, Principal **Angie Schiller** at **Yuma Lutheran School**, and Principal **Lucas Fitzgerald** at **Pacific Lutheran High School**, who were the first to submit their school's reports! If you haven't yet, please take some time and submit your statistical reports as soon as possible! You have until November 1, 2017, to complete your data entry. This report is to be [completed online here](#).

Thank you!

School Directory Information--THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the schools who have already sent back the excel spreadsheets with their school directory information. We have already received 18 elementary schools, 17 preschools, and 2 high schools this past week! Keep them coming in! The deadline to submit this excel document is October 15th.

California Private School Affidavit

The legal "window" for the annual filing of the California private school affidavit will open October 1 and extend through October 15. [Section 33190 of the California Education Code](#) requires every private school in the state to file this important document. You should soon be receiving an email from the **California Department of Education** which will contain the password and filing instructions. This email will be sent to all private schools in the Department's current database - meaning all schools that filed an affidavit last year. If, after checking, you believe your school did not receive this communication, or if you should require assistance, please contact Anie Wilson at the CDE: (916) 445-5669 or awilson@cde.ca.gov.

For more information, including step-by-step instructions on filing this important information, please click on the link to the CAPSO Midweek E-Mailer found below.

CAPSO Midweek E-Mailer

[Click here](#) to read the latest **California Association of Private School Organizations (CAPSO) Midweek E-Mailer**. In this issue:

- Green Ribbon Schools: The Time is Now!
 - A Senate Reprieve for Title II, Part A?
 - Private School Affidavit: It's Almost That Time
 - Quick Takes
 - Time, Space, and Schools
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Workers for the Harvest

If you are a Commissioned Minister in the first three years of your first call, you are eligible for a grant to assist you in repaying your student loan debt. Information on the grant program can be found at <http://www.psd youth.net/church-worker-loan-repayment.html>. **The application deadline is October 14, 2017.**

Consultancy Model Opportunity

The Consultancy Leadership Model is a recent School Ministries initiative that has already helped several of our schools! If this is new to you, the Consultancy Leadership Model uses protocols employed by a variety of national organizations called the Consultancy Model. The objective of the Consultancy is to provide a forum for a school administrator to receive counsel on a key strategic question facing his or her school. If you would like to request a Consultancy, please submit your strategic question, challenge, issue or concern on [this Google form](#). Thank you so much for your participation in this new initiative! -Rachel Klitzing

Hearts for Jesus

Administrators - the Hearts for Jesus mailings have been sent to all our schools announcing the wonderful mission project for the 2017-2018 school year, **Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM)**. Inside the mailing is a letter announcing the project, and a sample of the student collection boxes and stickers available for all children in your school. You may call or email LSEM and request free boxes and stickers. The LSEM website has lesson plans, chapel information, videos and pictures to share with your students. Please plan to participate in this worthwhile project. See the Hearts for Jesus information on the bottom of the School Ministries website homepage for more information. If your school did not receive the Hearts for Jesus envelope, please contact Ellen Pratt at ellen.pratt@psd-lcms.org.

National Lutheran School Administrators Conference

Leading Together #Together2018

The **Leading Together** conference is designed for administrators who lead schools serving any combination of PK-12 students. The conference is a joint planning project of LCMS, LEA and ALSS and replaces the individual conferences of POLS, LEA-NAC and ALSS in 2018. This combined mega-conference brings time for worship, fellowship, excellent keynote presenters, workshops for all levels and special events that only Orlando can offer.

Save the date! Registration and complete program details will be available soon! Here is what you need to know for now:

Who: Administrators at Lutheran early childhood centers, elementary schools,

middle schools, and high schools

What: Lutheran School Administrators Conference (LSAC) - an initiative of The Alliance of ALSS, LCMS School Ministry, and LEA.

When: March 11-13, 2018, opening at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 11, and ending at noon on Tuesday, March 13, with some groups meeting prior to Sunday's opening. The program includes opening devotion and banquet at 6:30 p.m. on March 11, and concludes by noon with worship on March 13.

Where: Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando at Lake Buena Vista South, Kissimmee, Florida.

Cost: Full participant registration = \$325.00; Spouse = \$225.00; Hotel \$139.00 plus tax per room per night, including complimentary breakfast and before-dinner reception.

The Alliance of ALSS, LCMS School Ministry, and LEA models systemic trust, collaboration, and encouragement to enhance the support of Lutheran schools and expand the capacity to advance our distinctive missions.

Reformation Resources

Reformation A-Z Coloring Book

Written by Drew Gerdes and free from LutheranReformation.org, the [Reformation A-Z Coloring Book](#) is a great resource! Also check out the resources at [Reformation 2017](#).

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IRVINE PRESENTS: REFORMATION 500 AN EVENING OF WORD AND SONG

Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 pm at Segerstrom Concert Hall

Concordia's choirs, handbells and orchestras join with musicians from area churches and schools in a 500-member music ensemble to lead festive hymns, choruses, and sacred music around the themes of Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone and Christ Alone. Theologians from Christ College will share what it means to be Always Reforming as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Tickets now available to purchase. [You can order tickets here.](#)

FREE RESOURCES TO HELP CELEBRATE THE REFORMATION

The LCMS has new, free materials available to help promote the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year in LCMS congregations and their communities. The kit of downloadable resources is expected to be available this month on the [Synod's Reformation-anniversary website](#).

Rick Morris on YouTube

For 31 years, Classroom Management speaker **Rick Morris** traveled the country sharing ideas for helping to make the classroom a more manageable, productive, and happy place.

Although he is now retired, Rick's passion for supporting teachers has not diminished! We want to share with you Rick's new YouTube channel; a new (and free!) resource for teachers to continue to have access to Rick's presentations and ideas.

Rick's vision for the channel is to produce short videos for use by individual teachers, teaching teams, school staff meetings, district Professional Development, student teachers...whoever, wherever, whenever! We hope you'll love it and will find it useful for practical classroom ideas. [Click here](#) to access Rick's YouTube page.

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:

- [all those affected by natural disasters around the world. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who live in those areas as well as the men and women who are there to assist them.](#)

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Little Friends in Christ Lutheran Preschool, Fullerton, CA
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