

PSD School Ministries Connections



October 4, 2017

*The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.*

Psalm 34:18

Jesus said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33, ESV) At times like these, we cling to the hope and peace that we have in Jesus because of His victory won for us on the cross and empty tomb!

Together, as the body of Christ, we join together in praying for all of our professional workers in ministry and leadership in our Las Vegas area schools and congregations as they provide comfort and reassurance of the hope we have in Jesus to those who have been deeply impacted by the horrific shooting in their community.

Several students, an alumna, and a relative of a student at Faith Lutheran Middle School and High School were wounded in the shooting, and numerous others of their stakeholders were immediately impacted by this tragic event. A parent of a preschooler at Faith Community Lutheran Preschool is in critical condition at this time. One of the Faith Community teacher assistants was working at the event as

head of a security group. Thankfully she was not injured, but was in the middle of it all giving first aid and CPR to the injured. In addition, Mrs. Donna Jaksha, Admissions Director at Loving Savior Lutheran, Chino Hills, CA, lost her daughter-in-law, who was killed due to injuries she sustained from a gun shot wound. Our heart and prayers go out to Mrs. Jaksha and her son Chris. Chris and his wife recently welcomed a child into the world, so please join me in praying for their young children as well. I'm sure there are many more of which I am not currently aware.

I know this is a very sad, somber and scary time, but we find our strength in the promise of our Savior. Please let me know how we can assist you in providing comfort and resources as you find opportunities to talk with your students and families about this tragedy.

Again, I ask that you continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Las Vegas whose lives have been deeply touched by this tragedy! Thanks for your partnership in service to our Lord! Many thanks for your prayers! God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble.

God be with you and keep you in His mighty care! *"May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant." (Psalm 119:76, NIV)*

Connected in Christ, in His unfailing love,

Rachel Klitzing

Raising Up New Church Workers

It has always been important for the church to be actively raising up new church workers. Given the pressures against considering service in the church as a pastor, teacher, DCE, DCO, DPM, DFLM, or deaconess in our culture today, we now more than ever need resources to help us proactively encourage young people to consider a church work vocation. The Church Work Recruitment and Retention Task Force created the following videos to help the local church and church workers to do just that. These videos are perfect for use as a church announcement, in youth group, and the school classroom (elementary to high school). They can also be shared on social media. Please consider how you might encourage the next generation of church workers and how these videos can help you do just that.

[Become a Lutheran Pastor](#)
[Become a Lutheran Teacher](#)
[Become a Lutheran DCE](#)
[Become a Lutheran Church Worker](#)

October Devotion on Website

The October devotion is now up on our website. It is titled **Two Temples** and written by **Paul Brandt**, Director of Educational Ministries at **Faith Community Lutheran Church and Schools** in **Las Vegas, NV**. [Click here](#) to read it! Thanks, Paul!

Around the PSD



Pictured above are students at **Abiding Savior, Lake Forest, CA**, wearing their AmazingGRace shirts. The Orange County Lutheran School Association schools are all participating in 31 days of Kindness and celebrating 500 years of being saved by grace. You can follow #AmazingGRace500 on social media to see more!

Lutheran High School, La Verne's Guidance Counselor, **Christine Froio**, and Executive Director, **Don Crites**, share their new piece of artwork in their school office -- pennants from the universities that their graduates are attending!



Below are preschool students singing at **Hephatha, Anaheim's**, celebration of 40 years of Early Childhood Ministry.



Jennie and Brian Williamson (AriSon Records) performed a concert at **St. Paul's, Orange, CA**, last week.



National Lutheran School Statistics Request

Thank you to the 30 schools who have already responded and submitted their school statistical information to Rosters and Statistics! There are 90 schools that have not yet reported. If you are one of those 90, **please** take some time and submit your statistical reports as soon as possible! You have until November 1, 2017, to complete your data entry. The form will close after that date. **Please avoid the phone call! Report your statistics today!** This report is to be [completed online here.](#)

LEC Hotel Rooms

We are getting closer and closer to LEC 2017! It's just one month from the cut-off date for our room block at the Marriott Desert Ridge. We want to encourage all our schools to **book their rooms by the end of the day on Friday, November 3**. After this date, the rooms will be released back into the hotel's inventory and there is no guarantee that rooms will be available after that. We understand from the hotel they are already close to sell out for our dates. **Please don't miss this deadline!**

Teacher Appreciation Ads at LEC

Each year, we offer our schools the opportunity to thank their staff, give a shout out, or just celebrate their school with an advertisement in the LEC Program Book. A quarter page ad is \$100, a half page ad is \$200, and a full page ad is \$250. If you would like to purchase an ad, please use [this link](#) to register. When you register, please choose Program Ad Purchase in the Registration Track drop down menu. That will bring up a second drop down that will allow you to select the size of the ad. Ads need to be submitted to kim.violette@psd-lcms.org no later than Wednesday, October 25. Please send your ad in a high resolution, print-ready JPG or PNG file. Your ad will be placed in the program book and adjusted to fit the page based on ad size purchased. All ads will be in grey scale. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize your great school!

LEC T-Shirts



Pictured above are LEC Committee members wearing their new LEC 2017 logo shirts. You can see the beautiful logo on the back on our LEC President, Corissa Sheets, below. T-shirts will be given away at the Bible studies each morning and before the keynote presentation! If you don't receive a logo shirt at one of the Bible studies or at the keynote address, you can purchase yours at the School Ministries booth in the exhibit hall. Our supply is limited, so get yours right away!



Bus to LEC Update

We did not secure enough riders to make a bus affordable, so we will not be chartering a bus to LEC as a district. Thank you for your understanding.

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](#)



2017-2018 School Services

Partnership

Our deepest gratitude to the schools who have already partnered with School Ministries and sent in their contribution to School Services! As of this date, we have received **\$64,056.00** for K-12 School Services and **\$20,203.00** for Early Childhood School Services, for a total of **\$84,259.00!** Praise be

to God! Thank you for your partnership!

CAPE Outlook

[Click here](#) to read the October 2017 edition of the CAPE (Council for American Private Education) Outlook. In this issue:

- Big Blue Illinois Enacts School Choice Legislation
 - Millennials Support Vouchers
 - Education Department Sponsors Leadership Conference
 - Secretary DeVos Visits Private Schools
 - Blue Ribbon Schools Named
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Project SERV and Private Schools

Below is a message from Joe McTighe, Executive Director of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE):

President Trump last Friday signed into law the [Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria Education Relief Act of 2017](#). Section 3 of the act amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to include Project SERV among the programs under which equitable services are to be provided to students and teachers in private schools. [Project SERV](#) "funds short-term and long-term education-related services for local educational agencies (LEAs) and institutions of higher education (IHEs) to help them recover from a violent or traumatic event in which the learning environment has been disrupted." Thus LEAs (school districts) that receive such funds are now obligated to provide equitable services to private schools and to comply with all the uniform provisions of Title VIII of ESEA (e.g., consultation)

contained in Sec. 8501 of ESEA.

Register for Accreditation Training!

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.

PSD School Directory Request

Thank you to the schools who have submitted their school directories as requested! We currently have received spreadsheets from 34 preschools, 26 elementary schools, and 3 high schools. We are **so thankful** for those of you who have responded quickly! However, this is not yet half of our schools. The requested deadline to submit this information is October 15th. To avoid that phone call you know will come, PLEASE take a few minutes today to fill out the spreadsheet and email it back. Please remember to submit one spreadsheet for preschool, one for elementary school, and one for high school. It should take only about 15 minutes on average to complete. For larger schools, we intentionally created the excel spreadsheet so you could cut and paste your information, saving you time. We must have 100% of schools reporting to accurately re-create our databases. Thank you so much for your attention to this important request.

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.

Reformation Information

REFORMATION CELEBRATION AT EMMAUS, ALHAMBRA, CA!

Emmaus Lutheran is hosting a celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on **Saturday, October 28, from 3:00pm-7:30pm!** Here are some of the events taking place:

- a Reformation Walk (created by several area Lutheran churches) highlighting the life of Martin Luther
- basic Polka lessons provided while we wait for groups to finish up the Walk- you may either participate or observe
- Lutheran High School, La Verne, will be presenting a brief theatrical presentation on the Reformation
- we will break bread together in an old-fashioned, Lutheran traditional potluck supper. Emmaus will be providing the brats and sauerkraut and is asking that others (when they RSVP) sign up to bring a salad, a dessert or a side dish (it is suspected that there may be some Jello...).

All area Lutheran churches are invited! [Click here](#) for more information!

REFORMATION A-Z COLORING BOOK--GREAT FOR ECE!

Written by Drew Gerdes and **free** from LutheranReformation.org, the [Reformation A-Z Coloring Book](#) is a great resource, **especially for ECE!** 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](#).

Booklets for Kids from Lutheran Hour Ministries



There's one thing you can pretty much count on when it comes to kids ~ *they love to get stuff*. In keeping with this truism, our collection of six children's booklets fits the bill perfectly. And with Halloween just a few weeks away, they're simply perfect to include with the treats you'll be handing out to all the ghouls and goblins who'll be darkening your doorstep. Grab a few packs of 25 and give the kids in your neighborhood something to read and remember.

The booklet titles are:

- Do You Know Who Jesus Is?*
- Sharing Your Faith*
- Learning to Pray*
- The Easter Story*
- The Christmas Journey*
- The Bully*

Packets of 25 are available for \$7 each, plus shipping.

To check each one out and preview it online, go to our website and [click here](#) to sample them.

To order one or more of these titles, [click here](#) and make your selection

Change Their World. Change Yours. This Changes Everything.

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 as well as the tragic shooting in Las Vegas. Please pray for all those that have been affected by these events.

October 8

Concordia Lutheran School and Preschool, Granada Hills, CA
St. Mark Lutheran Preschool, Encinitas, CA
Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Hacienda Heights, CA

[Visit Our Website](#)

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