

PSD School Ministries Connections



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"The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army: He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me walk (not to stand still in terror, but to walk) and make (spiritual) progress upon my high places (of trouble, suffering, or responsibility)!

Habakkuk 3:19 (AMP)



Please keep all those affected by the fires in Northern and Southern California in your prayers. **Hephatha, Anaheim Hills; Trinity, Anaheim Hills; Salem, Orange; and Red Hill, Tustin**, all cancelled school today. We also heard reports that several **Orange Lutheran High School** families lost their homes in the fire, and we know many in our schools have family members or friends fighting the fire. We pray for all involved to be safe!

The photo above was taken from **Hephatha, Anaheim's**, parking lot on Monday afternoon.

Around the PSD



Loving Savior, Chino Hills, CA, celebrating National Bible Day last Thursday (above). They also prayed over the various families afflicted with cancer in their cancer awareness drive (below).



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. Please consider how you might encourage the next generation of church workers and how these videos can help you do just that.

Please share these videos with your pastors, DCEs, and anyone else that you think might want to use them! Use the videos in your classrooms to invite your students to consider and pray about a career in church/school ministry! Feel free to share on social media, too!

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

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!**

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 Hotel Rooms

We are getting closer and closer to LEC 2017! It's now less than 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!**

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!



National Lutheran School Statistics Request

Thank you to the 30 schools that 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](#).

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.

California Private School Affidavit: Deadline is October 15

The legal window for the annual filing of the California private school affidavit is open now and extends through **October 15**. [Section 33190 of the California Education Code](#) requires every private school in the state to file this important document. [Click here to file the online affidavit form](#). You should have received an email from the **California Department of Education** containing the password and filing instructions. This email was 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.

CAPE Update: Blue Ribbon Schools Named

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recently announced the names of schools identified by the U.S. Department of Education as the National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2017.

Schools were selected either because their test scores in reading and math placed them among the top-performing schools in the nation or state, or because they made notable improvements in closing achievement gaps.

Fifty private schools were among the awardees this year. Each state's commissioner of education nominates public schools for the award, and CAPE nominates private schools. All winning schools will be honored at an awards ceremony November 6-7 in Washington, DC. [Click here](#) for the list of schools.

Resource for Fine Arts Curriculum

The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) has recently completed a new publication: ***Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Arts Teaching and Learning in Action: Strategies that Increase Student Engagement and Achievement***. This publication is a result of a yearlong process undertaken by the CCSESA/CISC Regional Arts Leads who are the Visual and Performing Arts Subcommittee representatives.

[Click here](#) to download this resource, which recognizes the trans-formative power of the arts in the lives of students as they develop critical thinking skills and capacities that ensure success in our complex, multifaceted, globalized world.

Reformation Information--New Event Added!

FREE DINNER AND LUTHER MOVIE

Christ Lutheran, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, is hosting a FREE Dinner and showing of the new Luther Movie on **Thursday, October 19**. [Click here](#) for a link to the Facebook event and [here](#) for a link to their website.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION AT EMMAUS, ALHAMBRA, CA!

Emmaus Lutheran, Alhambra, CA, 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](#).

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:

- those who are battling and in the path of the fires in California. We pray for those who lost homes, those who are scared, and those who are fighting the fires.
- all those affected by the shooting in Las Vegas, especially those who lost loved ones. Below is a prayer of thanksgiving from **Pastor Craig Michaelson** at **Faith Community, Las Vegas**:

Thank you for all the prayers and support during this difficult time.

Good is overcoming the evil that took place, and light is overcoming the darkness. Not the lights on the strip, but the light of Christ.

I have good news to share. Phil Aurich, father of a preschooler and a second grader in our school, is now out of ICU. He was shot in the back, and had to have a spleen removed and part of his colon. Thankfully, he is recovering. His children got to see him at the hospital today.

Another mother, Christina Gruber, who was shot in the leg, attended our service of hope and healing on Tuesday. She had to use crutches at the time. But today, she was at church with no crutches.

Healing is beginning, but we have a long ways to go.

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Christ the King Lutheran Preschool, Newbury Park, CA
Child of Faith Early Learning Center, Huntington Beach, CA
Redeemer Lutheran Preschool, Huntington Beach, CA
iRemnant Preschool, Fullerton, CA

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