

PSD School Ministries Connections



October 18, 2017

"Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Martin Luther wrote the words of this hymn, and they are still as meaningful and **relevant today** as they were 500 years ago!

*Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing your praise eternally.*

*O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And bring us out of death to life.*



Around the PSD

Mt. Calvary Lutheran School, Diamond Bar, CA, is pleased to announce that they surpassed their goal of raising \$1000 in chapel offerings for the month of September 2017 to go toward Hurricane Relief Support at Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School in Houston, TX.

In the picture below, students from each class stand with **Mt. Calvary Principal, Dr. Steve Christopher**, with a rendition of the check that was sent to Pilgrim Lutheran in Houston, TX. Thanks be to God!



Students at **Atonement Lutheran School, Glendale, AZ**, made this banner for all of their fellow Lutheran schools in the district that have been suffering lately. We are truly *Connected in Christ!*



Below is a photo of **Zion Lutheran School, Anaheim, CA**, celebrating Red Ribbon Week! What spirit!



Dressed in swine garb, **Ramona Lutheran Christian School Principal Elaine Crary** kissed a pig in front of her students after telling them she would if they hit their book fair sales goal. As you can see, they surpassed the goal!



LEC Video

We are thrilled to share with you a special video prepared in support of sending all of our teachers to LEC this year! As you may know, this is the first time in 101 years that we will hold our annual conference in Phoenix! We are excited to partner with

all of our schools in the PSD to send ALL of our Lutheran educators to the Lutheran Educators Conference! This conference, with its dynamic presenters and topics, coupled with an outstanding, beautiful location at a great room rate, makes this conference a "must do" for all our educators!

I urge you to PLEASE share this video with your staff. Please share it at a school board meeting. PLEASE share it with your pastor and ask him to show this video at church this Sunday or next Sunday during the announcement time before, during or after worship. Show it at a PTL meeting! Share it with your MOPS group. Share it with your prayer team or small group. Use it with a member of your church who has a special connection to Lutheran education. Invite a retiree who you know has a heart for children and ministry to watch the video in your office as you munch on granola and sip coffee!

[Click here](#) to view the brief one minute video. Thank you so much for your leadership and for taking the time to share this video!

LEC 2017 - All You Need to Know

[Click here for the LEC Registration Website](#)

Be sure to reserve your hotel rooms by Friday, November 3!

Hotel Information

We are confident by now you have had a chance to look through the [LEC Registration website](#) and have looked at the hotel links for our conference location, the beautiful Marriott Desert Ridge. As you are planning your staff dinners for Sunday or deciding to bring your family or not, we want to be sure that you have seen all that this area of Phoenix has to offer. Please [click here](#) to see the hotel brochures for what to do at the hotel, in the area, and for your family! **Be sure to book those rooms by the end of the school day on Friday, November 3!**

Poster Sessions

Have you signed up to share a Poster Session at LEC yet? What is a Poster Session? Glad you asked! Please [click here](#) to be directed to the Poster Session section of the LEC Registration website.

FAQs

This year's LEC is in a new location! The LEC Committee is excited to share this beautiful property with you! However, you may have some questions. To help answer some of those questions, please [click here](#) to be directed to the FAQ page on the LEC Registration website.

Servant Events

We have several Servant Events planned for LEC this year! To view the opportunities and see what you can bring to help support these events, please [click here](#) to be directed to the Servant Event page on the LEC Registration website.

Teacher Appreciation Ads

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, **November 1**. 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!***

PSD Educator of the Year News

Finalists have been named for the four categories of the PSD Educator of the Year awards for 2017. We are grateful to all those who took the time to nominate an educator, and we congratulate all those who were nominated!

Below are the finalists in each category. The winners will be selected by the committees in the coming weeks and will be honored at LEC. The committees would appreciate prayers for wisdom and discernment as the decisions are made--we have so many outstanding educators in the PSD!

Early Childhood Educator of the Year

Susana Anderson, Hephatha Lutheran Preschool, Anaheim Hills, CA
Julie Beckman, Salem Lutheran Preschool, Orange, CA

Maggie Payne, Christ Lutheran Preschool, La Mesa, CA
Jill Vidal, SONshine House Lutheran Preschool, Temple City, CA

Elementary Educator of the Year

Karen Dueker, Hephatha Lutheran School, Anaheim Hills, CA
Emily Hollendoner, Christ's Greenfield Lutheran School, Gilbert, AZ
Jenny Jordan, Christ Lutheran School, Costa Mesa, CA
Shelly Surridge, Salem Lutheran School, Orange, CA
Melissa Woodward, Trinity Lutheran School, Litchfield Park, AZ

Jr/Sr High School Educator of the Year

Julia Parsons, Lutheran High School, Orange, CA
Joe Richter, Valley Lutheran High School, Phoenix, AZ
Conni Schramm, Crean Lutheran High School, Irvine, CA
Lisa Schwartz, Faith Lutheran Middle School & High School, Las Vegas, NV

Administrator of the Year

Robert Koehne, Valley Lutheran High School, Phoenix, AZ
Angela Schiller, Yuma Lutheran School, Yuma, AZ
Valorie Wend, Loving Savior of the Hills Lutheran School, Chino Hills, CA

Accreditation Training--LAST WEEK TO REGISTER!

Our annual accreditation training will be held next **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.

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](#)

National Lutheran School Statistics Request

Thank you to those schools that have already responded and submitted their school statistical information to Rosters and Statistics! Please take some time and submit your statistical reports as soon as possible! You have until Wednesday, 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](#).

Early Childhood Reach Out and Read Milestones Links

Early Childhood Educators -- Check out these RESOURCES from *REACH OUT AND READ!* The simple charts are an excellent way to help your teachers and parents to understand the significant - and typical - MILESTONES of development! The charts are available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

2018 Lutheran School Administrators Conference

You are invited to attend the **LCMS 2018 Lutheran School Administrators Conference**, Sunday-Tuesday, **March 11-13, 2018**, in **Orlando, FL**. **This does not replace our district conference in July**, but is a combination of the LEA Administrator, ALSS and POLS conferences which would normally take place separately in the spring. Registration for this one event is now open. Please see the details below.

[Online registration](#) for the **2018 Lutheran School Administrators Conference (LSAC)** is now open.

As you register, please note: Disney has provided a unique opportunity for LSAC administrators to experience the Disney parks and its Disney Youth Education Series. Each of the two experience options has a maximum of 150 registrants available on a first-come, first-served basis to administrators who register at the Basic Registration level (not spouses, emeriti, or exhibitors). Administrators who participate in the morning experience will also receive a complimentary pass to a Disney park for the evening. Additional tickets for spouses and others who wish to attend the evening outing will be available at a reduced rate.

Please be sure to read through all pages of the registration site. Use the Hotel Information page to reserve your hotel room.

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.

The Great California ShakeOut

It's not too late to participate in tomorrow's **Great California ShakeOut**, the state's largest earthquake drill ever! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Hurricane Update from Houston Lutheran Schools

Hurricane Harvey - Lutheran South Academy Update
from Gregg Pinick, CEO, Lutheran Education Association of Houston

October 17, 2017

Dear friends,

August 27th seems like a long time ago. The rains of Harvey had started and the first reports of water pouring into the Lutheran South Academy (LSA) facilities were being observed on the security camera system. It took until Wednesday, August 30th, to get onto campus and assess the damages and plan a strategy to get school started again.

Our God provides. Genesis 22 tells the story of Abraham offering his son Isaac as a sacrifice. God provided another sacrifice and Abraham named the place, Jehovah-Jireh - The Lord will provide.

The story of Hurricane Harvey and its effects on the LSA campus can be summed up by that phrase - Jehovah Jireh. Our God has provided all we have needed along the way.

Leaders? He led a construction manager from our parent community to oversee the demolition and rebuild. He led a Head of School to organize, encourage, and rally her team to go above and beyond.

Workers? He led over 1,000 people to volunteer the first three days to demo, remove, haul, sanitize, clean, mop, catalog, etc. People from all over did everything that was needed to get the drying out of the buildings in place by the evening of September 2nd.

Equipment? We were first on the list of getting the huge dehumidifiers on campus. All of the supplies to clean up were donated. Food and water to feed the crews came from many sources. Trash bins arrived on campus the day we started cleaning up. Few people in Houston had access to them, and we had them coming and going on campus.

Resources? Donations totaling over \$420,000 have poured in from all over the world (literally) from individuals and organizations. Vendors cut deals or replaced items for free. The people from the Iowa District West of the LCMS sent two semi-trucks filled with 702 pieces of sheet rock, all the sheet rock supplies, appliances for school's rental house, gifts for our smaller children, gifts and furniture for our faculty and staff that experienced loss, and extra money in case they missed something. All delivered by a great driver named Troy (who looked a lot like Santa) . Grants from the TX District -- LCMS, TX Mutual Insurance, LCEF, and private foundations continue to be granted.

Space? The largest church in our area, Sagemont Church, had four buildings with extreme flooding, and yet, offered their two remaining buildings, and over 150,000 sq. ft. of educational space so that LSA could reopen the entire school of 800 students and 100 faculty and staff on Friday, September 8th. Classes were held at Sagemont until Friday, October 13th. All the space we needed was available for ten (\$10). They lived out their mission of "being Living Proof, of a Loving God, to a

Watching World." Our connection there was David Juengel, a 1979 graduate of Lutheran High School North in Macomb, MI and classmate of LSA Assistant Principal, Gary Himmler.

Move back day at LSA occurred on Saturday, October 14th, and 400 more volunteers assembled to carry, haul, clean, sanitize, purge, and throw away, to ready the buildings for Opening Day 3.0 on Monday, October 16th. School opened yesterday, and a community was glad to be back home!

The sheet rock is hung and painted. Flooring is nearly installed. Furniture is starting to arrive and supplies are coming in to help the faculty ready their learning spaces. Home football games have started. The gymnasium will be ready by the end of January.

We continue to mitigate a cost for reconstruction that is \$1 million more than the insurance coverages we had on the facility and contents. We are about half way to that goal and confident that God will continue His provision.

Words of thanks cannot express the love and support LSA and the LEAH Schools have felt this past nearly eight weeks. Thank you for the prayers. Nothing is too big for Our God.

"God can do anything, you know--far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us."

Ephesians 3:20-21 The Message

#embracechaos #neverwasteahurricane #JehovahJireh #PrayforLSA



Reformation Coloring Page and Gift

The first 50 kids who send [this coloring page](#) to the District office will receive a Reformation gift from Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Coloring pages should be sent to Gail Kanneg via email at gail.kanneg@lcef.org or via post to 1540 Concordia Drive, Irvine, CA 92612. Be sure to include the child's name and church/school affiliation on the back. Gifts will be sent directly to the child if they are Y.I. Club members, otherwise, the gifts will be sent to the church or school indicated. If you have questions, please contact Gail at the email address above or call her at 949-854-3232 ext. 205.

Reformation Information

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!** 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 in Texas, Florida, Mexico City, Las Vegas, and Northern and Southern California. We pray for the recovery in these areas as well as those who are grieving. We also pray for the first responders. Lord, have mercy.

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St. James Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten, Imperial Beach, CA
St. John's Lutheran Preschool, Montebello, CA
Trinity Lutheran Child Development Center, Indio, CA

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