

November 3, 2026 News and Information for LEA Members

Nominations for the 2027 LEA Awards are officially OPEN! It's time to celebrate the incredible educators, administrators, and ministers who pour their hearts into Lutheran education every day. If you work alongside a colleague who goes above and beyond to meet the spiritual, emotional, and cognitive needs of children and families, please nominate them by **Friday, November 20, 2026**! Criteria for each award can be found on the LEA website at https://www.lea.org/awards/



New This Year: If you are nominating your pastor for the *LEA Distinguished Lutheran School Team Pastor* award, you are now responsible for collecting three letters of recommendation (from an administrator/board chair, a teacher, and a parent) and emailing them to Denise Rice by January 22, 2027. Check out the award criteria at lea.org/awards and submit your nomination today at tinyurl.com/LEANominations2027!

Calling All Lutheran Education Leaders! Registration is open for the 2027 Lutheran School Administrators Conference, happening March 8–10, 2027, in Concord, North Carolina. Whether you lead an early childhood center, elementary school, high school, or a parish with a school, this is your premier opportunity to network nationally, collaborate in Christ, and grow professionally.

- Register HERE
- Don't miss this collaborative event by ALSS, LEA, and LCMS School Ministry.
- Details & updates: Check out the 2027 Administrators Conference Page to stay informed!

Effective feedback isn't just something teachers give students. Learn how schools can establish a culture where teachers, students, and administrators exchange useful feedback and use it to improve learning and professional practice in 5 Educator Tips for Creating a Culture of Feedback. (Kate Stolzfus in *ISTE+ASCD*)

Looking for a fresh way to help students make connections between ideas? Hexagonal Thinking: A Colorful Tool for Discussion challenges students to arrange concepts on six-sided cards, explain relationships, and defend their reasoning. This creative approach encourages discussion, collaboration, and deeper understanding across subjects, from literature and history to science. Includes classroom examples and implementation suggestions. (Betsy Potash in *Cult of Pedagogy*)

Don't miss these weekly LEA resources…
WOW Video

Weekly Devotion by Ed Grube

The LEArning Curve Blog

What Works For Me Podcast

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