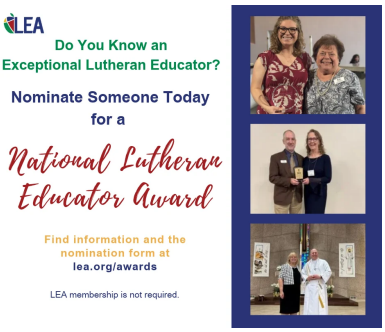


November 2, 2026 For Members of LEA's Elementary Educators Network

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!

Building Community Through Intentional Groupings explains that when students have ample opportunity to work with classmates, they develop a sense of belonging that supports their growth. (Kathy Collier in *Edutopia*)

Our new LEA book review is:

The Heart That Found You

Written by Anna Schocket

Illustrated by Carole Chevalier

Young children will enjoy a heartwarming, rhyming picture-book adventure about adoption, belonging, and the joys of being in a family. Through this rhyming picture book, one will embark on a heartwarming quest for love, especially regarding adoption, belonging, and the joy of being in a family.

Turn the schoolyard into a laboratory! In Warm in the Sun, students compare surfaces in sunlight and shade, make predictions, collect observations, and investigate how sunlight warms different materials. The resource includes materials, instructions, and discussion questions. (*ScienceBuddies*)

Don't miss these weekly LEA resources…

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Weekly Devotion by Ed Grube

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