

November 4, 2026 For Participants in LEA's Administration 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!

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!

How can principals introduce improvements without overwhelming their faculty? In Guiding Teachers Through Purposeful Change, you will explore strategies to involve teachers in decisions, gather meaningful feedback, and create opportunities for collaborative problem-solving. (Stephanie Burroughs in *ISTE+ASCD*)

Looking to host an event showcasing your school? Here are three ideas. All Kinds of Readers: A Guide to Creating Inclusive Literacy Celebrations for Kids provides 15 planning strategies for a family literacy celebration, including book swaps, student-led activities, reading stations, community partnerships, and multiple activity choices. (Lydia Breiseth and Rachael Walker in *Reading Rockets*) Family Math Night Event Planning Guide offers specific stations and event-planning directions, including an estimation station, math scavenger hunt, collaborative projects, and mathematical games. (*Math Unity*) How to Host a STEM Night: A 60-Minute Plan for Schools and Libraries provides a structured 60-minute event plan, including activity stations, materials, facilitator questions, accessibility, and follow-up. (*STEM.ORG*)

Don’t miss these weekly LEA resources…

WOW Video

Weekly Devotion by Ed Grube

The LEArning Curve

What Works For Me Podcast

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