

November 5, 2026 For Participants in LEA's Secondary Education 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!

Educators share effective scaffolding strategies to address diverse student needs, advocating for differentiated instruction through text chunking and choice boards, while highlighting the importance of identifying students' learning gaps and using visuals, vocabulary preteaching, and structured academic talk, while emphasizing the emotional aspect of scaffolding, suggesting that building trust and understanding students' emotional states can enhance learning. Learn more at 'A Must for Effective Teaching': 14 Ways to Fill Holes in Students' Learning. (Larry Ferlazzo in *Education Week*)

In Classroom-Ready Data Resources, students can analyze actual scientific data, track marine animals, investigate ocean acidification, and study carbon cycling. Includes teacher guides and high school activities. (*NOAA*)

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!

Don't miss these weekly LEA resources…
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Weekly Devotion by Ed Grube

The LEArning Curve Blog

What Works For Me Podcast

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