


November 18, 2026 For Participants in LEA's Administration Network

**Great Educators Deserve Recognition — Nominate Someone Today! The deadline for 2027 LEA Award nominations is Friday, November 20!** Every day, dedicated educators, administrators, and pastors make a lasting difference in the lives of children and families through Lutheran education. Do you know someone whose exceptional service, leadership, and commitment deserve to be celebrated? Now is your opportunity to recognize them! Nominate a deserving colleague for a 2027 Lutheran Education Association award. Don't let their outstanding contributions go unnoticed! Explore the award categories and criteria at lea.org/awards, and submit your nomination by November 20! Important Reminder for Distinguished Lutheran School Team Pastor Nominations: Nominators are responsible for collecting three letters of recommendation—one each from an administrator or board chair, a teacher, and a parent—and email them to Denise Rice by January 22, 2027. Take a moment to honor someone who makes a difference. Nominate them today!




Leadership comes with challenges, but you don't have to navigate them alone! Join fellow Lutheran school administrators at the 2027 Lutheran School Administrators Conference for three days of encouragement, collaboration, and practical ideas to strengthen your leadership and your school community. March 8–10, 2027, in Charlotte, North Carolina. NEW THIS YEAR! Take your learning even further with the Pre-Conference Bootcamp on Fundraising and Philanthropy, presented by Concordia University Nebraska. Add this valuable opportunity when you register! Come ready to connect, learn, and leave inspired! 👉 **Register today:** https://tinyurl.com/LSAC2027REG

Have you ever looked for a resource that emphasizes the pastor's role in supporting the school, encouraging teachers, attending activities, and working collaboratively with the principal? 20 Ways Pastors Can Make a Difference in Their Schools may help you in this area. (*English District LCMS)*

The 2028 LEA Convocation Planning met in Indianapolis earlier this month. Have you been thinking about the best way to cover the cost of attending the 2028 LEA Convocation? What about spreading the cost of the 2028 LEA Convocation over multiple years and making deposits with LEA, thereby protecting those funds? Use the LEA Convocation Deposit Option. Participation includes the following benefits:

- Make multiple deposits at any time.
- LEA will return a deposit receipt to you for each deposit received.
- All deposited funds will be applied to convocation registrations (not toward housing)

- Once registration for the 2028 convocation opens, you can contact LEA to confirm your deposit balance and authorize your deposit(s) to be applied to your registrations.
- Unused funds will be refunded.

SIGN-UP TODAY!

Happy Thanksgiving from LEA! In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Ministry Resources will not be published the week of November 23. As we pause to give thanks for God's many blessings, we are especially grateful for you and your faithful service to Lutheran education. May your Thanksgiving be filled with worship,  joy, gratitude, rest, and time with those you love. Wishing you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving!

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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