

November 19, 2026 For Participants in LEA's Secondary Education 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!



AI can produce a polished essay, but it cannot make a student a clearer thinker. Teaching in the Age of AI: Opportunities, Pitfalls, and Christian Discernment works through where AI genuinely helps a classroom and where it quietly replaces the struggle that forms a mind, and ends with four questions worth asking your students directly. (Steven Di Iorio in *Answers in Genesis*)

Looking for a podcast? Try The Cult of Pedagogy Podcast. Hosted by Jennifer Gonzalez, this podcast explores student engagement, classroom management, differentiation, assessment, and educational technology. Episodes include practical ideas particularly relevant to middle and high school teachers.

Holiday Ideas for December 2026

December 7–Pearl Harbor Day: Have your students compare original drafts and final versions of speeches by Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in Drafting History: The Roosevelts Respond to Pearl Harbor. They will investigate how leaders choose their words during a national crisis. It includes primary sources, student worksheets, discussion questions, and a downloadable lesson plan. (*National Museum of the Pacific War*)

December 25–Christmas: Advent Themes Prayer Reflections includes discussion prompts to encourage journaling, classroom, or small group discussions so students can reflect on the true meaning of the Advent season. (*Friendzy*)

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 Blog

What Works For Me Podcast

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