

November 19, 2026 For Participants in LEA's Retired Ministries 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, as do retired teachers 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!



Holiday Ideas for December 2026

December 25–Christmas: 7 Fun Small Church Intergenerational Christmas Activities offers seven practical ways to bring generations together during Christmas, including Christmas Bingo and Blessings, shared celebrations, and opportunities to build friendships across generations. It's particularly appropriate if you want to connect with children and youth in your congregation. (Becky Sargent in *Small Church Ministry*)

This week, LEA is highlighting the book:

Saint Nicholas

By Julie Stiegemeyer

Concordia Publishing House

2003

This is the story of the real St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop who modeled how Christmas gift-giving reflects the sacrificial gift of Jesus, God's Son

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 In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Ministry Resources will not be published the week of November 23.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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