



Lutheran Educators Conference 2022 "Salt & Light"

*You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.** Matthew 5:13-16*

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year, LEC will be held Sunday, November 20th through Tuesday, November 22nd at the Hilton Bayfront in San Diego, CA. The cost for registration this year is \$170, and hotel rooms are contracted at the rate of \$112 per night. Registration is now open, and several additional important details are below.

Our annual Lutheran Educators Conference (LEC) is based on a three-pronged approach:

- ✝ **Spiritual Nurture** - LEC can have a great impact on our spiritual life and faith walk. We integrate that spiritual nurture into all aspects of the conference so that our educators leave filled with joy, hope, renewal, and peace, knowing they are children of God and missionaries in their schools.
- ✝ **Professional Learning** - It's important that people leave with tools that equip them throughout the year. Heightened Professional Learning is shared through keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and Ed Camps.
- ✝ **Homecoming** - It's important that we renew friendships with people from other Lutheran schools, meet new educators, and have fellowship within our own staffs. This is especially true again this year!

Sunday afternoon we will begin our conference in praise to our most excellent God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Pastor Tim Klinkenberg will bring us the Word of God in a powerful way, and Pastor Jed Maschke, will assist as the Liturgist. The music ministry team at St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, will lead the music with the wonderful addition of a mass children's choir from our San Diego schools.

Sessions both Monday and Tuesday mornings will be led by our kick-off keynote speaker Pastor Drew Ross, Lead Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, Costa Mesa.

Following our kick-off keynote session on Monday, we have four focused additional keynote speakers:

- Matt Miller - "The Attention Switch"
- Matt de la Pena - "Journey from Reluctant Reader to Author"
- Dr. Becky Peters - "Called to Be!"
- Donalyn Miller - "The Joy of Reading" (ECE Focus)

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Following these amazing keynote sessions, we will offer 20 breakout sessions focused on various areas of education.

We have expanded the time for your lunch break to visit the exhibit hall and participate in our onsite servant events, plus network with new and old friends.

Following the lunch break we have two 45-minute Ed Camp sessions on a wide variety of relevant educational topics. Once these are concluded, you will have a longer break to visit our exhibitors, participate in on-site servant events, and then relax before our annual banquet where we will honor our Educators of the Year. We have planned an "after party" with a band following our banquet!

On Tuesday morning, after our breakfast buffet together, we will feast on God's Word with Pastor Drew Ross, and following this we will have our final plenary event called "Ministry Moments to Fill Your Soul"! You won't want to miss this! We will end our conference at 10:45 this year. Please let your staff know they may check-out and leave at 11:00 a.m. (It's very important that all stay until 10:45!)

Finally, remember that we promise one another, as rostered workers in the LCMS, to gather at our annual conferences. Synod's Bylaws state:

- 4.8.2 (d) "All ordained and commissioned ministers on the district rosters are expected to attend meetings of their official conference or present a valid excuse.
- 4.8.2 (d) (1) "Attendance at the official conferences shall be obligatory for ordained and commissioned ministers serving in congregations and parishes.

We look forward to welcoming you to LEC in San Diego!

Connected in Christ, in His service,



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