



Lutheran Educators Conference 2023 Yesterday. Today. Forever

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year, LEC will be held Sunday, November 19th through Tuesday, November 21st, at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego, CA. The cost for registration this year is \$178, and hotel rooms are contracted at the rate of \$129 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 this year will be through Keynote presenters, grade level discussions, and breakout sessions.
- **Homecoming** - It's important that we renew friendships with people from other Lutheran schools, meet new educators, and have fellowship within our own staff.

Sunday afternoon we will begin our conference in praise to our unchangeable God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Pastor Chris Singer will bring us the Word of God in a powerful way, and Pastor Joe Robb, will assist in leading worship. Jon Jordening will lead our worship music.

Monday and Tuesday will have plenary Keynotes given by both Chris Singer, CEO, Lutheran Church Charities, and Liesl McConchie. Tuesday will add a Keynote by LeeAnne Lavender.

Following Liesl McConchie's Keynote on Monday will be a grade level breakout session to discuss the impact of the keynote presentation on our specific areas of education and ministry.

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 Monday afternoon there will be **21 breakout sessions** during two different hours. Many options for all areas of education to choose from!

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" on the lawn area of the Town & Country! We know you will love the retro vibe of this location!

Tuesday morning, after our breakfast buffet together, we have **three Keynote speakers** presenting on topics that are beneficial for all levels of education. Please let your staff know they may check-out and leave at 11:30 a.m. All three keynotes are "don't miss" opportunities, so please, don't leave early!

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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