



"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

— 1 COR. 1:9 ESV —





Resources and Services

- National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA)
- School Leadership Development Project (SLED)
- Chapel Talks
- National Lutheran Schools Week Resources (NLSW)
- School Mailing
- LCMS Leadership Coaches
- Lutheran School Consulting Services (LSCS)
- Online Resources at LuthEd.org

Life Together: Education that is Christ-Centered

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) School Ministry serves as a national advocate to affirm, equip and empower leaders of Lutheran schools to impact the lives of children and their families with the love of Jesus and His grace. The Synod's School Ministry serves as the national voice for needs and interests; advocates for professional excellence; links districts to relevant resources; and builds collaborative systems of service and support.

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Promoting Christ-centered Education *by Terry Schmidt*

In 1 Cor. 1:9, God who is faithful calls us into the fellowship of Jesus, His Son. Every day, Lutheran schools celebrate “Life Together” within the school and congregation contexts, in the homes of school families and in the communities they serve. Lutheran schools are places of quality, intense activity and vitality. Rarely is there a time when the building and grounds are not in use. Congregations are provided with opportunities to connect with their communities in unique ways. More importantly, schools reach out to children and families with the love of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior.

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Lutheran schools provide witness and mercy opportunities for students by serving the needs of their surrounding community and the world. When church and school come together in service to others, they become the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. Additionally, schools impact the community through the arts with music and visual arts; athletics, as they compete in a Godly way with area school teams; and in connection with public, parochial and private schools in their community working together to educate children.

Through it all, schools are a conduit for community connections where the Gospel message is shared.

Nationally, more than 2,100 Lutheran schools serve over 250,000 students in early childhood centers, elementary schools and secondary schools. Additionally, three international schools serve students and families abroad in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hanoi. The LCMS school system is the largest protestant school system serving children today.

The work of School Ministry is accomplished through programs, resources and support for the leaders and educators serving in Lutheran schools. National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) is available to all schools and is a process that includes a rigorous self-study, validation by an outside visit team and implementation of a program of continuous improvement. Lutheran schools that provide quality Christian education and engage in continuous improvement are recognized nationally.

Ps. 78:4 tells of the urgency to equip each generation with the knowledge of the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord in order that the next generation would know them. Imagine the many ways God works through the ministry of schools, sharing the baptismal journey as missionaries and equipping children to be disciples by helping them to grow strong in their faith in the presence of God, nurtured in homes and supported by congregations, equipped as stewards of God’s resources, and actively engaged in witness, mercy and life together. ✠

