



ENGLISH DISTRICT-LCMS

LUMEN CHRISTI AWARD RECIPIENTS

2024	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Lois Dooms Advent Ev. Lutheran Church & School Zionsville, IN
	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Director	Sara Miller Peace Lutheran Church Fremont, IN
	District Educator of the Year: Volunteer Staff	Janet Flessa Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King West Bloomfield, MI
2023	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Director of Children's Ministry	Bethany Dillon Hales Corners Lutheran School Hales Corners, Wisconsin
	District Educator of the Year: Volunteer Staff	Dawn Hawk Catalina Lutheran Church Tucson, Arizona
2022	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Krissy Adcock St. John's Lutheran School Hannibal, Missouri
	District Educator of the Year: Volunteer Staff	Julie Kreizel Redeemer Lutheran Church Lincoln, Nebraska
2021	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Larry Arnold Our Savior Ev. Lutheran School Hartland, Michigan
	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Assistant Headmaster	Katherine Kramer Immanuel Lutheran School Alexandria, Virginia
	District Educator of the Year: Volunteer Staff	Dorothy Battenhouse Ascension Lutheran Church North Olmsted, Ohio

2020	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Youth Director	Judy Bruschuk Trinity Lutheran Church Villa Park, Illinois
	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Assistant Principal	Christina Peterson Hales Corners Lutheran School Hales Corners, Wisconsin
	District Educator of the Year: Volunteer Staff	Janet Ropes Christ the King Lutheran Church & PS Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
2019	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Principal	Judi Hoepfner Faith Lutheran Church Watertown, Wisconsin
	District Educator of the Year: Volunteer Staff	Sandra Brown The Church of St. Mark – Lutheran Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
	District Educator of the Year: Volunteer Staff	Kim Bremer Hales Corners Lutheran Church Hales Corners, Wisconsin
	Lifetime Ministry Service Award	Stephanie Stubenbort Redeemer Lutheran School Verona, Pennsylvania
2018	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Director	Kim Sperry Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church Alpharetta, Georgia
	District Educator of the Year: Volunteer Staff	Terry Leu Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church Medina, Ohio
	Lifetime Ministry Service Award	Mr. Les Morris West Portal Lutheran School San Francisco, California
2016	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Director	Mrs. Joanne Webb Little Lambs Academy New Berlin, Wisconsin
	District Educator of the Year: Volunteer Staff Sunday School Teacher/Superintendent	Ms. Jill Giannotta Concordia Lutheran Church Berwyn, Illinois
	District Educator of the Year: Volunteer Staff Sunday School Teacher, VBS, Education Chair	Mr. Kenneth Freeman St. Mark Lutheran Church Mississauga, Ontario Canada

District Educator of the Year:
Volunteer Staff
Sunday School Teacher

Ms. Barbara Taylor
Peace Lutheran Church
McMurray, Pennsylvania

District Educator of the Year:
Volunteer Staff
Sunday School Coordinator

Ms. Julia MacGowan
Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior
Green Valley, Arizona

2015 District Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Christy Wood
West Portal Lutheran Church
San Francisco, California

District Educator of the Year:
Volunteer Staff
Sunday School Teacher

Mr. Phillip Sawhill
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Lincoln, Nebraska

Lifetime Ministry Service Award

Rev. Dr. David P Stechholz
English District -LCMS
Farmington, Michigan

2014 District Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Teacher

Mrs. Diane Olmstead
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Oakmont, Pennsylvania

District Educator of the Year:
Volunteer Staff
Sunday School Teacher

Mrs. Amy Staubus
Concordia Lutheran Church
Berwyn, Illinois

2013 District Co-Educator of the Year:
Volunteer Staff
Sunday School Teacher/Coordinator

Mrs. Nancy Akins
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Lincoln, Nebraska

District Co-Educator of the Year:
Volunteer Staff
Volunteer Educator

Mrs. Sheila Bailey
Faith Lutheran Church and School
Watertown, Wisconsin

District Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Teacher

Ms. Tracy Skoog
Christ Church-Lutheran
Phoenix, Arizona

2012 District Co-Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Director

Mrs. Alicia Levitt
Little Praisers' Preschool/Child Care
Fort Wayne, Indiana

District Co-Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Teacher

Mrs. Janet Begley
St. John's Lutheran School
Hannibal, Missouri

2011 District Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Principal

Ms. Cheryl Ehlers
Christ Lutheran School & Preschool
Phoenix, Arizona

District Co-Educator of the Year:
Congregational Volunteer Educator
Sunday School Teacher

Mrs. Arlene Koprivnik
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Chicago, Illinois

	District Co-Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Teacher	Mrs. Lynda Ellis Redeemer Lutheran Church Sarnia, Ontario, Canada
2010	District Co-Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Principal/Director	Mrs. Katherine Holden Ascension Lutheran PS & Elementary School Tucson, Arizona
	District Co-Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Mr. Leslie Morris West Portal Lutheran School San Francisco, California
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Teacher	Mrs. Patricia Baals Peace Lutheran Church Fremont, Indiana
2009	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Mrs. Karen Herz Hales Corners Lutheran Elementary School Hales Corners, Wisconsin
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Superintendent	Mrs. Marilyn Provost St. John's Lutheran Church Pembroke, Ontario
2008	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Mrs. Mary A. Gehring Christ Church – Lutheran & School Phoenix, Arizona
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Teacher, Tutor, VBS Leader, Musician	Ms. Lois Ladage Jefferson Park Lutheran Church Chicago, Illinois
2007	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Principal	Mrs. Gail Holzer Redeemer Lutheran Church/School Oakmont, Pennsylvania
	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Director	Mrs. Shari DeMayo Open Arms/Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church Palm Coast, Florida
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Teacher	Mrs. Susan Petersen Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church/Preschool St. Louis, Missouri
2006	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Director	Mrs. Heidi Szczupakiewicz Little Lambs of Peace Preschool New Berlin, Wisconsin
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Teacher	Ms. Judy Ridders Grace Lutheran Church Wyoming, Michigan
	Lifetime Ministry Award	Dorothy Tetro Nazareth Lutheran School

		Buffalo, New York
2005	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Mrs. Donna Hay Child of Christ Lutheran School Hartland, Michigan
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Parish Education	Ms. Ruth Stresow West Portal Lutheran Church/School San Francisco, California
2004	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Principal	Mr. Charles Novak Grace English Lutheran School Chicago, Illinois
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School/Youth Ministry	Mr. David Riedemann Mrs. Elizabeth Riedemann Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church St. Peters, Missouri
2003	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Principal	Mrs. Eva Fronk Hales Corners Lutheran Elem. School Hales Corners, Wisconsin
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Parish Education	Ms. Deborah Pinto Sherman Oaks Lutheran Church Sherman Oaks, California
2002	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Mr. William Hodgson Christ Lutheran School Phoenix, Arizona
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Youth Ministry	Mr. Craig Shever and Mrs. Kathy Shever Faith Lutheran Church Butler, Pennsylvania
2001	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Mrs. Rebecca Williams Martin Luther Christian School Pennsauken, New Jersey
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School/Parish Education	Ms. Marian Unrah Faith Lutheran Church Tucson, Arizona
2000	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Mrs. Kay Matthews Concordia Little Lambs Preschool Berwyn, Illinois
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School	Ms. Cheryl Wintland Immanuel Lutheran Church Howell, Michigan

1999	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Ms. Donna Gruendler Christ English Lutheran School Chicago, Illinois
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School	Ms. Marilyn Provost St. John Lutheran Church Pembroke, Ontario Canada
1998	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Assistant Principal	Mrs. Margaret Finley West Portal Lutheran San Francisco, California
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Superintendent/Teacher	Mr. Harold Doerr Nazareth Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York
1997	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff District Education Executive	Mr. Erv Henkelmann English District Farmington, Michigan
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Superintendent	Mrs. Cinda Rice St. Michael Lutheran Church Fort Wayne, Indiana
1996	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher	Mrs. Gwen Sonestrom Hales Corners Lutheran Hales Corners, Wisconsin
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Superintendent	Mrs. Pat Weber Redeemer Lutheran Church Sarnia, Ontario, Canada
1995	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Principal	Mrs. Dorothy Tetro Nazareth Lutheran School Buffalo, New York
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Superintendent	Mrs. Nancy Marshall Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Lititz, Pennsylvania
1994	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Principal	Mr. Paul Miller Hope Lutheran School Chicago, Illinois
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Superintendent	Mr. Ed Johnson Faith Lutheran Church Butler, Pennsylvania
1993	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Principal Teacher	Mr. Ken Precht Mrs. Ruth Precht Child of Christ Lutheran School Hartland, Michigan
	District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator	Mrs. Judy Scharpenburg St. Michael Lutheran School

Jr. Youth Ministry, Music Ministry,
VBS, Sunday School

Fort Wayne, Indiana

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District Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Preschool Director

Mrs. Donna Vanick
Christ the King
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan