



ENGLISH DISTRICT-LCMS

LUMEN CHRISTI AWARD RECIPIENTS

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:

Mrs. Diane Olmstead

	Professional Staff Teacher	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 Praiser's 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	Mrs. Marilyn Provost St. John's Lutheran Church

Sunday School Superintendent

Pembroke, Ontario

2008	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Teacher, Tutor, VBS Leader, Musician	Mrs. Mary A. Gehring Christ Church – Lutheran & School Phoenix, Arizona Ms. Lois Ladage Jefferson Park Lutheran Church Chicago, Illinois
2007	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Principal District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Director District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Teacher	Mrs. Gail Holzer Redeemer Lutheran Church/School Oakmont, Pennsylvania Mrs. Shari DeMayo Open Arms/Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church Palm Coast, Florida Mrs. Susan Petersen Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church/Preschool St. Louis, Missouri
2006	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Director District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Teacher	Mrs. Heidi Szczupakiewicz Little Lambs of Peace Preschool New Berlin, Wisconsin Ms. Judy Rikkers 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 District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Parish Education	Mrs. Donna Hay Child of Christ Lutheran School Hartland, Michigan Ms. Ruth Stresow West Portal Lutheran Church/School San Francisco, California
2004	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Principal District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School/Youth Ministry	Mr. Charles Novak Grace English Lutheran School Chicago, Illinois 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 District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Youth Ministry	Mr. William Hodgson Christ Lutheran School Phoenix, Arizona Mr. Craig Shever and Mrs. Kathy Shever Faith Lutheran Church Butler, Pennsylvania
2001	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School/Parish Education	Mrs. Rebecca Williams Martin Luther Christian School Pennsauken, New Jersey Ms. Marian Unrah Faith Lutheran Church Tucson, Arizona
2000	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School	Mrs. Kay Matthews Concordia Little Lambs Preschool Berwyn, Illinois Ms. Cheryl Wintland Immanuel Lutheran Church Howell, Michigan
1999	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Teacher District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School	Ms. Donna Gruendler Christ English Lutheran School Chicago, Illinois Ms. Marilyn Provost St. John Lutheran Church Pembroke, Ontario Canada
1998	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff Assistant Principal District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Superintendent/Teacher	Mrs. Margaret Finley West Portal Lutheran San Francisco, California Mr. Harold Doerr Nazareth Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York
1997	District Educator of the Year: Professional Staff District Education Executive District Educator of the Year: Congregational Volunteer Educator Sunday School Superintendent	Mr. Erv Henkelmann English District Farmington, Michigan Mrs. Cinda Rice St. Michael Lutheran Church Fort Wayne, Indiana
1996	District Educator of the Year:	Mrs. Gwen Sonestrom

Professional Staff
Teacher

District Educator of the Year:
Congregational Volunteer Educator
Sunday School Superintendent

1995

District Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Principal

District Educator of the Year:
Congregational Volunteer Educator
Sunday School Superintendent

1994

District Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Principal

District Educator of the Year:
Congregational Volunteer Educator
Sunday School Superintendent

1993

District Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Principal
Teacher

District Educator of the Year:
Congregational Volunteer Educator
Jr. Youth Ministry, Music Ministry,
VBS, Sunday School

1992

District Educator of the Year:
Professional Staff
Preschool Director

Hales Corners Lutheran
Hales Corners, Wisconsin

Mrs. Pat Weber

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sarnia, Ontario, Canada

Mrs. Dorothy Tetro

Nazareth Lutheran School
Buffalo, New York

Mrs. Nancy Marshall

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Lititz, Pennsylvania

Mr. Paul Miller

Hope Lutheran School
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Ed Johnson

Faith Lutheran Church
Butler, Pennsylvania

Mr. Ken Precht

Mrs. Ruth Precht

Child of Christ Lutheran School
Hartland, Michigan

Mrs. Judy Scharpenburg

St. Michael Lutheran School
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Mrs. Donna Vanick

Christ the King
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan