**LEA EncourAGEnet Bulletin**
... for participants in Lutheran Education Association's
Retired Lutheran Educators Network

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**We need you!** LEA’s EncourAGEnet team of Dave Ebeling and Rick Kerr are matching prospective full time church work students on the Concordia campuses with retired Lutheran educators. The idea is to have those of us with a lifetime of experience mentor those entering the field in the next several years. So far, nine matches have been made. We need more EncourAGEnet volunteers. If interested, send an email to Rick Kerr, recently retired principal at St. John, Indianapolis: rk1950@sbcglobal.net. He’ll send you a brief questionnaire so that your interests and experience might match the majors of the student as much as possible. And see The Seeds are Planted to Grow a Teacher Together by Rick and Dave in Shaping the Future. And also watch their Grow a Teacher Mentoring Initiative podcast.

**Falls** are not just what rivers do. Nor is it only a season. Sometimes it is an event! So observe National Falls Prevention Awareness Day on September 23 (National Council on Aging).

**How to make conversations difficult...** What Was I Thinking? (Dick Koehneke in Rich and Charlie Resources).

**LEA Convocation...** Not too late to register! Plan to attend the EncourAGEnet Workshop and Lunch, a pre convocation feature to hear LCMS Director of Schools Rebecca Schmidt and to meet and fellowship with other retired educators. All this and also the opportunity to interact with students who are planning to teach in Lutheran schools.

**Retired LEA devotion...** Since this publication is especially for veteran educators, perhaps you would enjoy access to a retired LEA devotion. See “There’s More To It” from 2001.
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