**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FESTIVAL TALKING POINTS**

**Minnesota South District - 2017**

NOTE: *The text below can be used to introduce the Christian Education Festival to your congregation as part of your announcement time. The chair of your education board or the president of your congregation are possible candidates to make this presentation. Be sure to personalize for your congregation.*

Good morning! Today is our Christian Education Festival. Today we celebrate the blessings and promises from God about His desire and command for us to teach His Word. One passage that describes His plan for Christian education is found in Deuteronomy 6:6-7…

“*These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.*

*Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*”

Our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has always held Christian education as a foundation to our existence as a church body. We are thankful here at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with our own Christian education ministries: \_\_\_\_\_ <*name each one; i.e., Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes, Confirmation Classes, Lutheran elementary school, Pre-School, Early Childhood Center, Day Care, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Senior Ministry, Adult Ministry, list them all*>. We are especially thankful for all the people who lead these ministries with their time and talent!

This morning we also celebrate the partnership we share with more than 240 congregations that make up the Minnesota South District as we all celebrate Christian education. The insert in your bulletin shows a logo with the title, "*To All Generations*."

"*To All Generations*" was started to enhance Christian education in churches and schools through new innovative and collaborative ministry efforts. We have the opportunity join this effort, to come up with our own ideas to make this vision a reality. Throughout our district, donors are making grant dollars available to fund the new ideas and touch lives for generations.

As stated in the insert, I encourage you to pray, attend an area meeting, join the list of people receiving up-to-date information, and explore how this effort can help our own Christian education ministry.

In closing, I want to share the passage that is guiding the "*To All Generations*" effort, because it is a reminder that what we do today in Christian education started generations ago, and will continue for generations to come! Listen to Psalm 145:4

*"One generation shall commend your works to another,*

*and shall declare your mighty acts."*

May God bless each of you, our Christian education ministries, and all that we do to serve Him right here at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.