



2025 LEA Convocation Sectional Titles and Descriptions

(in order by title)

Title	Presenter Last Name(s)	Presenter First Name(s)	Description
#TheSaxonyWay	Ruark Adams	Mark Missy	Learn how a school culture can be impacted with simple, purposeful activities and specific verbiage both inside and outside the school walls. Find out about the culture purposefully developed at Saxony Lutheran High School throughout the past five years. Find out more about #TheSaxonyWay!
10 Tips for Marketing Your School	Gilmore	Kendra	Get practical advice on ways to promote your school, increase the school's visibility in the community, and smoothly move families through the recruitment and enrollment process.
25 Games for Your Curriculum	Bohlmann	Allyson	Use these 25 student centered games to enhance student engagement with your curriculum and informally assess students' learning. These games can be used with any content area and involve little to no technology and prep work. You will learn about Bible Baseball, Stinky Feet, Matamoscas, and more! Your students will be begging you to play them again and again!
72 Sounds Lead to Success	Benninghoff	Sharon	How to introduce the 72 sounds of the English language and incorporate them into the curriculum, leading to success in reading and spelling for beginning and struggling readers.
A Consistent Writing Program Across Grade Levels	Piel	Laura	Prepare students for the amount and types of writing they will do in high school and college. Consider methods for implementing a strong writing program for 4th-9th grade. We'll discuss creating clear and concise rubrics and how to incorporate a variety of writing styles at every grade level along the way.
About, With, & For the Brain	Rohde	Aaron	The human brain is an incredibly fascinating and complex gift from God. Learn about brain-based teaching strategies, classroom management connections, and

			communication practices designed to engage the student and enhance learning.
Accommodating the Different Learner	Wiemer Wittmayer	B. J. Karen	Explore a wide variety of practical, evidence-based strategies and resources for differentiating instruction for the unique learner. Discussion will cover issues with executive function, social skills, autism, dyslexia, and processing disorders.
Across the Grades Arcade	Siegfried	Lisa	How do you get your students off devices and into a world created by their own imaginations? We will outline plans for creating a cross-grade level cardboard arcade to share with your entire school community. You will leave with an outline of STEM principles and standards.
Adapting Curriculum for English Language Learners	Stradtman Anderson	Amy Vicki	Adapting texts is all about using various methods to improve accessibility and comprehension of authentic texts to make them accessible to all students through adding resources, rewriting the text, or elaborating on the text. This workshop presents examples and advice about how to adapt text and guides teachers in practicing adapting texts like those they use in their own classrooms.
Alternative Assessments that Benefit Students	Anderson	Vicki	Gain perspective on various kinds of alternative assessments, examine the principles of “good assessment” underlying them, and determine the instructional situations—from a student’s perspective—each kind is particularly suited to address. Plan to come to discuss from information about standards and course objectives for one of your own courses.
Approaching Difficult Conversations with Courage	Shirley	Angela	Examine the intricacies of communication and its various forms learn how to grow and strengthen your ministries through effective, assertive communication. We will then explore a practical, step-by-step process that will reduce anxiety and fear, preparing you to have that difficult conversation. Powerful communication is an art that fosters understanding, strengthens relationships, improves teamwork, and builds trust. We will begin our session looking at the intricacies of communication and its various forms, and

			<p>most importantly, we will learn how to grow and strengthen our ministries through effective, assertive communication. We will then explore a practical, step-by-step process that will reduce anxiety and fear, preparing you to have that difficult conversation.</p>
<p>Authentic Assessment: Real-World Learning</p>	<p>Miller</p>	<p>Kaitlyn</p>	<p>Delve into the transformative impact of authentic assessment in middle level and high school classrooms. Participants will explore practical strategies and examples of authentic assessments that promote deeper understanding, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills among students.</p>
<p>Best Practices for Classroom LEADership</p>	<p>Opfer</p>	<p>Shanna</p>	<p>Learning to LEAD is essential for success. This collaborative learning session addresses a Gospel-focused, relationship-driven, proactive, engagement-rich, and response-ready classroom leadership approach that will get you talking with colleagues about your current joys and challenges in classroom leadership.</p>
<p>Best Practices in K-8 Admissions</p>	<p>Albers</p>	<p>Jessica</p>	<p>Walk through the essentials of an excellent admissions funnel and walk away with the tools you need to supercharge your Lutheran School Admissions program.</p>
<p>Best Practices in School Safety</p>	<p>Petzold</p>	<p>Julian</p>	<p>Learn and practice tactics for any crisis. This participatory sectional will be fun, practical, and informative. Leave with current research data, tactics, and a framework for any crisis. Learn best practices that will foster a reduction in fear, worry, stress, and anxiety regarding school safety.</p>
<p>Biblical Sustainability - Your Newest Elective</p>	<p>Cooper</p>	<p>Benjamin</p>	<p>Sustainability is an often-heard buzz word in Christian communities. Learn how a Lutheran high school teacher developed a sustainability course rooted in Scripture that equips students to care for God's world, His creatures, and to live in such a way that there are plenty of resources for future generations of Christians.</p>

Blindsided by AI: NOT!	Zimmerman	David-Paul	With IRB-approved research Renton Prep (a globally recognized LCMS Microsoft Showcase School and 1 of only 2 Internationally STEM certified schools in Washington State) created an AI and Education Research Lab. The Genesis Project incorporates AI from grades K-Prep through 10th in a multi-grade and cross age AI studios.
Bridge Builders	Vogel	Meghan	Learn how to build an early childhood community that encourages family participation, builds authentic relationships outside the classroom, provides opportunities to connect our families to a church home, and organically grows your school and church community!
Bring PAX (Peace) to Your Youth Activities	Bickel	Lukas	Have undesired behaviors robbed your youth-oriented event of joy and peace? PAX Tools are easy, succinct, and sustainable techniques that reduce negative behaviors and increases productivity during your youth-oriented activities. Hear the "lite" version of the robust, data-driven program called PAX Good Behavior Game that has streamlined classrooms for the past 25 years
Bringing Bible Stories to Life	Huesmann	Gretchen	In our media-saturated world, it's difficult for children to distinguish between make-believe and truth. Let's help our students understand the reality of the Bible and the life of Christ through sensory rich Bible lessons. We'll share methods for teaching, telling, and retelling Bible events to young children.
Building a Classical Lutheran Ethos	Habrecht	Julia	Lutheran schools have the distinct privilege of providing a counter-cultural education. Discuss building and maintaining a robust and inspiring classical Lutheran ethos across all facets of the school without sacrificing faithfulness and excellence. Session includes practical ways to strengthen catechesis, faculty formation, parent relationships, student culture, curriculum, and marketing and fundraising.
Building Emotional Resilience in Our Youth	L'Heureux	Kathy	Delve into the critical importance of nurturing emotional resilience in today's youth. As young people face increasing pressures and complexities in their lives, equipping them with emotional resilience skills becomes essential for their well-being and future success.

Building Thinking Classrooms in Math	Davis Frerking	Anna Susan	Who is doing the thinking in your math class? Learn ways to shift the thinking process to students, raise the level of active engagement, and increase the learning in your math class. Participants will walk away with a variety of thinking tasks and thinking strategies that can be implemented in their class next week, next quarter, or next year.
But I Don't Have Time	Schroeder Reinders	Jessica Barbara	End the power tug-of-war in your classroom without letting go of the rope. Dispel the belief that we “don’t have time” by learning how to incorporate individualized student learning styles to foster better classroom dynamics. Learn foundational theory with practical applications to support the “disrupters” in your classroom without losing critical curriculum time.
Celebrate with STEM	Kuper Redeker	Sara Angie	Do you want some fun ideas for incorporating STEM into your school? Come find some activities to celebrate the holidays (both normal and unique) with STEM activities. These could be done in classrooms, family groups, or as an after-school club.
Christ-Centered Mental Health for Adolescents	Bratton Karge	Kara Belinda	Examine the mental health needs of adolescents and strength-based educational strategies that can be implemented to support all students through their teen years. These strategies were developed with a Christ-centered approach that incorporates Scripture and the Gospel and are part of the Resilient Minds curriculum from Concordia Publishing House.
Christian Art & Faith	Klammer	Jane	Learn how your students can use technology to create inspirational visual work. Make your own during this presentation by taking inspiration from His words within His Holy Word. Leave with practical activities you can take back to students to make your art making even more inspiring and faith building.
Christian Habits, Day by Day	Sankey	Lorinda	Explore the basics of the Christian life (Bible reading, prayer, singing, etc.) and how we teach students to live them out each day in our schools and classrooms. Teachers who are experienced and new-to-Lutheran schools are especially welcome.

Classroom Management: Engage Every Student	Bosma	Cecelia	Learn how to use Learning Language Model (LLM) applications to streamline administrative tasks, connect with students, and tailor teaching strategies. AI tools enhance efficiency, allowing teachers more time for meaningful interactions with students.
Connect & Grow	Gerner	Steve	Together, we will discuss fostering belonging in the classroom. We will address a key question, "How can I ensure my students feel a sense of belonging in their daily walk at school?"
Cool Science on a Shoe-String Budget!	Klammer	Joel	Need some new ideas for your MS and HS science classroom? Want to give your students options for open-end and advanced topics in science? Don't have a budget? No problem! This workshop provides ideas and equipment to do advanced science projects with inexpensive and online materials.
Creating a Trauma Informed Classroom	Lorenz Buckley	Sarah Sara	How do you help students who are working through so much trauma these days? At the end of our time together you will have tools, both digital and physical, to help you create a more trauma-informed classroom. We will also work through different scenarios and brainstorm through specific situations.
Creating Connections through Singing Games	Turmel	Megan	Join us for an interactive workshop where educators will actively engage in singing games and activities that teach various aspects of music education to elementary school students. These engaging games can also be utilized by classroom teachers for brain breaks, fostering community, and during indoor recess.
Creation Apologetics is a Must!	Gieschen	Christopher	If we equip our youth with Creation Apologetics, which not only shows the flaws of Evolution Wrong but also shows why Evolution Right is true, Lutheran teens will be more effective witnesses to the secular world and be less likely to lose their faith in higher education.

Cultivating Authenticity in Social Studies Through Primary Sources	Opfer	Shanna	Primary sources provide a captivating window into the past, offering students a chance to engage in rich, authentic investigations that inspire deep thinking and critical questioning. In this session, we will explore a variety of inquiry-based teaching strategies designed to make history come alive for students. Participants will learn how to effectively use primary sources to uncover the human context of historical events, fostering critical thinking skills across K-12 classrooms. These strategies are adaptable for all learners, ensuring every student can benefit from a deeper, more engaging understanding of history.
Cultivating Critical Thinking in the Age of AI	Muth	Nicole	Join us as we explore practical strategies for fostering critical thinking in the application of AI in K-12+ classrooms. Critical thinking sets the stage for navigating the challenges and opportunities of using AI in professional and personal contexts.
Cultivating Distinctive Lutheran Education	Deddens	Catherine	Lutheran education dedicates itself to educating holistically, asserting that education is a blessing to the integrated person — body, mind and spirit. It strives to do this through Christ-centered ministry, equipping children to be His disciples. Examine ways in which Lutheran teachers can intentionally associate their holistic academic instruction with fundamental beliefs of Lutheranism.
Cultivating Intrinsic Motivation in Your Students	Deddens	Catherine	Explore how educators can encourage individual students, in their unique situations and circumstances, to meaningfully and successfully invest in learning – for its own sake, for the joy it can bring students in Christ and in relationships with others, and for the fruit it will bear in their vocations as they love God and love their neighbors.
Curriculum Mapping: Critical to School Culture	Arnold	Michael	Examine the value of curriculum mapping as a way to impact teaching and learning climate and student outcomes. Explore the purposes of curriculum mapping, types of mapping, and specific questions that mapping can help us answer as we keep an eye on the purposes our schools exist.

Develop a Dual Credit HS Program	Pester	Beth	Come learn about dual credit programs, ask questions, and find out what it takes to start offering dual credit courses at high school.
Developing a School-Wide Curriculum Map	Thies Stiek	Anne Jared	Curriculum mapping is a method for gathering and documenting data related to the curriculum. It identifies the key skills and content covered, the teaching resources used, and the assessments applied for each subject and grade level. Once completed, the curriculum map serves as a valuable resource for teachers, enabling them to track what has been taught and plan future lessons. Come discover how to build a school-wide curriculum map to support teaching and learning!
Does the Catechism Even Matter? – Knowing God and Being Known in the 21st Century (FEATURED SPEAKER)	Zeigler	Michael	What if teaching the catechism was more than about just memorization and learning facts about God? What if the Catechism is meant to introduce us to Jesus, the Son of God, who wants to have a relationship with all of us? How might it be different if we looked at the six chief parts relationally—as a way of getting know Jesus? And what if, as we get to know Jesus, we find out just how well He knows each and every one of us, and how much He loves us? Of course, the Catechism matters! This session will offer strategies for teaching the Catechism that connects learners to God’s deep love for them as they get to know Jesus.
Effective Meetings: Lessons from the CIA	Lunak	Rob	The CIA developed a field manual for sabotaging organizations. The section on how to ensure that nothing gets done reads eerily like minutes from school meetings. During this session we will examine that field manual to learn what not to do as it offers practical advice to keep meetings running smoothly.
Empowering Middle School Readers	Zahn Fickau	Crystal Lisa	We will provide curated book lists and author studies to enrich reading experiences, despite potential pushback. Strategies for resilience and maintaining reader-centered approaches are discussed, alongside practical considerations like classroom library organization. We will explore avenues for

			ongoing growth, including leveraging data and fostering student involvement.
Empowering Students with Competitive Robotics	Mueller	Matthew	Discover the transformative power of competitive robotics. We will highlight myriad benefits students gain from participating in Vex Robotics Competition, including team building, collaboration, STEM skills development, and much more. Whether you're a seasoned educator or new to the field, learn how to kickstart a robotics program, from initial setup to securing funding and resources.
Engagement Activities for Middle/Secondary Mathematics	Kerschen	Keith	Participate in activities and strategies that support engagement in the middle/secondary mathematics classroom. You will leave with multiple strategies and resources to use in your own mathematics classroom.
EOS Strategies for Success	Mulso	Sara	See how we have utilized techniques within our school that allow us to be more focused, productive, and energized. In this session we'll share aspects that we've incorporated that we believe you can implement in your program to help you see these same results.
Executive Presence	Pingel	Jim	Whether it be composure, connection, charisma, confidence, credibility, clarity, conciseness, empathy, authenticity, energy, honesty, or self-efficacy, our world needs effective leaders equipped with more a more executive presence and meta skills. In this session, explore different ways you can practice, grow, and make a bigger impact in your leadership walk.
Faith and Music	Hahn	Rachel	Uncover dozens of illustrated hymn resources and provide ideas for using them in our schools, churches, neighborhoods, and homes. Brainstorm and collaborate to create new illustrated hymn projects! Learn about books and web resources that set the lyrics and melodies of the Lutheran faith to beautiful music.
Faith Formation with Faculty and Staff	Jurchen	Pete	In the busyness of things, faculty and staff often neglect their own faith formation. Consider faith formation as an ongoing, lifelong process, and discuss ways that will

			help to cultivate a culture of faith formation with faculty and staff in their schools.
Faith Integration Strategies	Alles	Brad	Learn 12 instructional strategies for the integration of faith and learning. From your room's surroundings to lesson planning to student interaction, discover ways to integrate God and a biblical perspective into everything.
Faith Through Friendships	Clemm von Hohenberg	Sara	Have you ever considered how building friendships can foster faith formation? See how friendship is incorporated throughout the Bible, equip your students to be great friends, and empower your students to use biblical principles to engage their peers in friendship and faith formation.
Faithfulness in the Age of Generative AI	Kim Kim	Eun Chu Eugene	How can Lutheran educators faithfully embrace cutting-edge technology without compromising their mission and values? In this session, we will explore the rapidly evolving world of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its implications for teaching, learning, and ministry. Participants will gain an introductory understanding of AI's capabilities and limitations, discuss practical strategies for integrating AI tools into the classroom, and consider the ethical and spiritual questions raised by these powerful technologies. Special attention will be given to the Pacific Southwest District's pioneering AI pilot programs.
Financial Wellness for All Ages	Scheer	Laura	While the underlying foundations of financial wellness are the same at every age, we have different goals at different points in our lives. This session will teach you how to create and maintain healthy financial habits and give actionable items for different life stages, ages and financial concerns such as managing debt and saving for retirement.
Five (-ish) Tools to Use in the Classroom	Braun Montney	Doug Matt	A teacher's life is busy enough as is. This presentation will describe five technical tools that will make a teacher's life easier. Some are apps that collect data quicker and provide better feedback, some are tools for student review that are pre-made for your curriculum, and some are programs that will

			help make rubrics, quizzes, and other assessments much simpler.
Flexible Instructional Model: Read Above Grade-Level	Johnson	Charlotte	Consider how to structure your multi-grade classroom. The Flexible Pacing Instructional Model allows educators flexibility in meeting the instructional needs of students. We will discuss picking novels, Biblical perspective, novel study sets, accelerated reader testing, word study, and incorporating reading for fun.
Flourishing Leaders, Flourishing Schools	Wolfe	Andy	This presentation will build on the research from the book, 'Flourishing Together' (2022), and unpack the 5 core research domains of Purpose, Relationships, Learning, Resources and Wellbeing - in relation to two key areas - leadership development and teacher education. This presentation will outline opportunities for instructional and transformational leadership development, both with the US, and also through the developing of international partnerships through the 'Global Consortium for Flourishing in Education'.
Folk Dance Meet & Greet	Hipple	Eric	Make new friends and establish connections with other general music teachers. Music and movement are excellent ways to learn about other cultures. Dance is also a great way to establish cross-curricular relationships with other teachers. Resources will be available and can be used immediately in your classroom!
Fostering Student Self-Regulation with Grace and Empathy	Bratton Hensel	Kara Linda	Discuss the unexpected behavioral challenges we observe in classrooms and consider strategies to proactively employ to set the stage for learning. These strategies are carried out by incorporating God's grace and empathy into our work with students and each other.
From School Musicals to Class Plays to...	McCormick	Heidi Sue	This sectional will examine and discuss what is available in the realm of theatre such as where to locate age-appropriate material. We will also look at the technical end of what may work for your particular facility: choreography , direction, costuming, scenery, and props.

Fun, Effective and Practical Classroom Activities	Hasseldahl	David	Getting students' attention and keeping them engaged can be a challenge. Get ideas for activities that can get your students involved in active learning without sacrificing educational content. You will leave with strategies you can implement right away in your classroom!
Get to Know Two-Year Olds	Hendricks	Janelle	Tap into the joys and challenges, curriculum and methods, and knowledge of child development that are essential and unique to serving twos and threes with love and joy. Be ready to share and discuss your experiences.
God's Story: ALIVE and ACTIVE	Schlichtmann	Dian	God's Word is ALIVE and ACTIVE ...and so are His children! Discover multiple strategies for engaging young learners as together you explore Bible accounts and the precious meaning of God's Story.
Gospel Accessibility: Barrier Busters	Chittick	Cari	Collaborate and discuss angles to enhance your own teaching of today's students, while promoting effective strategies to share the Gospel with learners of all abilities!
Guess Who? in the Math Classroom	Sleezer	Meghan	Experience Desmos Polygraph, a virtual Guess Who game that fosters the pleasure and power of words without the drudgery of vocabulary lists. Bring your laptop! Play with a variety of topics including place value, polygons, angle measure relationships, and graphing. Be sure to share this FREE tool with colleagues, as it can be used across disciplines!
Gym Fun	Schuldheisz Rose	Mary Carol	To take the fear out of planning for and leading/teaching a movement class for 3-6 year-olds. Handouts will be available that contain a progressive calendar of age-appropriate activities, and a basic list of equipment needed to get started. Wear your running shoes to this presentation and be ready for action!
Harnessing the TPACK Model: The Art of Technology Integration	Dahlke	Brian	Discover how the TPACK framework empowers educators to effectively integrate technology into teaching by balancing content, pedagogy, and technological tools. This session explores practical strategies for finding the TPACK "sweet spot," where technology enhances learning and engagement while meeting diverse student needs. Join us to gain actionable insights, collaborate with fellow educators, and leave

			inspired to transform your classroom with purpose-driven technology integration.
How to Address Gender Identity in Lutheran Education (FEATURED SPEAKER)	Rockenbach	Mark	Gender identity is one of the most emotional and confusing topics that Lutheran schools and congregations are addressing. Dr. Mark Rockenbach will describe the current social realities of gender issues facing Lutheran educators. Most importantly, participants will learn how to speak Godly truth with deep heartfelt compassion with those in their ministry settings.
Identity, Sex, and God's Design	Laesch	Mary	Hear objectives and examples of how to teach in Christ-centered and developmentally appropriate ways about identity, relationships, and God's design when it comes to sex, gender, and identity. It also shares an inside look into the new Learning about Sex curriculum.
I'm Teaching What?	Johnson	Tanya	Learn to harness the power of flexibility in ministry found in the unique space of multigrade classrooms. Explore strategies for setting up a multigrade classroom, working with limited resources, and sharing ideas. We also will consider questions, concerns, fears, and encouragement.
Incorporating Student-led Chapels	Schaffer	Rebecca	Come share ideas for student leadership in worship (chapels and Sunday mornings). How can they sing, act, serve, and grow?

Informative Communication Tactics	Doyle	Barbara	If you've said it once, you haven't said it a hundred times. We assume students and parents understand what we're doing and why, but that's often not the case. Look at reasons and ways to communicate proactively and effectively at school.
Inspiring Students for "Religion Class"	Hoehner	Mark	Teach the Bible in a meaningful way utilizing the book series Knowing God Knowing Me. The series not only teaches how to read the Bible in a way to see Jesus in the Old Testament, but it also tackles the hard issues of creation-evolution, sexual identity, slavery in the Bible.
Interventions, Accommodations, and Modifications - Oh My!	Busse	Laura	Examine the framework of an Intervention program, sharing what we have tried, where we have found success, and what we are still working on. Get a wealth of information to take (documents, links, other resources) to start your own Intervention program or to add to an established program.
Is Your History Class ADA Compliant?	Quinlan	Cindy	Ensure your students refine their Analysis skills, strengthen their Discernment, and boost their Awareness of the history unfolding around them through effective current event discussions. Join this session for tools and guidance to establish and refine current event procedures in your classroom.
Jennie Williamson AriSon Records Performs LIVE and Releases GOD IS GREAT! 8 (FEATURED SPEAKER)	Williamson	Jennie	Jennie Williamson, AriSon Records, is back at LEA and will perform LIVE with the release GOD IS GREAT! 8! She will also perform many of your God is Great! favorites. An exciting music ministry impacting the hearts and lives of youth and families around the world! Jennie Williamson brings an energy and excitement for Jesus that is contagious!

Kid Lit and Art Connections	Tietz	Joan	See a demonstration on how to connect art with children's picture books. You will receive many ideas for art projects and books that can be used in an early childhood setting. You will also receive information on how to use children's books as themes in your classroom.
Launching the First Lutheran School on Mars	Bull	Bernard	Let's talk about the future of Lutheran education. In this interactive session, Dr. Bernard Bull draws from over thirty years of research in education innovation and future studies to facilitate an interactive discussion designed to help us imagine, dream, and co-create promising possible futures for the next generation of Christ-centered, high-impact, faithful, and flourishing Lutheran schools.
Leadership Development through Children's Literature	Grulke	Travis	Dive into dozens of 'children's' books to grow as educators and learn how we can use these texts to instill essential traits/skills in those we serve. And feel free to bring along a few of your own titles to share with the group!
Leading an Immersive Ecology Experience	Rudzinski Nieman	Kevin Matt	Would you like to expand your science curriculum to include ecology in a subtropical environment? We will present our approach to creating an immersive experience where middle school students learn about the earth's diverse ecology while connecting it to our Creator God.
Leading Effective Change in Your Ministry	Bergholt	Matthew	Join us as we explore the challenges of change management and work through several best practices for leading effective change. When led effectively, change can be transformative for any ministry, so come prepared to walk away with some great ideas of how to better set yourself up for success the next time you make an improvement or try something new!
Learning to Teach from Cop Shows	Gebhardt Eatherton	Deborah Lois	Have you heard of NCIS Special Agent Gibbs' Rules? How about the Broken Windows Theory? Come to this light-hearted, practical presentation to learn how these apply to Christian classroom management, relationships, and self-care.

Literacy Standards: Play-based Experiences and Provocations	Renken	Gayle	Using a hands-on workshop approach, we will show educators how to plan play based learning experiences or provocations that target literacy learning outcomes. We will discuss planning, implementing, assessing and documenting literacy learning through play as well as classroom set up.
Living as Exiles in 21st Century America	Hagan	Lee	Drawing from 1 Peter, the presentation will help school and church leaders examine how we prepare young people for living in our world today. Rather than falling into the traps of retreating from or conforming to the culture, faithful Lutheran schools and churches will help young people to understand the cultural challenges they will face as Christians and the call to live as exiles in a culture that is hostile to Christianity.
Loose Parts: Promoting Learning	Foster	Tammy	Learn about loose parts theory and explore ways to include loose parts into their curriculum in developmentally appropriate ways. After this session, participants will have the tools and ideas to embark on their own loose parts journey that will benefit children's learning on all levels.
Lutheran Distinctive Core Values	Eckels	Chad	Our Lutheran schools are often filled with non-Lutherans. As we joyfully welcome students that come from different (or no) church backgrounds, it is important that we remain committed to our Lutheran identity. In this sectional, we will discuss the process of creating and implementing a Core Values Statement.
Lutheran Education Back to the Future: 10 Practices from the Past that Offer a Compelling Vision for the Future of Teaching and Learning (FEATURED SPEAKER)	Bull	Bernard	How can we achieve Christ-centered excellence in Lutheran schools of the future? In this presentation, Dr. Bernard Bull takes you on a tour of ten past practices, each one is hundreds or even thousands of years old. He then proposes how these very practices may well inspire a distinct and compelling vision for the future of high-impact Lutheran education. The goal is to inspire new and promising ideas for Lutheran schools and classrooms of today and for years to come.

<p>Make Your Best Practices Better with AI</p>	<p>Graf Larsen</p>	<p>John Eric</p>	<p>Transform education with AI: Discover how incorporating AI into educational practices can revolutionize teaching and learning experiences. From personalized tutoring to adaptive assessments, AI offers tailored solutions to meet diverse student needs, fostering engagement, empowerment, and lifelong learning</p>
<p>Map the Introductory Experience for Prospective Families</p>	<p>Kuschel</p>	<p>Dave</p>	<p>A new family is interested in your school... what is their experience? Does your school community make it easy for them to learn about the school, get their questions answered, see the things they want to see and check all their other boxes? Or is it a little complicated, or at least a little murky? In this session we'll talk about mapping the journey families go through when considering your school, including the questions they are likely to ask, how you will answer those proactively, and how you'll put the people and resources in place to create a smoother overall experience. Together we'll build a journey map, which is a tool used often in the for-profit world, for families considering your school.</p>
<p>Marketing the Lutheran School</p>	<p>Wallace</p>	<p>Sharon</p>	<p>Digital marketing is key in raising awareness of our Lutheran schools. Crafting the message, creating the content, and posting advertisements are all key components of marketing. Every lead then needs to have follow-up and systems exist to manage the flow of lead to enrollment.</p>
<p>Mastering Classroom Walk-Throughs</p>	<p>Tooley</p>	<p>Cathy</p>	<p>Provide administrators with practical strategies and a roadmap to ensure every teacher receives regular visits and meaningful coaching sessions. By the end of the session, administrators will be equipped to support their teachers effectively, ultimately enhancing student learning outcomes.</p>
<p>Math Projects for Middle School</p>	<p>Johnson Zeddies</p>	<p>Andrea Michael</p>	<p>Project-based learning is not always the easiest in math classes, but over the years, we have developed several that you can take away today and use in your classroom tomorrow. Some are technology-based while others are completely technology free! All undoubtedly enhance the math learning</p>

			experience and prepare for life outside of the classroom.
Meaningful Conversations with Kids	Merritt Stovall	Karen Whitney	An interactive workshop about ways to engage children and families in deeper conversations as schedules get busy. Learn more about The Dinner Initiative and its importance for family connection and developing ongoing meaningful conversations for busy ministry families.
Meaningful Interactions with God's Word	Radloff	Nancy	Learn interactive strategies that will open up pathways to study ALL of God's Word. Reading Holy Scripture, using key questions, marking coded icons, applying context clues, and finding cross references reveal who God is and what He has done as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.
Meet Them Where They Are	Mizel	Christopher	Discover a relationship-based approach to faith education. Consider five key relationships involved in growing the faith in young people. The approach highlights the importance of relationship with the Almighty, relationship with self, and relationship with those around us in a variety of contexts.
Mental Health and Self Care	Merritt	Karen	Work to understand the impact mental health has on day-to-day living and learn tools to help with intentional self-care. We also will discover ways to work with our co-workers, students, and families in order to support and attend to the overall social, emotional, spiritual, and educational health of all those in our lives.
Microlearning for the Middle Grades	Lane	Jenna	Learn the power of microlearning and how incorporating this strategy into your classroom works with your students' psychology and development to increase their engagement and improve their retention rates.
Middle Grade Lit for a Lutheran Classroom	Meyer Meyer	Kara Heather	Navigating middle grade literature in 2025 can be tricky. We'll look at what is new in middle grade literature across all different genres. Participants will come away with a list of books and resources that will help them fill their shelves with great books that align with our goals as Lutheran school teachers.

Motivating and Engaging Diverse Learners	Kassebaum	Tina	Gain specific tools and strategies that create energy with the variety of learners in your classrooms. Learn at least three ways that you can implement these ways immediately with ease in your classroom when you return to it.
Movement, Exercise, the Brain, and Learning	Boyd Wilke	J Paul	The science is clear that traditional sit-and-get does not support learning in children (or adults). Learn how large muscle exercise releases chemicals that maximize the brain's ability to attain and recall information. If you're looking for session to sit for an hour, this is not it.
Multiplying Mission with Microschools	Hoehner	Matt	Learn how microschools can multiply the mission of Christ-centered education. Discover how these small, flexible learning environments enable schools to reach more children with a faith-based curriculum, ensuring personalized attention and a strong community feel. We will explore the practical steps to establish and manage microschools, showcasing their efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and potential for impactful spiritual and academic growth. Learn how to multiply your mission and extend Christ's love and teachings to a broader audience through the innovative model of microschools.
Navigating AI: Ethical, Theological, Educational, and Practical Questions.	Black	David	AI is rapidly changing education, work, and daily life, raising ethical, theological, and practical questions. This discussion-based session explores AI's opportunities and challenges from a Lutheran perspective, focusing on human dignity, vocation, and truth. Participants will collaboratively consider responsible AI use in education, sharing insights and strategies for navigating this technology with wisdom and faith.
Neuroeducational Issues for General Educators: Anxiety, Polyvagal Theory, and Executive Function	Woodruff	Rayanne	This presentation provides an overview of neuroeducational issues affecting students in all classrooms in our post Covid world. These issues affect academics, behavior, social, and cognitive linguistic development. Participants will gain a better understanding of these foundational issues affecting our students' behavior in the classroom and how some of these issues can be addressed.

Non-verbal Behavior Management	Johnson	Thomas	Imagine a class period where every word spoken is curriculum. Imagine a room of students fully participating quietly and respectfully. You will discover how to do this and more. Using the catalyst method for non-verbal behavior management, learn how to read a classroom and keep it quiet without ever saying a word.
Old Dogs & New Tricks	Rohde Hardies	Aaron Karla	Elementary teachers, there are so many great ideas! How can you be expected to decide which ones to use? Attend this session only if you wish to find innovative, effective additions to your teacher toolbox, learn a new twist on time-tested techniques, and return to school armed with methods that are ready to incorporate into your routine. Old dogs CAN learn new tricks!
Outdoor Play-Every Day	Sperry DeWitt	Cindy Leann	Preschool is often thought of as an indoor activity with outdoor play being a recess or break from learning time. However, outdoor play is just as important. Cold weather, clothing, and a focus on academics often deter us, but it is important to provide our children with time outdoors. Being outdoors grounds our children and provides learning opportunities not available indoors as well as giving them a chance to experience first-hand God's amazing creation. Our hope would be to share information and many, many pictures and videos about the benefits of being outside for faith, physical, social emotional, and cognitive development. We will also share ideas about sensory play, messy play, risky play, and loose parts. Along with the reasons for outdoor play we will also share tips for making it easy and fun for the adults as well as the children.
Passport Adventures for Children	DePasquale	Trisha	Children have such a curiosity about the world God created. In this workshop, educators will use their imaginations and go on a "Passport Adventure" to learn interactive techniques to bring the world into their classrooms. Participants will receive free and ready-to-use materials to get their students traveling. Now boarding: all early childhood educators.

Planning Your Own Class Trip	Becker	Bill	Explore the process of planning your own class trip to Washington DC, Colonial Williamsburg, Philadelphia, Gettysburg, and many other stops. Discussion points will include fundraising options, must see sites, sample agendas, inviting guests, and much more.
Play-Based Learning	Lohman	Andrea	We frequently use the word play in early childhood programs. But do we have a solid understanding of what it means to play to learn and learn to play? Do our environments invite play-based learning? Do our classroom management skills allow for engaged play-based learning? We will work together to define play-based learning and consider questions regarding our early learning environments, schedules, and management as they relate to engaged and authentic playful learning in our early childhood classrooms.
Power Tools for Learning	Sugden	Rebecca	Based off the book Powerful Teaching: Unleash the Science of Learning by Agarwal and Bain, we'll discuss and even utilize power tools to implement into your classroom that harness retrieval skills, spacing, interleaving, and feedback-driven metacognition.
Prep Class for Confirmation	Clark Sengele	Lisa Mark	How do schools equip a classroom with a diverse range of prior biblical knowledge and get them ready for confirmation? This sectional explores various resources and strategies for teachers to work in cooperation with churches and others who teach confirmation.
Preparing for Conversations about Gender	Bauman	Michelle	You don't have to be teaching long before life issues enter your classroom, and one of those issues is gender. What gifts did God intend to give through sexuality and gender, and how can teachers in Lutheran schools confess these truths and uphold the lives of those struggling with gender identity in a Gospel-motivated way?
Preparing Student-Led Chapel Services	Adams	Chelsea	Learn how to structure a chapel service, engage students in planning the service, and create a skit or message that your students can present. Consider tips and tricks for making chapel and worship engaging for your students and school. See my pre-written

			scripts that you can adapt to fit your school and classroom.
Problem Solving in the Early Childhood Classroom	Huesmann	Gretchen	Children need conflict resolutions skills now more than ever. Gretchen will share tried and true methods and materials for equipping young children with the tools and strategies for solving their own social situations.
Process-Based K-3 Writing Strategies	Woods	Zeffie	Learn proven strategies that can help students write more effectively, even at emergent levels. We will cover five strategies to support student writing: explicit instruction, self-regulation, feedback, modification of content, and including the student as an active participant.
Raising Rigor with the 2RS	Quinlan	Cindy	Technically, every secondary student can read and write, but do they read and write well? This session, which particularly benefits English, science, history, and Bible teachers, presents simple strategies to incorporate into your reading assignments and class discussions that will help students read with greater comprehension and express themselves with greater clarity.
Real Life Math with Finances	Leible	Dee	Come and see how math class can bring real life decisions into the math class to help student see math come to life and be the best steward of the gifts God has blessed them. See how technology can aid in their understanding and leave with activities for implementation and personalization for each classroom resource.
Responsive Teaching, Learning & Leading	Halula	Jamie	This workshop focuses on integrating faith principles into educational and leadership practices to create a nurturing and adaptive learning environment. This workshop aims to equip educators and leaders with strategies to respond effectively to the diverse needs of their students and communities, fostering holistic development and spiritual growth.
SAS Church Worker Recruitment Curriculum Best Practices	Rollins Baneck	Glenn James	Meet with a group of active educators to discuss and share their experiences with teaching the new Set Apart to Serve curriculum from early childhood to grade twelve. These teachers will provide valuable insights into best practices for utilizing the SAS/CPH church work recruitment curriculum provided to our Synod schools.

School-Wide Discipline: Humming on All Eight Cylinders	Brockberg	Kevin	Meet Ayana and Tatyana. As they encounter steps toward Restorative Affect and Relational EQ in their narrative, take your own journey, considering with others in small groups, just how your school discipline plan is structured along eight essential questions for policy and practice. Interact about school discipline: Gospel-aligned and mercy-driven.
Science of Reading	Boche	Benjamin	An overview of the Science of Reading movement along with information concerning what is relevant to research-based literacy practices and what is not. Components of science of reading will be explored along a developmental continuum. Finally, Science of Reading instructional practices will be discussed and modeled.
Seeking the Next Generation of Lutheran Higher Education Scholars, Leaders, and Innovators	Bull	Bernard	Lutheran higher education has never been more important. At a time when 70% of 18-28 year-olds are leaving the church, many do so during their college years. A Christ-centered higher education grounded in God's Word and committed to deep and meaning rich vocational discipleship can and does have an impact of the faith and future of these young people. Only to enact and expand this mission in the future, higher education needs people who are mission-aligned, grounded in God's Word, devoted to relational ministry, desire to help create the best possible future for Lutheran higher education, and who are committed to a life of personal growth and learning. In this session, we will explore the types of skills and roles needed for the present and future, the essential traits of a high-impact leader and scholar in Lutheran higher education, how to prepare oneself for such future service, and more. If you've ever thought about the possibility of serving in Lutheran higher education in any capacity (not just a faculty role), this is the session for you.
Setting You Up for Success in Retirement	Klein	Amy	Unpack the Concordia Retirement Plan pension and the Concordia Retirement Savings Plan 403(b). Get answers to all your questions about these valuable benefits and learn how they work together to provide income when you retire. No matter your age, you'll leave this session loving your pension

			and knowing what you can do now to prepare for a successful retirement!
Seven Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry	Shults Kiesling	Julianna Mark	You care for the young people of your congregation but what does healthy youth ministry even look like? What kinds of ministries retain and disciple young people? 7 Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry will break down what we have found critical components for every youth ministry by exploring research, practice, and scripture.
Sex Ed? How About Spiritual Formation?	Salemink	Michael	Explore how the Gospel connects to sex, how emphasizing baptismal identity can insulate against sexual deception and destruction, and how spiritual formation makes the most natural and effective context for even our littlest to understand their bodies. Sexuality and gender are precious gifts of God worth celebrating.
Sharing Christ in Your Community	Dueker	Julie	Check out these community resources, classic along with new performance pieces, and other methods of sharing Christ in your community. In the process of sharing God's love in your community, you'll see students grow in maturity, motivation, and purpose as ambassadors of Christ.
Sharing the Gospel Role-Play	Saunders	David	The presentation will focus on coordinating biblical memory assignments with a one-on-one role-play simulating sharing the basic Christian message (Law and Gospel) with a non-Christian.
SPED: Working Together for Students	Salgado	Tracie	It takes a certain kind of person to teach. It takes another certain kind of person to teach students with different learning abilities. Put them together, allow them room to collaborate and develop their approach, and they are unstoppable. Examine the traits of these two

			kinds of teachers and how they can impact a school environment.
Spiritual and Emotional Care: One School's Approach	Stellwagen	Benjamin	To address the concurrent youth mental health crisis and evolving worship practices, Emmanuel-St. Michael hired a licensed counselor/social worker and called a Shepherd of the School to form a student and family care team focused on emotional and spiritual health. This presentation will cover the research behind the challenge, sample job descriptions, curriculum development, referrals in and out, waivers and liability, and possible funding sources. This initiative is still unfolding, so the session also hopes to invite conversation in order to share other approaches that schools are taking. The purpose of this holistic care is to nurture a healthy heart, soul, and mind so that children can love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and mind.
Spiritual Cognitive Apprenticeship	Sutherland Grove	Ian Doug	Through a spiritual cognitive apprenticeship framework, we may facilitate active agency and engagement in our students' faith journey and development in our classrooms and homes. The presenters will share how their research on learning principles have informed their approach to spiritual leadership and learning in their schools and their homes.
Spiritual Formation through Core Hymnody	Roberts	Christina	The spiritual formation of young Christians can be strengthened by the use of a carefully selected core group of hymns. The presentation will discuss both how to choose and use these hymns in your church and school as well as the life-long benefits for children, families, and the church.
Spiritual Nurture in the Lutheran Early Childhood Classroom	Haun	Cheryl	Lutheran Education Association has prepared a series of training videos which focus on the practical application of the Christian faith in the Lutheran early childhood classroom. The training modules will equip Early Childhood Directors & Educators with practical strategies to promote the integration of the Christian faith into the classroom environment, the curriculum and the home. This session will introduce the five training modules found in the Spiritual Nurture Project.

Sports and Faith	Loesel	Brian	Come learn how to incorporate your faith as a coach, parent, player, or fan. Many athletes, coaches, and fans sideline their faiths when it comes to competition. We as believers, though, are called to be lights in a dark world, even when it seems countercultural.
Staying Together: Retaining Our Teachers	Sankey	Lorinda	The educator shortage has two sides: recruitment and retention. This session focuses on retention. Learn research-based actions for building the quality of the educator experience in your school.
Strategic Enrollment Management	Runge	Alan	Every aspect of the enrollment processes at a school should be considered as strategic in nature. Through these processes, a school is able to shape its student body and align it with its mission and ministry goals. As such, functions like admissions, enrollment and financial assistance should not be left to happenstance, be arbitrary, or handed over solely to committees that bring bias into such processes.
Strategies for English Language Learners	Collins	Laura	Explore strategies for general education teachers to integrate into a classroom if they serve students who do not speak English as a first language. I will have some quick and easy activities and strategies any classroom teacher can use to integrate language (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) to help the EL students in their classroom.
Success in Ministry - Plan on it!	Schiemann	Mike	Strategic Planning often feels like 'one more thing' to do on your to-do list. However, when done well, a strategic plan not only guides your organization but excites and motivates you in Kingdom work! Come hear methods for engaging organizations and people in this essential ministry process!
Success with Non-compliant Students	Stollenwerk	Jenny	Get practical tips and tricks on gaining compliance and helping students show their best. We will use Biblical references to guide the presentation with experts in the field of special education and anecdotes from real-life scenarios for support.
Syllable Savvy	Wiemer	B.J.	This interactive session will equip teachers with a comprehensive toolkit of strategies and resources to help all students master multisyllabic word decoding, regardless of their reading level. Learn about research-based approaches and hands-on activities

			that simplify the process. Experience engaging activities that make learning fun and boost students' confidence and motivation in reading.
Take and Use Successful Classroom Activities	Bahn Blank	Kathy Karen	Would you like some tried and true classroom activities to reinforce your classroom curriculum? This workshop will provide our favorite and successful games and activities gleaned from years of classroom teaching.
Teaching Children to Sing Beautifully	Eatherton Eatherton	Sam Lois	Hear examples of poor and excellent choral tone for children and gain many warm-ups, exercises, and songs. In addition to liturgically appropriate materials, the presenters will share a list of published choral pieces that children can excel in singing to the glory of God.
Teaching Engineering on a Budget	Ueltzen	Vanessa	Teaching the Engineering part of the NGSS doesn't have to break the bank. This presentation will show teachers how to teach Engineering and Design with cheap, simple materials, many of which can be found in the average household! Specific projects will be shared in this hands-on workshop.
Teaching from Rest	Bromen	Leah	Does teaching ever seem harried and hassled? How can we accomplish excellent, Christ-centered teaching while also teaching from rest? Delve into seven best practices, each time-tested and proven, that lead to restful teaching.
Teaching Inferencing in the Classroom	Stradtman	Amy	Explore strategies to enhance inferencing skills for students across all grade levels. From decoding implicit messages in literature to deciphering real-world scenarios, we'll delve into the art of making educated guesses and drawing conclusions. Through hands-on activities and discussion, we'll uncover potential gaps in traditional inferencing instruction and discover innovative approaches to fill them.
Teaching Kids 4 LIFE!	Bauman	Michelle	How can we partner with parents to prepare youth for the life issues they're certain to face? Learn basic guidelines for developmentally appropriate topics and conversations to have with children, as well as rationale for starting conversations about LIFE today!

Teaching Like a Classical Lutheran Educator	Veith	Jackquelyn	What do you know about classical education? Do you know how it is different? Do you need to learn a new system? What is the difference between the trivium and the quadrivium? This session answers these questions by identifying teaching activities at each level of the trivium and discussing the curricular organization of classical Lutheran education.
Teaching Sanctity of Life Without Talking About Abortion	Salemink	Michael	Thanks be to God that Lutheran education offers alternative opportunities in abundance! Discover how common childhood experiences, everyday interactions, and the whole range of subject areas can provide teachable moments that explore and confirm how much God loves every life!
Teaching the Faith Through Hymns	Burkart	Jeffrey	Explore how hymns and spiritual songs can be incorporated across the curriculum (art, history, music, religion, literature, etc.) in your classroom as you and your students collaborate on projects and presentations that lead to a greater appreciation of hymns and the “stories behind the hymns” that are part of our Lutheran heritage as the Singing Church.
Team Communication Dynamics: Creating Focus or Failure	Wrege	Thomas	Communication is best led by the person who best understands the nuances of how communicative processes lend themselves to workplace contentment. There is a uniqueness to this topic within the parameters of having a spiritual foundation. This presentation is based on a doctoral dissertation case study by the author.
Technology Routines and Best Practices in EC	Vogt	Naomi	We will explore setting good routines and expectations for technology in the EC Classroom (specifically K-2) as well as exploring APPs and technology integration to lessons as well as support for ELL learners.
The Benefits of Athletics for Students	Wilke Wilke	Phillip Christian	How can a teacher use leadership skills built in athletics to help build leaders in the classroom?
The Blessing and Challenges of Urban Ministry	Dickerson	Aaron	Explore both the joys and struggles of urban ministry, seeking to equip and encourage one another as we serve in vital mission fields of diverse, dynamic and ever-changing communities.

<p>The Hidden Epidemic: How to Help Girls Overcome Loneliness</p>	<p>Garibay</p>	<p>Patti</p>	<p>In a world where girls are increasingly isolated and disconnected, the longing for belonging is more intense than ever. This workshop will equip educators, administrators, and ministry leaders with the tools to guide girls toward authentic community, where they can experience true connection and know they are deeply valued. Rooted in Biblical principles, we'll explore how to create spaces where girls can discover the deep fulfillment that comes from being seen, known, and loved in Christ. Learn practical strategies to help girls find their place in God-centered friendships and community, where their unique identities are celebrated and nurtured. We'll also discuss how to address the powerful craving for belonging that many girls face and provide insight into how the Church can step in to meet this need. Together, we'll empower the next generation of girls to find their home in God's family, where they are not only accepted but treasured and supported in their faith journey.</p>
<p>Think on Your Feet!</p>	<p>Sleezer</p>	<p>Meghan</p>	<p>See and experience how working in random groups of three while standing at vertical white boards can have a huge impact on students' capacity to think. The strategies are based on Peter Liljedahl's research on Building Thinking Classrooms (2020) can be applied in any content setting where you want students to reason, problem solve, and collaborate.</p>
<p>Three Ways to Strengthen Culture</p>	<p>Becker</p>	<p>Brian</p>	<p>Join in a discussion of three core factors that lead to healthy culture. Come with your most important questions as we discover how to develop a healthy culture by intention.</p>

Thriving in the First Years of Teaching	Thies Stradtman	Anne Amy	This presentation is designed to equip new educators with practical strategies to navigate and excel in their initial teaching years. Participants will gain valuable insights and effective techniques to not only survive but thrive, fostering a rewarding and sustainable teaching career from the very start.
Today's Four Best Classroom Management Strategies	Gerner	Steve	Tackle one of the largest obstacles in Lutheran school student success. Effective classroom management cultivates high-quality teaching and learning. Learn research-based strategies, supported with evidence, that you can put into practice immediately. The positive results are more students with self-control, responsibility, and positive attributes toward school.
Transforming Conflict, Growing Peacemakers for Life	Forward	Wayne	So often, our response to conflict is not what we hope for. Looking back, we wish we had done things differently. What if we could change this for the next generation? This workshop will showcase how parents, schools, and churches can teach children and young people, aged 4-25, how to be peacemakers for life, transforming their relationships and responses to conflict.
Trauma in the Classroom (FEATURED SPEAKER)	Singer	Christopher	In today's classrooms, educators face the profound task of supporting students who may have experienced trauma. This session will explore the critical intersection of trauma, community, and education, highlighting the importance of understanding and addressing trauma in the classroom. Participants will gain insights into: 1.Understanding Trauma; 2.Creating a Trauma-Informed Classroom; 3.Communication Techniques; 4.Self-Care and Peer Support; 5.Action Plan:

Travel the World with Gospel Adventures	Bayless	Ashley	Maybe you have traveled with LHM and Gospel Adventures to Peru or Thailand during National Lutheran Schools Week and thought: "I wish I had more time!" Guess what? You do! Each year, Gospel Adventures offers five days' worth of activities, videos, games, and more. Dig into the Wild About Kenya curriculum and see how you can use this free curriculum throughout the year and get a sneak peek at our 2026 location!
Two for One Deal: Team-Teaching	Harper Williams	Michaela Kari	Team teaching helps to alleviate stress by sharing the workload between two teachers working together in the same classroom. Team teaching allows for a larger class size without the need for another classroom, allowing more students and families to hear the Good News.
Understanding Students with Trauma	Rodgers	Trip	How do leaders support trauma-informed practices within our Lutheran schools? Learn about the effects of trauma in the classroom, brain science, and identify red flags for students and teachers. See how trauma-informed practices can improve the classroom and school environments.
Understanding Your CHP Wellness Benefits	Menke	Kelly	Concordia Plans wants you to Be Well and Serve Well. There's a LOT of programs included in my Concordia Health Plan! How do I know which one is for me?" We'll unpack all the wellness solutions provided through your Concordia Health Plan. We'll also have the opportunity to discuss what might specifically pertain to the support you're looking for on your health and wellness journey.
Unforgivable?	Rockenbach Kober	Mark Ted	Who's the unforgivable in your life? Is it a parent, school board, fellow teacher, or administration? The speakers share how God's forgiveness transforms our lives by addressing some of the most common questions concerning unforgiveness, such as: What is the key to forgiveness? How to address anger? What about consequences? Why not just forgive and forget?
United in Coming Alongside Families	Calendo	Tanya	Hear highlights of the data that may be reflective of the needs of your school families. Learn how this data led to dreaming, designing, and delivering a dynamic family ministry for school families. You will leave the

			session with the tools to implement the process and the deliverables on your campus.
Using Retirement Benefits to Recruit and Retain Workers	Page	Brian	Discover best practices for integrating the CRP Pension and CRSP 403(b) plans into your comprehensive recruitment and retention strategy. Additionally, you'll get a closer look at the CPS retirement plans and gain insights into confidently talking about these plans. You will laugh, learn, and leave excited about using retirement benefits for retaining and recruiting talent.
Using Scripture in Project Based Learning	Kelley	Ashley	Have you considered using Project Based Learning in the classroom with a focus on Scripture? I will discuss the two PBLs I have done at my school and then help you create a plan for a future PBL in your classroom.
Using Sign Language in Teaching	Dueker	Julie	Learn basic American Sign Language for The Lord's Prayer, Luther's Morning Prayer, and God Bless America. Methods of learning and adding basic sign language in your classroom will be presented. As you learn simple signing, you'll experience the engagement it brings to the learning process.
Welcome to the Family	Cohrs	Richard	How can we prepare non-LCMS Christians entering the LCMS educator system about the history, doctrine, and expectations of working in the LCMS family? This presentation offers a short introduction to the "LCMS Way" so that there are clear expectations, and everyone can hit the ground running!
Welcoming Diversity within the School	Bergholt Woods	Melissa Kristin	Global migration has increased diversity in American schools. We need to be prepared to accept these families from policies to practices that ensure they feel welcomed and supported.
What a Novel Idea!	Staehr	Jerrita	Join other educators for an interactive exploration of literature units designed to seamlessly integrate the Christian faith, build social-emotional skills, and develop critical thinking competencies. Ideas will be shared for engaging students in setting the purpose for reading, active reading strategies, and assessment through creative activities that include interpersonal and digital communication.

What are We Even Doing?	Janetzke	Chad	Discipleship? Evangelism? What is the purpose and role of the modern Lutheran education system? Come hear some ideas of where we are at, where we are going, some strategies that have worked in making disciples of all nations and be prepared to bring some of your own stories and strategies to share!
What Fred Said: The Power of <i>Mister Rogers' Neighborhood</i> (FEATURED SPEAKER)	Gerdes	Drew	If you've ever watched an episode of <i>Mister Rogers' Neighborhood</i> , you likely remember the kind, caring, and knowledgeable Fred Rogers. Join us as we take a deeper look at the practices and philosophies of Fred Rogers and explore how they are still valid today. The young years are foundational in providing a strong start for elementary school that lasts into adulthood. Come ready to reminisce, grow, and be inspired to implement more of "what Fred said" when you return to your classroom!
What is Classical Lutheran Education?	Kozisek	Barbra	Have you ever wondered about Classical Education? We will discuss what it is and how it is different from a regular Lutheran school. You will also learn what you would need to do to change your school to a classical Lutheran school.
Word Attack Skills are Easy	Pfeifer	John	The English language has six different syllable types (vowel patterns) to make it one of the easiest languages to master. No more excuses for poor spelling habits and less frustration when decoding unfamiliar words. Learn the same patterns and spelling strategies used in an Orton-Gillingham based approach....without the costly OG training!
WORD Bugs	Schuldheisz Schuldheisz	Mary Natasha	WORD Bugs is a newly created Biblical literacy curriculum for middle school students (grades 6-8) whose purpose is to simultaneously be an outreach to early childhood programs in the community. The curriculum for WORD Bugs utilizes some pre-printed materials, but the majority of the curriculum was developed by a small team of Lutheran teachers, so it can be incorporated into a school's existing religion curriculum.
Working with Today's Parents	Wahlers	Joel	We will discuss the reasons for the challenges that exist between parents and educators and how we can more proactively approach this important relationship. We will also look at

			ways to address those more difficult parents in ways that are best for the student and the school.
Your Governing Board and You	Scriven	Jim	We will review more than 10 critical aspects of how school boards and principals/directors should function together, and in so doing they thrive and powerfully contribute to their Lutheran School's success.
Youth Coding for All (STEAM)	Leible Mueller	Dee Janel	Check out how a variety of educators are implementing coding opportunities into their school curriculum and after school activities. Learn about ways students can compete and build their coding skills with other students across the nation. Check out ways youth coding can enhance project base learning, including STEAM Education.