2017 Lutheran Teachers Conference Workshops
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 at 11:00 am

Placing Art at the Heart of Learning
Audience: K-8
Summary: Champion art-infused education. Every child and teacher is an artist, so don't miss this fun, hands-on workshop where you will be inspired to unleash your God-given talents. No art background is necessary - just a willingness to create a masterpiece!
Presented by: Rose Farley, Director of Development for Arts Attack Publication, has been advocating for the arts in schools for over 20 years. Arts Attack is a developmental, sequential visual arts curriculum for Grades K-8. The award winning program is now online and is an approved curriculum for LCMS schools.

Fingerplays, Nursery Rhymes and Transitions
Audience: Early Childhood
Summary: Engaging the children during circle time and transitions through active learning by using fingerplays, rhyming games, and other hands-on activities
Presented by: Barb Bradtmueller is the teacher/director at Peace Lutheran Preschool in Fort Wayne. She is a member of the Indiana Early Childhood Cabinet.

Sensory Challenges: Supports and Strategies
Audience: All
Summary: Supporting Sensory Processing Disorders. This session provides a bit of science to aid in the understanding of Sensory issues and Autism spectrum disorders. Then it equips with many, many quick, fun, useful, practical, inexpensive tools for understanding how to create success for these kiddos.
Presented by: Mona Fuerstenau, an avowed disability advocate has provided many workshops for the LCMS. She dreams of facilitating a disability ministry network that successfully supports families who experience disability, addresses attitudinal and accessibility barriers and connects people together in community rich with the gifts of people of all abilities.

Preschool Play: The Teachers' Role
Audience: Early Childhood
Summary: With so much research surrounding the importance of play in the early childhood classroom, it is imperative teachers understand their role in play. Oftentimes the task of the teacher in student play is not clearly defined. Therefore teachers must be prepared to use varying roles to scaffold, differentiate and extend student learning through play. Come and learn nine different roles you can use to impact student play in a positive way.
Presented by: Tracie Douglas, teacher at Our Shepherd Lutheran, Avon IN

"It's only a picture": Understanding the Causes and Consequences of Sexting
Audience: All
Summary: With kids as young as 2nd grade sharing inappropriate pictures, sexting is a growing concern for parents, educators and law enforcement. It has led to humiliation, harassment, cyberbullying, sextortion and worst. It is very likely, the images will end up in the wrong hands and cause long term damage to a students safety and future. It’s vital they learn the rules of Internet safety so they can use technology responsibly.
Presented by: Cathie Bledsoe is a Youth Educator for the Indiana State Police (ISP) Internet Crime against Children Task Force (ICAC).
Teaching Strategies for Children
Audience: All
Summary: Learning theorists differ on whether or not humans have different learning styles. Classroom teachers seem to know that they can’t teach the same way, everyday. Your attendance at this workshop will serve to strengthen your toolbox, affirm your commitment to providing a variety of teaching strategies to your classroom and provide an opportunity to interact with fellow teachers to share your ‘Best Practices.’
Presented by: Dr. Mary Schuldheisz, Concordia University, Portland OR

Awesome Authors and Artists
Audience: Early Childhood
Summary: Ideas for engaging early childhood students, staff and families with developmentally appropriate experiences focusing on both new and traditional authors and artists will be shared and encouraged
Presented by: Julie Klopke presently serves as the Early childhood Director and Assistant Principal at St Peter Lutheran Church and School in Arlington Heights, IL. She also works with the Northern Illinois District of the LCMS as one of its Early Childhood Consultants and supervises student teachers for Concordia University Chicago.

Motivation for Technology
Audience: Middle School & high school
Summary: Why are youth so drawn to technology? This presentation explores the "whys" behind technology use and gives perspective on how to address those needs.
Presented by: Jennifer Probst – DCE, currently teaches at St Paul, Columbus IN

The Power of One: Personalized Learning Across the Grades
Audience: All
Summary: Every child is a gift from God who has unique talents and abilities given by our Creator. Applying lessons from a personalized learning academy, we will wrestle with how a greater level of personalization may be applied in every classroom, thereby better honoring the unique gift of each child for the sake of God’s Kingdom.
Presented by: David Black has taught in Lutheran schools in Colorado for over 17 of his 30 years as an educator. He currently serves Lutheran High School in Parker, CO where he is a teacher, and the Director of Lights Academy, an innovative accelerated personalized learning program within the existing school. David also serves Lutheran schools at large through facilitating leadership and training sessions, teaching online for Concordia University Wisconsin.

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LISTEN! Children Crying: A Child’s Hope in a Hopeless Life - YOU Can Be Their Guide
Audience: All
Summary: LAMP, Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots, is a special mission opportunity to remote villages in northern Canada. Come see how you or your classroom can be involved.
Presented by: Sandra Carr & Wally Heinz

Cyberbullying: Take it Seriously
Audience: All
Summary: Cyberbullying is exactly what it sounds like - bullying through technology like cell phones, social media sites and online games. Being victimized can undermine a child sense of security. They don’t feel a safe at school – because cyberbullies are frequently classmates and other
peers – and they don’t feel safe at home because the bullying is happening 24/7 online. In the worst cases, cyberbullying has led to suicide. The information provided will not only assist you in understanding the online challenges your students face, but also suggest some tips for you both address cyberbullying with you students and assist the victim.

Presented by: Cathie Bledsoe, is a Youth Educator for the Indiana State Police (ISP) Internet Crime against Children Task Force (ICAC).

Play, Pray, Hooray! Being a Faith-Based Development Cheerleader

Audience: Early Childhood

Summary: Early Childhood teachers and administrators can be great encouraging cheerleaders for their young children and their families as they grow in their faith and worship of Jesus. Ideas for faith integration, chapel, music and connection points between home, school & church will be explored and celebrated.

Presented by: Julie Klopke presently serves as the Early childhood Director and Assistant Principal at St Peter Lutheran Church and School in Arlington Heights, IL. She also works with the Northern Illinois District of the LCMS as one of its Early Childhood Consultants and supervises student teachers for Concordia University Chicago.

Learning Differences in the Classroom

Audience: All

Summary: This session will cover signs of common learning difficulties, such as learning disabilities and ADD/ADHD, that will equip teachers with information and strategies for working with these students. Signs that may appear in students at different age levels will be discussed, as well as what teachers should do when they see these signs in a student.

Presented by: Kara Bratton is the Resource Center Director for Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) She has her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education, graduate degrees in Special Education and Gifted and Talented Education, a Master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and is a doctoral student in the area of Special Education Leadership. Kara is also trained in Orton-Gillingham, has training in the area of autism, and is a DIBELS Next mentor/trainer.

You Can’t Pour from an Empty Cup

Audience: All

Summary: This presentation focuses on the basics of wellness, our habits and how our health impacts how we serve others.

Presented by: Sara Correnti is a registered, licensed dietitian that comes to Concordia Plan Services with a background in clinical and specialty areas of nutrition and wellness. Sara earned her bachelor’s degree in Dietetics from Southeast Missouri State University and her master’s degree in Human Nutrition from the University of Alabama.

All our Academic Fair Dreams Came True

Audience: K-12

Summary: Three junior high teachers will share how they collaborated and met many Indiana language arts and technology standards as they guided eighth graders on a cross curricular journey via a Civil War era research unit. Presenters will demonstrate that question driven student research can lead to an in depth study of a particular Civil War era person; teachers will show how students can use technology during each step of the process - from EasyBib to GoogleDocs to QR Readers and much much more. Presenters will share how students can also synthesize information from an historical fiction novel with a setting of the same time period. Ideas will also be shown from the students' culminating product, a wax museum (created for the school's academic fair) with wax 'figures’ who spoke of their life when 'activated'.

Presented by: Melissa Brown, Sandra Franke and Sue Sims teach at Immanuel Lutheran, Seymour IN
Preschool Active Learning

Audience: Early Childhood

Summary: It is hard to sit still and learn. This presentation demonstrates a few ways early childhood teachers can use movement to reinforce standard concepts in learning.

Presented by: Jennifer Probst, Preschool teacher at St Paul Lutheran, Columbus IN

"How to Tell the Parents."

Audience: PS-3, Admin

Summary: This session focuses on equipping early childhood and pastoral staff in walking alongside parents as their child is diagnosed or born with a disability. It covers the grief/loss feelings, what families say they need to hear, practical approaches to support. Since early childhood staff often are the first to notice the need for evaluation and it is often the time when these diagnoses are being made, this session provides insight and resources for any staff working with birth to age 7 and their families. Interactive session exploring real life situations. Problem solving together.

Presented by: Mona Fuerstenau, an avowed disability advocate has provided workshops at the LCMS children’s ministry, LEA, NYG, Higher Things, Best Practices and Rural and Small Town ministry conferences and on air at KFUO Family Matters and Woman to Woman. She dreams of facilitating a disability ministry network that successfully supports families who experience disability, addresses attitudinal and accessibility barriers and connects people together in community rich with the gifts of people of all abilities.

Top Classroom Safety Hazards: How to Identify, How to Prevent

Audience: All

Summary: This session will present and discuss the Top Classroom Safety Hazards and the basic functions of an effective Classroom Safety Assessment. Classroom Safety Assessments are designed to identify potential hazards, enhance awareness of hazard findings, and help identify way to reduce the potential of accidents, injuries, and property damage. The discussion will include what to look for in schools, elaboration of why something is a hazard, actions of an effective safety assessment team, coming up with solutions, and how to implement. Typical and common hazards found in schools include tripping or falling hazards, falling objects, being struck, electrocution, fire, strains or cuts, and contamination or poison.

Presented by: Laura Braasch is with Church Mutual Insurance whose mission is to be the premier provider of insurance services to our customers in the religious institutional marketplace and other compatible markets.

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Do Your Students Make Snow Angels and Pretend to be Superman? The Importance of Gross Motor Skills for Teaching Reading and Writing

Audience: PS-2

Summary: The presenter will discuss how gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and primitive reflexes help early childhood students learn to read and write. You will be reminded why it is important to keep doing these skills that you have already incorporated in your curriculum. You will learn more exercises to take back to the classroom and begin next week.

Presented by: Rachel Pollock taught 1st and 2nd grades at Zion Lutheran Academy, Fort Wayne from 1996-2003. She lives in Fort Wayne and currently homeschools her 3 boys. One of her boys is blessed with a learning disability. She learned more about teaching while he was in one year of vision therapy than she learned in her college education classes. She looks forward to sharing what she learned with you.
Team Building the Fun Way!

Audience: Directors and Administrators

Summary: Let's have some fun! This workshop will give ideas to inspire your staff and make it a happy family. You will learn how to boost morale, get the most out of your team and make everyone happy and laughing. Join me for some fun games and lots and lots of ideas.

Presented by: Joy Kitter has worked in the Early Childhood field for 30 years. My experience has been from an assistant teacher all the way up to a director. I believe that having a team that plays together as a family is not only good for staff but puts a positive impact on children’s lives every day.

Understanding Your Retirement - Maximizing Your Benefits

Audience: All

Summary: Do you really understand your retirement benefits? Do you know how much you're going to need in retirement, and just what your current benefits will cover? Do you know what YOU should be doing to save for your future? This workshop will help you begin to put all of the pieces together as you plan for your future. This is good for everyone to know and especially beneficial for those 50+.

Presented by: Paul Snyder is a Retirement/Financial Wellness Specialist for Concordia Plan Service. He has been with Concordia Plans for more than 34 years in various capacities. Paul is a 1981 graduate of Concordia College--River Forest (now Concordia University--Chicago). He also serves in a part-time position as Director of Worship at Immanuel Lutheran in Olivette, MO. Paul enjoys travel, music, reading, skiing, playing softball, Cardinal baseball, and spending time with family and friends.

Supporting Children: Ways that Make A Difference

Audience: Early Childhood

Summary: This training will discuss strategies to assist provides in reframing children's challenging behaviors, the importance of re-evaluating their environments to better support children and shifting from the teacher being "in charge" of children's behavior to assisting children in being "in charge" of their own behavior.

Presented by: Karla Pedue earned her BA in elementary education from Valparaiso University and a master's degree in Elem Ed with an early childhood concentration from Indiana University. She is currently working as a professional development specialist with Early Childhood Alliance, instructing non-formal CDA classes and providing professional development training and coaching for providers.

Hot Seats and Speed Dating: Keeping Class Discussion Interesting

Audience: Middle School & High School

Summary: We use many different methods of discussion in our secondary English classroom: Socratic, Circles, Fishbowls, Hot Seat, speed-dating, silent post-its...we'd like to share different ways to encourage student-led group discussions in class to facilitate rather than lead a lecture with Q & A.

Presented by: Elizabeth Hoham & Mindy Walz teach at Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne IN

Placing Art at the Heart of Learning

Audience: Grades K-8

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Presented by: Rose Farley
Fundraising Stewardship Best Practices: It's About Thanking Your Donors to the 7th Power
Audience: All
Summary: Stewardship and fundraising is not "stewardship Sunday", but rather properly thanking your donors 7 times... 77 times... to the 7th power. From how to write thank you notes to financial recording, we will cover all aspects of what to do AFTER the gift. This is especially helpful for executive directors, principals, fundraising staff, dinner/auction volunteers, boards, etc.

Presented by: Jon Dize, CFRE

Get Out of His Way!!
Audience: All
Summary: Do you sometimes get in His way? The obvious answer is of course you do. But even more importantly, do you recognize HOW you get in His way? Whether it is at school with your students and colleagues, at home with your family, in your cars, on your phones, or laying awake at night feeling frightened and alone, we ALL need to be mindful of how our sinful nature deceives us into trying to get in His way....and how HE HELPS US understand His sovereignty at all times, in all places, and in all things....EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.

Participants are asked to bring a Bible with them as you will be diving into specific examples from Scripture where the Lord showed His people how to GET OUT OF HIS WAY!!!

Presented by: Matt Konow has the blessing to serve as the Executive Director at the Biblical counseling ministry of Cross Connections located in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

CONFLICTS!!! Lutheran Schools and the Ministry of Reconciliation
Audience: All
Summary: There is struggle when we face conflict between students, with parents, and even among fellow staff. Yet, there is also opportunity for the church to be in action to share its most important gift, forgiveness. This session will explore how teachers, administrators and schools can be a part of sharing the ministry of reconciliation.

Presented by: Jacob Pennekamp has 21 years of school ministry experience, 14 of that as an administrator. He currently serves Emmanuel - St. Michael Lutheran School in Fort Wayne Indiana as principal.

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Does Your Church &/or School Need a New/Renewed Perspective?
Audience: All
Summary: While some traditions are important to maintain, the vision you developed when you started has some elements implemented. However, you can see that it’s not all working. Perhaps there is some staff apathy, attendance at church and/or enrollment at the school are plateaued, a few ‘supportive’ families seem to be pulling away and with offerings down, the Finance Board is recommending a 3-5% reduction in the budget. You are reluctant to talk to anybody on staff about this because of the complexity of the problem. Please consider registering for this workshop at the NW District All Workers Conference to get refocused, inspired, re-energized and gather ideas of what can be done so the church/school can thrive and fulfill its mission!

Presented by: Dr. Mary Schuldheisz, Concordia University, Portland OR

Do I Really Need a Lesson Plan for That? Making the Most of a Read Aloud Story
Audience: Early Childhood
Summary: Read alouds can be one of the most important daily lessons taught for literacy development. See how to use a read aloud book for intentional vocabulary and
comprehension development. Become acquainted with some of the newest picture books and how they can be used for intentional read alouds.

Presented by: Judy Ripke has spent more than three decades working in the field of early childhood education. She has a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s degree in early childhood education both from Concordia University in Seward NE. She has taught young children from age three through second grade and served a director of early childhood and assistant professor at Concordia University Nebraska. She is currently teaching kindergarten at Faith Lutheran School in Lincoln NE.

Stress & Health
Audience: All
Summary: You will learn about the effects stress has on your physical health as well as practical tips for decreasing stress starting today!
Presented by: Sara Correnti is a registered, licensed dietitian that comes to Concordia Plan Services with a background in clinical and specialty areas of nutrition and wellness.

Student Led Fitness Stations
Audience: All
Summary: Utilizing the four exercise components of Cardio-endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, and flexibility, the students research and design exercise stations for their own fitness circuit. The exercises focus on arms, legs, and the core. In their planning, they design a sign describing and demonstrating the actual exercise for others to follow along throughout the circuit. The students actually perform the circuit stations with re-evaluations after the actual workout. This is primarily for middle and high school but could be adapted to any age group that has use of an iPad.
Presented by: Andy Stout, Mark Koehlinger, Pam Rusher teachers at Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne IN

Checkpoints to Success: Applying Formative Assessments to the Learning Process
Audience: All
Summary: Educators are typically much more likely to use summative assessments to analyze student achievement — measurements such as tests and projects that summarize student learning at the end of a unit. However, formative assessments — short checkpoints for learning throughout a unit — are often better at providing quick learning feedback for both teachers and students. This session will review the power of formative assessments in learning and provide practical strategies, ideas, and tools for making formative check-ins an important part of your classroom.
Presented by: David Black has taught in Lutheran schools in Colorado for over 17 of his 30 years as an educator. He currently serves Lutheran High School in Parker, CO where he is a teacher, and the Director or Lights Academy, an innovative accelerated personalized learning program within the existing school. David also serves Lutheran schools at large through facilitating leadership and training sessions, teaching online for Concordia University Wisconsin.

Electronic Communication with Parents
Audience: All
Summary: It seems as though everything is operating through electronics today. If you are not already using electronic communication, this session will give you ideas on tools that you can try in your classroom.
Presented by: Jennifer Probst – DCE, currently teacher at St Paul, Columbus IN

The Project Approach in Preschool
Audience: Early Childhood
Summary: Come and learn how meaningful learning through the Project Approach can change your classroom engagement, create real life experiences, and increase student interest in learning! The Project Approach builds on natural curiosity, enabling children to interact, question, connect, problem-solve, communicate, reflect, and more!

Presented by: Tracie Douglas, Our Shepherd, Avon IN

Do Not Let Evolution Make a Monkey Out of You!

Audience: Middle & High school

Summary: Various topics relating to the Creation-Evolution question will be presented such as Philosophy, Christianity, Biology, Time, etc. Web sites that are beneficial will be shared. Finally the importance of his topic to one’s Christian faith and apologetics will be explained.

Presented by: Christopher Gieschen has been at Concordia Lutheran High School for over 40 years mostly teaching Biology and Earth Science. Has presented this topic at various conferences including several times for the state science conference. Became avid creationist due to my wife purchasing my first creationist book.

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Teaching Life Through Sports

Audience: Middle & High School

Summary: As this world gets more and more complicated, we can use coaching and extra-curricular activities to simplify life for our kids. Sports are an avenue that we can teach kids how to work hard, how to be part of something bigger than themselves, how to be more than what they thought they could be, how to put faith before fear, how to build and maintain relationships, and how to handle hardships. If done properly, the culture that is established in an athletic team can teach kids how to live life and more importantly, how to live a Christian life to the fullest. So how do you do all of this? Come and find out.

Presented by: Kathy Anderson is in her 16th year as the head volleyball coach at Indianapolis Lutheran High School and also coaches at Circle City Volleyball Club.

I Wanna Run Away!

Audience: All

Summary: Is the weight of ministry more than you can bear right now? Do you know someone struggling with the anxiety of meeting all the needs of the day? Do you find yourself asking God, “Why me?” more and more often? Come hear the story of one woman's extraordinary stress and how we can all have hope for a blessed future. Practical resources will be shared and encouragement will abound!

Presented by: Stacy Hoeft is the CEO of Lutheran Special Education Ministries in Farmington Hills, MI. Stacy has experienced the personal anxiety of living with an addict as well as the professional anxiety of working through a very public US Supreme Court case and is passionate about sharing encouragement with others struggling through similar situations.

Thinking Beyond Desks in Rows

Audience: All

Summary: Times, (and students!)...they are a changin'... Traditional "desks in rows" may no longer be working in your classrooms. Come explore the concept of flexible seating. After transforming our classroom into a middle school "learning lounge", we can share ideas and testimonials that may inspire you to take the plunge! (Or at least get your feet wet:))

Presented by: Jessica Trueblood & Emily Brooks, St Peter’s Lutheran, Columbus IN

Luther’s Laymen: Highlighting the Laity's role in the Reformation
Audience: All
Summary: This year we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther’s Nailing of the 95 Theses, an historical event most of us are very familiar with. This session we will focus on Frederick the Wise, Philip Melanchthon, and Lucas Cranach—laymen without whom the reformation may have never happened. As we study the role of these faithful laymen, we will see the important role Lutheran Schools have in developing and preparing both church workers and laity for the future of the church.

Presented by: Rev. Matt Jung joined Trinity Lutheran High School in Seymour, IN in 2010, where he has taught theology courses for all students, Freshmen-Seniors.

Cooking with Books – Children’s Stories with Cooking Experiences
Audience: Early Childhood
Summary: Extending popular children’s stories by trying an hands on cooking experiences for your class.

Presented by: Lisa Bradley is a CACFP Coordinator for Early Childhood Alliance in Fort Wayne. She has been working with early childhood for 30 years. She has a BS in Business and an AA in Culinary Arts/Baking & Pastry Degrees.

Forming Critical Partnerships: Parent-Teacher Relationships
Audience: All
Summary: In Lutheran schools we form many critical partnerships for he sake of the Gospel. The relationship that forms between the teacher and the parent is central to the success of the mission. In this session we will explore best practices for initiating that relationship from the start, strengthening the relationship during conferences, and maintaining the relationship when difficult messages have to be delivered.

Presented by: Jacob Pennekamp has 21 years of school ministry experience, 14 of that as an administrator. He currently serves Emmanuel - St. Michael Lutheran School in Fort Wayne Indiana as principal.

Engaging the 21st Century Mission Field
Audience: All
Summary: Churches which operate Lutheran schools often operate in a silo mentality. Yet the mission opportunities thru quality private education can be an awesome entry way for people to connect to the Gospel

Presented by: Mr. Mike Zimmer serves the Northern Illinois District as Mission Facilitator for Schools helping to carrying out their district theme: New Starts, New Believers. Mike has served as a teacher, coach, elementary and high school administrator for over 35 years. He has decades of experience helping leaders in congregations and school to focus on today's mission field.

KICK START: Curriculum Mapping Basics
Audience: All
Summary: Are you new to curriculum mapping? Need a refresher? We're going back to basics in this session. Join us as we review the purpose of curriculum mapping and the basic ins and outs of the Atlas mapping system.

Presented by: Alicia Levitt, Director of Academic Excellence at the Lutheran Schools Partnership, Fort Wayne & Julie Dietrich, Indiana District Curriculum Coach

Faith, Family and Friendship in Preschool
Audience: Early Childhood
Summary: What are ways that you integrate faith, family, and friendships in preschool? How do you create a child-centered chapel service? Come learn more about how we help strengthen the home-school relationship and teach families more about Christ through the process.
Daily 5 in Your Classroom; Reading and Beyond

Audience:  K-5
Summary: Do you wish you had more time to work with small groups or individual students? Are you tired of setting up reading centers every day? Learn about The Daily 5, a reading structure that fosters independence in the classroom. See how it can change not only your reading block, but your entire day with your students. Walk away with tips you can use tomorrow!

Presented by: Tera Lewandowski, PS Director of Immanuel Lutheran, Valaparaiso IN & Jenna Hicks, PS Director of Central Lutheran, New Haven IN

Step into STEM Learning with Fairy Tales and Young Children

Audience:  PK-2
Summary: Have you been hearing a lot about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)? See why this is an important 21st century focus and how fairy tales easily lead to STEM projects with young children. You will hear about new books to share with children and will come away with sample projects to help your students be excited about STEM learning. You will be doing a STEM project!

Presented by: Danielle Rothert, Lutheran Central, Brownstown IN

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Why Teach About a Reformation That Happened 500 Years Ago?

Audience: All
Summary: Rev. May will explain why the Reformation, an event that took place 500 years ago is important to teach to our students today. He will have resources that may to help you teach about it at every age level.

Presented by: Rev. Daniel May is president of the Indian District. He attended Concordia Milwaukee and Concordia River Forest and spent a year teaching in the Milwaukee area. Following his ordination he served parishes at St Peter's Fort Wayne, in Mississippi and at St James, Lafayette.

Kids Have Feelings Too and That's OK

Audience:  PS-K
Summary: Too often we tell children to "use your words" to solve their peer conflicts. However, unless we are just as intentional about teaching children "feeling" words as we are their ABC's and 1,2,3's, we cannot expect them to "use their words". This session offers many strategies to help children deal with many different emotions.

Presented by: Beth Kumfer has been a child care facilities consultant for the state of Indiana for 19 years (affectionately known as "the state lady" to child care programs). Previously she was a director at a licensed and accredited child care program for three years. Prior to that she worked at Head Start for 17 years as a teacher, education coordinator, and program operations manager

Making Math count: Math in Early Childhood Education

Audience:  Early Childhood
Summary: Are you looking for ways to improve math in your PS & K classroom? Need some fresh ideas to incorporate more math throughout your day? Come learn new and exciting ideas to add math into your classroom.

Presented by: Tera Lewandowski & Jenna Hicks Tera is the Preschool Director and a teacher at Immanuel Lutheran School in Valparaiso IN. Jenna is the Preschool Director and teacher at Central Lutheran School in New Haven IN.

Outdoor Education -- A How to Guide to Partner with your Local Camp

Audience: All

Summary: Are you interested in starting an outdoor education program at your school? Do you already have an outdoor education program, but feel that it is in need of a refresh? Come to this session and learn how your local LC-MS Camps (Lakeview Ministries, Seymour, IN; Camp Lutherhaven, Albion, IN) can help assist you in putting together a quality program. We will discuss how to plan out your schedules and activities for the greatest impact. We will also discuss costs and tips to decrease the financial burden for the school while still being able to host a high quality experience. We have years of experience with planning outdoor education that we would love to share with you.

Presented by: David Vandercar, Director of Camp Lakeview, Seymour IN

Interventions and Accommodations for Struggling Learners

Audience: Elementary

Summary: This session will present appropriate interventions and accommodations for struggling learners in the classroom. The information presented is appropriate for students with diagnosed learning needs, but also for students that have not been identified but show signs of struggling. Classroom teachers will have a better understanding of some of these difficulties and how classroom accommodations may help reach all students in the classroom.

Presented by: Kara Bratton is the Resource Center Director for Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) She has her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education, graduate degrees in Special Education and Gifted and Talented Education, a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and is a doctoral student in the area of Special Education Leadership. Kara is also trained in Orton-Gillingham, has training in the area of autism, and is a DIBELS Next mentor/trainer.

Rainbows and Mermaids: Helping Students Navigate Through the Sexual Struggles of Today's World

Audience: Middle & High School

Summary: Students in our Lutheran schools are being challenged to accept homosexuality, transgenderism, and sexual immorality as a normal part of our world today. This session will explore these topics from a Biblical and compassionate point of view to equip Lutheran educators to speak truthfully and sensitively with students about these issues.

Presented by: Rev. Chad Hoover, Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne IN

Changing Math Mindsets

Audience: Grades K-8

Summary: Learn how to make math come alive in your classroom! Challenge your own paradigms about math. Practice games and activities that build conceptual knowledge.

Presented by: Cindy McKinney, Region 8 Education Consultant

Technology Tools to Enhance Your Curriculum

Audience: All

Summary: Have you wanted to incorporate technology into your instruction, but you don't know where to start? I will introduce you to some technology tools, most of them are free, that you can use to enhance your curriculum. Pick and choose the tools that will work for you.
Food and Culture
Audience: All
Summary: Exploring the role that culture plays in not only what we eat but mealtime experiences
Presented by: Lisa Bradley is a CACFP Coordinator for Early Childhood Alliance in Fort Wayne. She does nutrition trains for the CCR & S and loves to cook and garden with kids. She has been working with early childhood for 30 years. She has a BS in Business and an AA in Culinary Arts/Baking & Pastry Degrees.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 at 12:15 pm**

You Can Do A Lot with a Little
Audience: Early Childhood Directors
Summary: All early childhood programs work on limited budgets and low teacher pay. Directors need to find creative ways to keep staff motivated that won't break the budget. This workshop shares several ways to reward staff that don't cost much, if any, money. Be prepared to share ideas that work for you as well.
Presented by: Beth Kumfer has been a child care facilities consultant for the state of Indiana for 19 years (affectionately known as "the state lady" to child care programs). Previously she was a director at a licensed and accredited child care program for three years. Prior to that she worked at Head Start for 17 years as a teacher, education coordinator, and program operations manager. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an Early Childhood Endorsement from Taylor University.

Faithful and Free: The Life of Daniel as a Model for Christian Schools
Audience: All
Summary: Much is made of the separation of Church and State, and rightfully so. Nevertheless, our Christian Schools find themselves in a unique position where we serve and are accountable to both of these God-given estates. In this session, the life of Daniel will serve as a case study in which we rejoice in the unique calling we have to freely practice our Christian faith while faithfully remaining dutiful to our secular authorities.
Presented by: Rev. Matt Jung, Trinity Lutheran High School in Seymour, IN

Sports Marksmanship in Schools
Audience: Middle School & High School
Summary: Introduction to Sports Marksmanship in the middle/high school setting. Target shooting is a sport that requires precise muscle control, intense concentration, mental and physical stamina, and emotional control.
This session will include information on Sports Marksmanship, organizations that will assist in setting up a marksmanship program, funding information, rifle safety, basic range procedures and some hands-on training.
Presented by: SFC(R) Alan Conrad, Concordia Lutheran High School JROTC, Fort Wayne IN

Minds in the Making: 7 Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs
Audience: Early Childhood
Summary: Limited time for professional reading? Don't know what to choose? How about one of the most influential books of this century regarding children, learning, and life? Come and hear what the 7 essential life skills are and how to encourage them in children as written by Ellen Galinsky. Also, you will be affirmed in what you already know is important in early childhood education!
Presented by: Susie Hord served as preschool teacher and director at Immanuel Lutheran School in Valparaiso IN before retirement. She earned the LEA Distinguished Lutheran Early Childhood Administrator for 2016.

Teaching Together: An Integrated Approach to Language Arts and Social Studies Instruction
Audience: Middle school & Administrators
Summary: After 14 years of sharing ideas and working alongside each other we have finally taken the plunge: TEAM TEACHING! Our "Global Studies" (7th) and "American Studies" (8th) are now taught from an interdisciplinary approach - providing an enriching classroom experience where students "work smarter, not harder". We have combined our ELA & SS standards to create comprehensive units of study. We will provide practical strategies for making connections in your classrooms

Presented by: Jessica Trueblood & Emily Brooks, St Peter’s Lutheran School, Columbus IN

The Importance of Reading Aloud with Good Books
Audience: PS-3
Summary: Come and be reminded of the importance of reading aloud, with valuable research and resources for teachers and to share with parents. This sectional will be filled with good books - both new and the classics. Book lists will be provided so you can incorporate lots of good, new books in your classroom!

Presented by: Kristen Whirrett is an early childhood educator with a decade of teaching experience, turned stay-at-home mom. She has a passion for literacy and good books, and believes reading aloud is one of the best things you can do for children. One of her favorite times of day is read-aloud time with her two young children.

Google Classroom - Flipped & Paperless?
Audience: All
Summary: Using Google Classroom through our Google Education Suite has allowed me to create an online accountability and availability for teacher, student and parent. Using all the resources that Google has available from Docs to YouTube, Classroom brings it together incorporating elements of a school planner, online work environment, flipped classroom, differentiated instruction and much more.

Presented by: Karen Tate, Our Savior Lutheran, Louisville KY

From Golf Outings to Galas: Best Practices for Success at Your Next Fundraising Event
Audience: All
Summary: If you are not raising at least $25,000 after costs at your fundraising special event, you need to change what you are doing...or cancel the event. This presentation covers all aspects of special events, from marketing to sponsorships, from legal considerations to thank you letters. This is especially helpful for executive directors, principals, fundraising staff, dinner/auction volunteers, boards, etc.

Presented by: Jon Dize, CFRE

Business Plans Made Easy (PK-12)
Audience: All
Summary: Join Mary Schuldheisz for an examination of the current ‘state of affairs’ in your ECE program, build a bold vision for the future and develop a financially sustainable plan to support your program’s goals by participating in this ‘hands on’ workshop where you will be painlessly guided through the process. Maintaining a financially sustainable program will enable the ECE services your congregation provides to continue in to the future and spreading the love of Jesus. If you already have a business plan, this is your opportunity to share what
you have done with others and/or evaluate your current business plan in terms of its strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.

Presented by: Dr. Mary Schuldheisz, Concordia University, Portland OR

In a Growth Mindset Classroom
Audience: Elementary
Summary: What is Growth Mindset? Learn how to implement 4 instructional moves that build growth mindset, and practice each move with real world examples and scenarios
Presented by: Cindy McKinney

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 at 1:15 pm
These sessions are round table discussion moderated by a teacher. The topics lists are only the starting points of the discussions.

Preschool Round Table
Audience: Early Childhood
Summary: Rachel will coordinate a round table of Preschool teachers on various topics
Moderated by: Rachel Stults, Preschool Director of Faith Lutheran Preschool, Bloomington IN

Welcoming Families into Preschools AND the Church
Audience: Early Childhood
Summary: This groups is focused on preschool teachers, however you are welcome to join any group regardless of the age of your students.

Art Music & PE - Teaching it All in a Self Contained Classroom
Audience: Teachers of grades K-5
Summary: This session is a teacher lead discussion group of teachers who need to do it all - teach Art, Music and PE as well as all the core subjects in a self-contained classroom.

Language Arts 6-12: Resources, Issues and Ideas
Audience: Teacher of Language Arts grades 6-12
Summary: This group will talk about teaching language arts and writing in the middle and high school level. What can middle school do to prepare them for high school?

On My Way Preschool and/or Accreditation for Early Childhood
Audience: Preschool Directors & Elementary Administrators with Preschools
Summary: This session is a discussion group of directors and administrators who are doing, or are interested in On My Way Preschool and/or ECE accreditation.

Standards Based Report Cards and STEM for 1st Grade
Audience: Teachers of grade 1
Summary: This group will start with two topics -standard based report cards and STEM

Standards Based Report Cards and STEM for 2nd Grade
Audience: Teachers of grade 2
Summary: This group will start with two topics -standard based report cards and STEM

IREAD/ISTEP and STEM in 3rd Grade
Audience: Teachers of grade 3
Summary: This group will start with two topics: Indiana testing and STEM
Indiana History and STEM in 4th Grade
Audience: Teachers of grade 4
Summary: This group will start with two topics: Indiana History and STEM

Teaching PE in Grades K-5
Audience: Teachers of PE grades K-5
Summary: This group will talk about teaching PE in the elementary setting. Come share resources, ideas and issues with others who teach the same thing.

Math 6-12: Resources, Issues and Ideas
Audience: Teachers of Math grades 6-12
Summary: This group will talk about teaching math in the middle and high school level. What can middle school do to prepare them for high school?

Service Projects for your School or Classroom
Audience: All
Summary: Have you done a great project? Please come to share your project. Interested in starting or expanding your projects - come to learn project ideas from others!

Social Studies 6-12: Resources, Issues and Ideas
Audience: Teachers of Social Studies in grades 6-12
Summary: This group will talk about teaching social studies in the middle and high school level. What can middle school do to prepare them for high school?

Science 6-12: Resources, Issues and Ideas
Audience: Teachers of Science in grades 6-12
Summary: This group will talk about teaching science in the middle and high school level. What can middle school do to prepare them for high school?

Teaching PE in Grades 6-12 and Coaching
Audience: Teachers of PE or coaches grades 6-12
Summary: This group will talk about teaching PE or coach in the middle and high school setting. Share resources, issues and ideas for with others doing what you are doing.

First and Second Year Teachers Experiences in the Classroom
Audience: New and second year teachers
Summary: This session is a discussion group for 1st and 2nd year teachers. Supporting new teachers by letting those in their second year share their first year experiences. Discuss how college preparation doesn't always cover classroom reality and what practical things you can learn from each other.

School Administration - Is that for Me?
Audience: Teachers interesting in becoming administrators
Summary: This session is a discussion group for teachers who have considered or are planning to go into administration. Meet with some experience administrators and discover what it is really like.

Transition to Middle School and STEM for 5th Grade
Audience: Teachers of grade 5
Summary: This group will start with two topics: transition to Middle School and STEM