



2022 LEA Convocation Sectional Titles and Descriptions (in order by sectional number)

Sec #	Presenter Last Name(s)	Presenter First Name(s)	Title of Presentation	Description of Presentation
102	Meineke	Hannah	Love Love Your Job: 5 Keys to a Relationship that Works	After an exhausting year of navigating teaching in a pandemic, it is critical to put as much emphasis on teacher retention and recruitment as we do on pedagogical and content improvement. Lutheran teachers, in particular, are an extremely dedicated bunch who balance many school roles under a singular job title. This presentation will ask teachers and administrators to reconsider their mentality, habits, faith life, and other areas of life that parallel classroom performance.
103	Cluck	Andrew	Admissions & Marketing in Today's Christian Schools	"Our best budget solution is having more kids in the school." If you, like me, have heard or said that phrase before, then you know student recruitment and retention is vital to the health and longevity of a school. In today's world, competition for students is real and the budget impact is fierce. Come learn some tools and tricks to begin to shift your school's recruiting and retention into a system that focuses on families and produces results.
104	Lorenz	Sarah	Helping Students with Trauma	So many of our students have experienced trauma. We will discuss different types of trauma, explore where some of our students experience trauma, discuss the A.C.E.S. test, and investigate ways to help students navigate life in our schools.
105	Mizel	Christopher	Relationships of Substance	Relationships of Substance considers the dynamics of sin and grace and the way in which we as educators form faith-building relationships with those entrusted to our care. Particular attention is given to the way law and gospel play a key role in forming young people and our colleagues for lives of faith.
108	Roeske Yurk	Jenna Michael	The "How-tos" of Administration	This sectional is for anyone considering administration or in the early years of administration. The sectional will cover best practices, current research on leadership, and tips for new administrators based on the experiences of both presenters. It will be the "how and why" to move into administration. This sectional will also benefit current administrators who have staff members they would like to encourage to move into leadership roles. The need for administrators

				is greater than ever, we invite you to learn about the joys school administration has to offer!
111	Sleezer	Meghan	Desmos for Beginners	Desmos is a FREE, engaging online teaching and learning platform where the teacher observes each student's activity through a teacher dashboard. Students learn in Desmos by interacting with mathematical representations, illustrations of the world, and their classmates, representing their ideas with sketches, text responses, card sorts, number responses, multiple choice, and more. This tool will change the way you teach, not only for virtual learning, but even for face-to-face classrooms!
114	Pingel	Jim	Leading the Lukewarm & Supervising the Subpar	Supervising rock star teachers is easy. Firing personnel who commit crimes, or blatantly teach false doctrine is easy to execute. But what about individuals who do just enough to get by but eschew the mission? Or those "nice" folks who love the Lord but can't effectively teach? Come for some practical tips, techniques, and tactics on how to become a better leader and supervisor for all spectrums of teachers.
116	Browning	Scott	Hire Well!	The people we hire to join our faculty and staff have a significant impact on how effectively we can carry out our mission. In this presentation, we will explore the five parts of hiring well: Prayer, Getting Ready, The Search, Getting to Know Each Other, Possibilities for the Future. Learn strategies to staff your school or church for maximum effectiveness.
120	Bimler	Rich	Joyfully Aging is NOT an Oxymoron !	Aging is a gift to be celebrated rather than a burden to bear. Healthy aging is changing the way we think about older people. Church and communities need to be more intentional about putting people of all ages back together again. Let us all learn to be a force that encourages vibrant, grace-filled living across all generations! Let us also learn to be able to laugh at ourselves, before someone else does! Hooray for the gift of aging!
121	Blake	Jennifer	Get Them Talking - Keep Them Talking	How do you get your students to dig deeper into your subject content with discussions when no one wants to talk? Spider Web Discussions are a powerful tool that puts the ownership on the students. With some training and practice as a class, even the quietest students can have a voice.

122	Blake	Jennifer	Lights, Camera, Edit!	Your students have made the greatest video ever, but it needs some editing. And what about that sound? Can you add some music or sound effects? Of course you can! Learn how so that your students' projects can be top notch.
123	Eckels	Chad	Teaching in the Wild Kingdom	Lion and Tigers, and Bears, Oh My! Sometimes serving in God's Kingdom can feel a lot like working with animals. Everyone is different in the way they behave, react, and treat one another. This is how God has fearfully and wonderfully made us (Ps. 139). In this session, we explore personality differences and how they affect the classroom, boardroom, and staffroom, using Dr. John Trent's model: Lion, Otter, Retriever, and Beaver.
124	Gerlach Gromowski	Michelle Amy	Family connections	Tried and true ideas and resources to help you connect with families in person or online.
125	Fischer	Richard	Connecting the Head and the Heart in Music	Learn how to connect the knowledge and skills of music with the imagination, heart, and expression of music. Beyond teaching the technical aspects, we also need to teach, motivate, and inspire in ways that our students might have a lifelong connection with music. This can only happen when their hearts are touched. We will examine how very important WHAT we perform and HOW we perform affects the audience in potentially life-changing ways.
126	Jackson	Page	The 3rd Dimension and Beyond!	Explore and learn about 3D design using the pro Computer Aided Design (CAD) program Tinkercad. The program is free and can be used WITHOUT a 3D printer. Come explore Tinkercad and get lessons and ideas to take back with you, including using Tinkercad Code blocks. The basics of 3D printing as well as potential resources will also be discussed.
127	Schumacher	Bev	Menu For Building Family Partnerships	School + Home = Learning This formula is a description of the relationship between programs and families that will optimize students' learning potential. Successful schools reach out to parents and families actively seeking their engagement. Join this presentation to consider what is on your Menu for Building Family Partnerships. Serving families is not a one-size fits all effort.
128	Stanglein	Julie	Bridging the Gap from Worksheets to Wonder	Educators can get stuck in a rut of familiar, outdated styles and materials that no longer serve their students. In this session we will explore ways to discover your sense of wonder so you come away with tools for inviting your students to learn through play and authentic experiences.

129	Geidel	Amanda	The ABC's of Classroom Adaptations	We make natural and instinctive adaptations for our students in order to help them succeed. In doing so, we must be conscious of whether or not a student should receive accommodations or modifications. By exploring the difference between the two, we will determine the best way to help ALL learners, including those with disabilities, reach their full potential.
131	Anschutz	Annette	Play: It's Place in K-2 Best Practices	As early childhood professionals, kindergarten through second grade teachers are uniquely positioned to be leaders in demonstrating how play-filled learning experiences for their students are essential to understanding.
132	Anschutz	Annette	The Many Hats of Leadership	The NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct provides guidance for early childhood administrators whose day-to-day responsibilities require informed and ethical responses to matters dealing with and affecting children, families, staff, community, and stakeholders.
135	James Christenson	Jenny Lea Ann	Outdoor Classrooms in Early Childhood	Experience a provocative session that will provide tools to shift current indoor curriculum strategies to authentic outdoor learning experiences. Specifically, participants will learn how outdoor learning supports faith-based learning in addition to STEAM curriculum. Practical tips for collaboration of church members, staff, and community will also be provided.
137	Taylor Taylor	Emma Isaac	Daily 5 (ELA) & Math Daily 3	Are you lacking the time or structure to meet with students individually or in small groups? Are you looking for a literacy or math framework that eliminates busywork and focuses on authentic learning experiences? Daily 5 and Daily 3 are your answers!
139	Polansky	Bob	Get Out!	Talk about the many advantages of taking your classroom outside. It happened in the Bible and can happen with your classroom today. There is a lot of research to support this impactful method of teaching and the spiritual and emotional benefits too.
142	Becker	Brian	Building Effective Leadership Teams	Strong teams, committees, and boards lead to greater sustainability and mission impact. We will explore how to develop team culture, attitudes, and leadership capacity to strengthen the overall organization. You will learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify your team's leadership capacity using a seven-step model • Demonstrate how to strategically "mature" your team's attitudes and practices • Strategically recruit teams that strengthen the entire organization • Implement best practices to foster a culture of robust leadership

143	Myers Hoerner	Paula Miriam	Project Based Learning	I have used project based learning in my classroom since the beginning of my career. I will share the various projects that I have used as well as provide digital copies of rubrics. I will have pictures of the projects as well as bring some with me to share. In addition, I will share video of my students showcasing the excitement and benefits of PBL to engage all learning styles.
144	Becker Becker	Brian Jeff	Fatherlessness: Society's Unspoken Epidemic	<p>More than 20 million children live without their father, and millions more where dad is physically present but emotionally absent. This silent epidemic has devastating consequences on the emotional and physical health of girls and boys, including increased likelihood of depression, obesity, poverty, involvement in gangs, addiction, incarceration, and suicide.</p> <p>Learn an effective three-step process and other proven strategies to repair and improve the relationship between any parent and child.</p>
145	Lane	Jenna	The Middle School Mind	Learn more about the psychological, social, emotional, and faith development of middle schoolers. Learn and walk away with tools and resources to help you better understand this age group as well as help their students' parents better understand their children. Special emphasis will be given to the adolescent's faith development, including how to help them dig deeper into, engage with, and grow in their faith in and out of the classroom.
149	Grage	Glenn	Discipling the Disciples for Discipleship	Scripture mentions Jesus' core values, mission statement, life plan, and His many qualities as the Leader of leaders in His process of disciple replicating. Participants will glean ideas from Jesus as they hone their role in serving others and leaving the most lasting legacy - faith in Jesus.
150	Cooper	Ben	Teaching Science Using Storylines	Does it feel like you hop from chapter to chapter or unit to unit? Are your students confused about how your content is connected? Teaching with storylines allows you to scaffold skills and content as students seek to explain phenomena. Let's look at some examples. Resources for existing storylines and advice for crafting your own will be shared.
151	Opfer	Shanna	Globally Networked Curriculum Projects – a 21st Century Approach to Learning and Engagement	The world is at our fingertips...literally! Connect learning in the classroom with worldwide resources, people, and collaborative experiences to promote communication, critical thinking, and a global perspective. Come to this session to learn about a 21st Century pedagogical approach that will allow you and your students to collaborate with learners across the globe.

154	Pester	Beth	Faith Integration Among Students: A New Perspective	A model for professional development and the critical questions asked by students according to age/grade/development. How do you present a consistent message to your students, given a diverse faculty? Brain storm common faith topics/questions/discussions among students (share stories from the field – who was involved, topic and responses), and learn how to integrate faith school wide using a perspective that goes beyond subject-area application.
155	Pester Bockelman	Beth Katie	Emotional Intelligence: Why it Matters.	“You just don’t understand me!” Whether it’s a first grade classroom, a high school history class, or the teacher’s workroom, it seems there are always opportunities for us to work at understanding, empathy, and compassion. Come get a refresher on the four competencies of Emotional Intelligence in this fun and interactive session as we all continue to work on sharing the love of Jesus with everyone in our school environment!
156	Shults Kiessling	Julianna Mark	7 Practices for Healthy Youth Ministry	You want to care for the young people of your congregation and to see them with you in heaven. 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 is key to healthy youth ministry through research, practice, and Scripture.
157	Kerschen	Keith	Discourse, Questioning, and Productive Struggle	NCTM’s Mathematical Teaching Practices (MTPs) represent research based approaches to effective mathematics teaching and learning. In this session, a brief overview of the practices will be shared, with a special focus on facilitating mathematical discourse, questioning, and productive struggle. Participants will engage in activities and problems that support discourse and questioning in the mathematics classroom. Strategies for encouraging productive struggle in the middle and secondary classrooms will also be shared.
158	Warnasch	Becky	Behavior as Communication/ Differentiated instruction	How can you change your students' behaviors? Do you have a student who is challenging? Learn about the four reasons behaviors exist to communicate needs. Learn about how to assess needs and address needs to minimize negative behaviors and promote pro-social and positive behaviors in your classroom!
160	Ziegelbein Johnson	Annie Sarah	Enhancing Student Engagement Through the Integration of Art and Technology	The presenters will introduce technology-forward lessons and platforms that offer formative assessments while keeping all students engaged. They will also highlight lessons, activities, and projects which incorporate collaboration and individualized learning opportunities.

165	Schuldheisz	Mary	Essential Skills for Effective Mentoring	Hiring a teacher and/or an administrator can be a stressful process but retention of a teacher and/or an administrator can be even more challenging. Learn the essential skills of being an effective mentor that will help retain employees, encourage employees to be reflective practitioners, build employee self-confidence, and, perhaps, improve student learning.
167	Schuldheisz	Mary	Building Bolder Teachers	No matter where on the spectrum a teacher is (i.e.: 'I'm not sure they like teaching anymore...' to 'there isn't any situation this teacher will not be successful in...') at your school there is always an element of support a school administrator is responsible to give a teacher. The purpose of this workshop is to help a school administrator identify what each teacher needs to be successful in their classroom and within the school's community!
168	Cohrs	Richard	Old Teachers Never Die	The saying goes, "Old teachers never die – they just lose their class." Old teachers may not die, but they do face the challenges of being a servant worker in old age. This sectional offers insights and suggestions from an old teacher who had to adapt and adopt to overcome the challenges of old age and discovering the joy of proclaiming the might of the Lord to another generation.
171	Paape	Darcy	Growing Together	Let your mentoring skills take shape. We need to do a better job of listening and engaging with one another. We have an opportunity to provide resources to our schools and congregations to help equip them for this task. The Women's Leadership Institute will share their "Growing Together: Let Your Mentoring Skills Take Shape" workshop content. Participants will work through the first two steps to "Investigate for Understanding" and "Identify your Involvement." WLI will share an overview of the rest of the content and brainstorm how your church, school, or ministry might benefit from bringing the workshop to you.
175	Foster	Tammy	Loose Parts: Discovery and Learning	Children prefer materials that give them an opportunity to be creative, curious, and independent. One effective way to encourage this is to incorporate materials in your classroom that support children's natural need to explore. Participants will learn about loose parts theory and explore ways to include loose parts into their curriculum in developmentally appropriate ways. After this session, they will have the tools and ideas to embark on their own loose parts journey that will benefit children's learning on all levels.

176	Frusti	Philip	Reclaiming the Lost Ethos of The Classroom	<p>In both positive and negative ways, "media" (the multiple ways we connect children to the tenants and values we hold) has a profound impact on the enculturation of those we teach. Using John 1 as a guide and "media" terminology in art, the objective is to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Reveal the power of chosen media within our current American culture. *Display Christ as the creator of all and the source of all learning. *Shine the light of Christ and work of the Holy Spirit as children "receive Him by faith." *Paint a picture of a Christian school and classrooms saturated with the "Light" and "truth and grace."
177	Fraker	Jon	Live and Learn	<p>New to administration? New to education? Come and be encouraged as I share some best practices for leading in ministry! I will give tips and advice from my experiences as a classroom teacher, principal, and participant in multiple leadership programs.</p>
178	Nugent	Kristen	Impactful High School Pedagogy	<p>As Director of Secondary Education at Concordia Nebraska, it is my goal to cultivate solid instructional strategies in my students who plan to serve in secondary classrooms in Lutheran schools. What strategies work best for students today? Come learn what current Lutheran high school students say they need for success in the classroom. Survey results, pedagogical examples, and new ideas will be modeled and shared during this session.</p>
181	Chuhran	Kyle	Effective Introvert Teachers - Really?	<p>In this session, I will share the results of my research study on effective introvert teachers. How do they navigate challenges and leverage their personality strengths to teach effectively? By understanding introvert teachers' experiences, teachers and administrators will gain insight on how to meet the unique needs of introvert teachers and learners.</p>
183	Wiedenmann	Ruth	Here's the Inside Scoop!	<p>From a Validation Team Captain, find out the inside scoop on what gets written up the most as recommendations from the accreditation visiting team. If you are in the process of accreditation or want to know how to get a jump start on your next visit, get the inside scoop on what you need to know. Lots of helpful hints given!</p>
184	Wiedenmann	Ruth	Capturing the Advent Spirit!	<p>Use your school and church kids to lead the midweek Advent services. Your kids can be your best Gospel presenters during the busy Advent/Christmas season. Samples of student-led services will be given to participants. Learn how to lead your staff in the necessary preparations for Advent.</p>

185	Finnegan	Heather	Special Needs? In My Classroom?	Special needs are prevalent in Lutheran classrooms and especially in early childhood classrooms. Often, we see those students before a diagnosis is made. So, how do we work with the needs of the students without neglecting the needs of our other students AND without losing our sanity? Tried and true tips and ideas for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorder, ADHD, and Down Syndrome from an EC educator who has been there, done that, and even got her Master's in it!
186	Miesner	Diane	The Joy in Jesus in ECE	Infuse the joy in Jesus through every minute in your preschool classroom during your class activities. Learn ideas that make Jesus the heart of everything you do throughout your day and extend the learning into the children's homes.
187	Williamson	Jennie	Jennie Williamson AriSon Records Performs the "GOD IS GREAT!" FAVORITES!	Jennie Williamson will be performing many of the teacher favorites from the "God Is Great!" CD Series. She will also share the stories and scriptures that inspired the songs. From "I am Unique" to "Be Strong and Courageous!" to "The Pearly White Gates." It's going to be a GREAT morning singing, dancing, and celebrating Jesus with the songs that have made "God is Great!" popular in Lutheran classrooms for 15 years!
188	Ketcher	Karol	Catechesis for Children Ages 0-7	This presentation will help teachers and other church leaders support parents as they teach the faith to their young children at home using Scripture, the Catechism, and Lutheran Service Book.
190	Kassebaum	Tina	Self-Control: Maintaining Peace in Critical Conversations	Whether talking with a student's parent about their classroom behavior or homework, encouraging a teacher regarding their classroom management style, or a comment made in Bible study, conversations can go from peaceful to tense in an instant. When this happens, it may be hard to think we can be 100% respectful and 100% honest at the same time. In this session, I will share three tools that will make being 100% respectful and 100% honest in these critical conversations possible. And you may find that the relationship after these interactions are maintained, or even stronger.

191	Shirley	Angela	Documentation and Hard Conversations	Documentation is a critical tool to observe, assess, measure, and identify challenging behaviors and developmental concerns in the classroom. Our effective use of documentation is key to creating parent relationships built on trust and mutual understanding. Documentation not only provides parents with student feedback, but it provides a foundation for your partnership in promoting positive behaviors and developmental growth. Once you have the needed documentation, how do you have difficult conversations with parents without fear and anxiety? Learn critical insights, intentional communication skills, and essential planning techniques that will prepare the way for your hard conversation.
193	Hurtienne	Laura	Navigating Change in Education	If there is one thing you can count on in education it is change. Coincidentally, research shows that education is known for its great resistance to changes, which can even cause it to fail. In this session, learn about preparing for and navigating change so your next initiative is less like running into unexpected road construction and more like following a GPS to your planned destination.
194	Hurtienne	Laura	Writing from the Inside Out	Get messy with this foundational writing method that is applicable to all subject areas. Learn how to start small and simplify the writing process for even the most reluctant authors. In this session, you will see how easy it can be to help students take their wild ideas and make them into clear, cohesive pieces of writing.
195	Hollatz	Jake	Everything 1:1 Apple	Does your school want to implement a 1:1 Apple program? Everything from budgeting to finance to deployment to pedagogy will be discussed. There are no limits to effective Apple implementation. Participants will learn how a 1:1 Apple School went from shared devices and BYOD to a full 1:1 program with over 1,200 devices on the school's system.
196	Scudieri	Robert	A Mission Glass Half Full	Prepare children to love other ethnic groups with the Gospel. The LCMS has said that America is a world mission field. But what does that mean? Mission Nation Publishing has been working with LCMS national, districts, and churches to develop insights on how to reach various ethnic groups with the Gospel. While 95% of Lutheran are white anglo, the United States is now 59%. This is a mission glass half full. Lutheran Schools can prepare the next generation for this opportunity. The presentation will include resources developed, including biographies, of missionaries coming to America from other countries.

198	Hansen Schlichtmann	Lynnette Dian	Growing a School Year Theme	Your school has chosen its yearly theme...now what? It's time to brainstorm how to keep it fresh and alive! Come and discover various methods of developing your school theme throughout the year. With monthly focus points, your theme can continue to grow through chapels, multi-aged faith family activities, and service projects. Why stop there? Help your theme grow beyond your school walls with extension activities that impact your families and congregation.
199	Alles	Brad	ABC's of Defending Your Faith	If someone asked why you were a Christian, what would you say? If they asked how you knew you followed the right religion, what would your answer be? Apologetics, or defending the faith, is as easy as ABC: A is for Archaeology, B is for Bible, C is for Christ Jesus...Find out more and get answers to these common questions so you are always ready to give a reason for the hope that you have (1 Peter 3:15)!
200	George O'Donnell	Jill Lance	Team Ministry: The Pastor-Principal Partnership	Reflect upon the Scriptures and other key texts for understanding team ministry, hear a pastor and principal give their unique perspectives on what makes a partnership work, and discuss the challenges of different contexts, with the goal of helping participants serve more faithfully and joyfully where they are planted.
201	Snyder	Paul	Healthcare in Retirement	This sectional is designed to help those closer to retirement to begin exploring their healthcare needs in retirement. We'll look at what's needed, what's available, and helps with how to make your decisions.
202	Alles	Brad	Truth, Identity, Purpose in Post- Christian America	In a culture that embraces subjective truth, oppressed versus oppressor, and social justice, what is a biblical perspective on the Truth, our identity in Christ, and our purpose now and for eternity?
204	Steinbronn	Anthony	Wise Scribes, Trained for the Kingdom	Jesus taught His disciples many things in parables so they could become wise scribes trained for the kingdom (Matthew 13:51-52). This presentation explores 23 parables, addressing these major themes: (1) what is the fundamental human condition; (2) what was God's response to the human condition; (3) what has been humankind's response to the Gospel of the kingdom; (4) in light of this Gospel, brothers and sisters, what should we do; and (5) in light of this Gospel, brothers and sisters, how should we then live.
205	Snyder	Paul	I'm Ready to Retire - Or Am I?	Has the thought of retirement started crossing your mind? This section will help you understand the financial, emotional, and physical decisions that go into your retirement decision, and provide resources to help you.

206	Snyder	Paul	Benefit & Finance Tips for Rostered Workers	If you're a rostered minister of religion, you have different financial, benefit, and tax considerations that others might not have. What should you be thinking about when planning your finances and looking to the future?
207	Schultz Donati	Sarah Courtney	Shining a Light on Mental Health	How does your light shine to those around you? God doesn't require a minimum age to make a maximum impact. Come be part of a workshop encouraging you to know more about taking care of yourself in order to be there for others. Set the foundation for youth today to secure a Christ centric future of tomorrow. Our workshop explores the challenges kids face head-on today that is fit to jeopardize their future of tomorrow.
208	Cosgrove	Preston	Student Identity, Imagination, and Daily Desires	Young people are told that their identity is of their choosing. Such thinking paradoxically merges human reason from the Enlightenment and human agency from Post-modernity; all of which puts humans as the central actors in the world. This presentation argues that what's missing is an understanding that the world, our communities, and our daily practices form us more than the other way around—often through absorption and not formal learning.
209	McDonnell	Ruth	Colloquy: Getting on the LCMS Roster	A description of the qualifications and process for colloquizing onto the LCMS Commissioned Minister (Teacher) Roster
210	Seltz	Gregory	2-Kingdom Citizenship - Educational Freedom	Putting the wisdom of 2KG citizenship to work to protect and advance the cause of parochial education for the sake of the mission of the Church
211	Seltz	Gregory	Spiritual First Responders	Spiritual First Responders - Learning the art of running into the fire of other people's lives for the sake of sharing the good news of the Gospel
214	Doyle	Barbara	Keeping Math Accessible	Presenting the experiences of a high school math teacher who changed everything to keep students engaged in learning despite the chaos of life. See how videos can replace traditional homework, allowing classroom time to be used for feedback and effective skills practice. Encounter strategies, resources, and honest reflections on implementation.
215	Gmirek	Sam	An Outline for Integrating Technology	Educators have been required and/or encouraged to use technology in numerous unforeseen ways. The use and application of technological tools and platforms have become an integral part of teaching for many, but it can be overwhelming and difficult to fully integrate technology into instruction instead of letting it loom in the background as an extra burden. At the end of this presentation, instructors will have a concrete understanding of strategies to integrate technological tools into their classroom for the

				benefit of their students and overall practice. A three-year plan will be presented showing different steps and processes for teachers to follow as they introduce and optimize the right technological tools for their classroom and school setting.
217	Sugden	Rebecca	Fine Arts Gathering	Fine Arts Teachers are typically isolated within their school, so let's all get together and meet other teachers in our discipline! We can share ideas, discuss curriculum, and make connections.
218	Sugden	Rebecca	Educational Power Tools	Why do we keep re-inventing the wheel with how we teach? Why can we remember every lyric to a song from middle school but struggle to remember our online gradebook password? Based on the book "Powerful Teaching," we'll unpack four Power Tools based on the science of learning. These basic, fundamental concepts will be paired with strategies that can be authentically incorporated into any classroom without completely flipping or changing your teaching style.
220	Bauman	Michelle	Purposeful Practices: Preparing Youth 4 Life	Teachers engage in purposeful practices for the benefit of their students. How can we also be purposeful in preparing youth to affirm life in the world? Attend this session to discover how today's Gen Z youth are perfectly designed for life leadership and how you can set the stage for student-led Y4Life ministry in your church or school!
221	Ludwig	David	Social Justice in a Christian Ethos	Learn how to helping our students navigate through a rapidly changing culture by focusing on spiritual formation, showing how their faith adds value to current issues.
223	Scudella	Christine	Being Present in Your Leadership	As leaders we are often over taxed with any numbers of tasks. How do we stay present to assure those around us we are listening and hearing their thoughts and ideas? What does it mean to be "present" in your leadership? We will explore how a lack of presence in your leadership erodes your relationships with teachers, parents, and students. Next steps you can take to assure you presence in your leadership will be explored and practiced.

227	Pinkley Woodson	Staci Linnette	Jesus Posted What?!	We are teaching students that have more technology at their fingertips than any other generation. Join us as we explore how to meet the students where they are as we integrate technology into our daily lessons. We will give you tips and tools that will allow you to educate your students on how, when, and why to use technology. We hope to inspire creativity in and out of the classroom and manifest hope, all while using social media as a vessel for good.
228	Klekamp	Patricia	Deepening Your Walk with Jesus	Participants will be engaged in the Lectio Divina method of reading Scripture as they develop skills in listening to God through prayer and meditation. The broader topic of prayer will also be discussed.
229	Stollenwerk	Jenny	Teaching Executive Functioning Skills	Many students, especially students diagnosed with ADHD, autism, or anxiety, do not have developed executive functioning skills. These skills are essential for success in a classroom and adult-life. They include organizing, time management, starting tasks, task completion, flexible thinking, and many more. We will unpack these skills, discuss ways to teach these skills, and explore tricks for teachers and students to empower students in their executive functioning skills.
230	Schiemann	Mike	The Happiest School on Earth	In his book, "Creating Magic," Lee Cockerell talks about principles used throughout Disney parks on how to give guests the best experience ever. In Lutheran schools, we are all about our student and their families. In this presentation, we'll look at Lee's strategies and determine how we can adopt some of them in our schools, incorporating the faith, to make our schools the happiest schools on earth!
231	Salemink	Michael	Teaching Sanctity of Life Without Talking About Abortion	Celebrating the sanctity of human life brightens classrooms and communities. Students need to know how to value themselves and their neighbors early, and instructors want to reinforce it often. But addressing abortion isn't always appropriate. 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!

232	Salemink	Michael	Sex Ed? How About Spiritual Formation?	Sexuality and gender are worth celebrating - these are precious gifts from God! How do we lead our young ones to receive them and live them out according to His good and gracious will? Hint: it's more than just plumbing and mechanics, and our Lord only says "No" to anything because He's saying "Yes" to something better. We'll 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.
233	Sprecher	Rhea	Bringing Award Winning Books into the Classrooms	The Caldecott(1938-2021) and Newbery(1922-2021) award winning books will be discussed through a Power Point listing all of them from the first to the latest winner. This is a sectional for the classroom teacher and the librarian in each school. The Power Point will be available to all who bring a USB port to download it.
242	Schiemann	Mike	Strategic Planning for School Leaders	Participants will receive a hands-on guide for leading their school through a strategic planning process. Participants will work to consider the history of the school, it's current state, and dream and pray about where God might be leading them as His ministry.
243	Fraker	Jon	One Ministry, One Mission	Team Ministry is vital for everyone involved at a church and school. Come see the steps one ministry is taking to enhance the relationships between church, school, and preschool. Epiphany Lutheran Church and School is actively taking steps to move from an accreditation action plan item to a healthy team ministry setting. Participants will hear the experiences from one location and come away with ideas to implement at their own ministries!
244	Wood Strohmeyer	April Heidi	Early Childhood as a Mission Field	For some families, early childhood is their first experience with school and/or church. It is important to welcome them and connect them to our Savior. We will discuss intentional strategies in connecting families with the Church, consider some struggles educators face, and challenge you to view your work as a mission field. Come and join the adventure.
245	Grillot	Morgan	Using Google in Schools	Online platforms for schools are tremendously important for today's world. Google continues to make large strides into the world of education. Utilizing Google Classroom as well as other Google apps provides a great place to start for schools.

246	Mullaney Henderson	Joy Diane	T.O.P.I.C. Talks	(T.O.P.I.C. TALKS) Together Offering Personal Insight Contemplation: 2021 was a year of disruption. Not only did the pandemic throw education into an uproar, but nationally and internationally we were traumatized by social pain and unrest, racial divides, riots, looting, political climate, job loss, hope in Christ?? Where does Christianity fall into all of this? How can we help students discuss such emotional and contentious topics? Through structured educational protocols, teachers can guide discussions in a protective environment; all students are prompted to think through their thoughts. Hopes and fears of discussions around sensitive and controversial topics are addressed prior to discussion. This process is a tiered process.
247	Schaffer	Rebecca	Active Musicians	Music lesson ideas for all grade levels to enjoy!
248	Schaffer	Rebecca	Collaborating Together for Chapel	Students of all ages can collaborate in worship planning and grow in discipleship. Let's look outside the box as opportunities abound for students in your church and school to share the Good News of the Gospel.
249	Klopke	Julie	"Sibling" Early Childhood & Elementary Ministries	"Sibling" early childhood and elementary school programs within a single congregational ministry can often go back and forth as being "best friends and worst enemies" all at the same time. This presentation will strive to encourage educators and administrators to better value and promote the ministries within their congregation as collaborative partners.
250	Brashear	Jessica	Caring for the Heart	Families who are fractured and hurting rely on the schools for support, guidance, and relief. School counselors are vital leaders in the 21st century school system, trained to implement, deliver, and assess comprehensive programs for all students while advocating for the success and wellness of the whole child. As we manage our schools and plan for effective delivery of Christ-centered educational services, school counselors must be part of the equation.
253	Hensel	Linda	They're all in MY classroom?	Learners with IEPs, struggling readers, challenging behaviors, gifted and talented, and oh, yes, average students. What do you do when you have ALL of them in one classroom? Learn how to apply the principles of Differentiated Instruction and Universal Design for Learning to meet the needs of all of the students in your classroom. We will discuss how to incorporate various strategies in one lesson to reach all learners.

254	Jurica	Katrina	Folk Dancing to Build Your School Community	Learn about teaching folk dances in the classroom as well as how to set up a school community folk dancing night. Participants will learn some easy folk dances that they in turn teach to their students. They will also walk away with resources that they can utilize to learn about other dances.
257	Hardecopf Hardecopf	Brett Heather	Crisis and the Churchworker	From Brett's stage IIIC colon cancer at the age of 23, to the loss of their son through miscarriage, Brett and Heather have acquired strategies for dealing with crisis while working in LCMS ministry. This session would be a conversation about the challenges and blessings exclusive to LCMS Ministers experiencing crises. Strategies for prevention, preparation, prioritization, and most critically, allowing others to minister to us, will be discussed.
258	Bull	Bernard	How and Why to Start an Education Podcast	How can you turn your education passion into a powerful tool for professional development and building a network of like-minded people around the world? Dr. Bernard Bull, President of Concordia University Nebraska, is also host of The Edu Futures Podcast and the Inspired Learning Podcast. In this session, Bernard will share how you can use podcasting for personal professional development, to expand your network, and to expand awareness about your school and passion projects in Lutheran education. This presentation will also include practical tips on everything from the technology to scheduling guests, releasing your first episodes, and marketing your show.
259	Wrege	Thomas	Collaborative Work in LCMS Schools	Imagine the possibilities if we learned to work more together, to step outside our silos, and to relationally share ideas, resources, and action. Experts in our LCMS churches and school abound. Ideas can be contagious. What blessings can we imagine if we put our heads together with the goal of strengthening one another individually and collectively to be Great Commission churches and schools? Watch, and God will bless....
260	Bull	Bernard	Innovation, Research, and Development in Lutheran Education	How do we create systems and laboratories for innovation in Lutheran education? What does it look like to take the innovation mindset of a Thomas Edison or Elon Musk and combine it with the mission and unwavering commitment to our beliefs and values in Lutheran education? Explore how your school and Lutheran education as a whole can create a robust engine for creating a stream of new models and innovations that allow us to better serve our current students, enhance teaching and learning, reach new students, and create new and promising models of Lutheran education.

264	Paape	Adam	Cognitive Science in the Mathematics Classroom.	Learn strategies to implement concepts from cognitive science into mathematics classrooms. These research-based strategies will increase the ability of students to retain information for the long-term. The important distinction between increased performance in the short-term and the long-term goal of information retention will be emphasized.
265	Kremer Muth	Kathleen Nicole	Culturally Relevant Read-Alouds Across the Curriculum PK-4	Read-alouds, especially interactive read-alouds, provide a positive approach toward enhancing the literacy development of students. Moreover, culturally relevant read-alouds utilize the oral storytelling traditions in some cultures, such as African, Latino, Asian, American Indian, and provide applications of course content to underrepresented cultural groups. A framework for evaluating the cultural relevance of literature and examples of how culturally relevant literature can be used to teach English language arts, social studies, math, and science standards-based content will be shared with an emphasis for grades PK-4.
266	Keiper O'Neil	Val Heather	Culturally Relevant Read-Alouds Across the Curriculum 5 - 8	Read-alouds, especially interactive read-alouds, provide a positive approach toward enhancing the literacy development of students. Moreover, culturally relevant read-alouds utilize the oral storytelling traditions in some cultures, such as African, Latino, Asian, American Indian, and provide applications of course content to underrepresented cultural groups. A framework for evaluating the cultural relevance of literature and examples of how culturally relevant literature can be used to teach English language arts, social studies, math, and science standards-based content will be shared with an emphasis for grades 5 – 8.
267	Marolf	Brandon	New Teacher 101	As a new teacher, what am I supposed to be doing? Whether year 1 or 3, new teachers struggle through their first experiences with new things, situations, people. This sectional will serve as a guide to help hear on what you should be doing, asking, etc. It will also give you a chance to hear from others who are going through the same thing you are.
269	Burkart	Jeffrey	Together in Hymns and Spiritual Songs	Explore how hymns and spiritual songs can be incorporated across the curriculum in your classroom as you and your students collaborate on projects and presentations that lead to a greater appreciation of the “stories behind the hymns” that are part of our Lutheran heritage as the “Singing Church.”

270	Burkart	Jeffrey	Writing Poetry Together	This hands-on workshop will explore using poetry to teach every subject, creating picture poems, writing ekphrastic poems (hard to pronounce - easy to write), high-coos, tag poems, Hinkity-a-Pinkities, photo poems, in-school poem publication, and piggy-back poem hymns. Bring your laptop – Write a poem – 'bout a king named Jeroboam – It's as easy as can be - Come on! Write some poetry!
271	Kuschel	Dave	Are We Talking About the Same School?	A CPS survey of LCMS school leaders showed that while most schools have a clearly-defined mission statement, many in the school community can't easily share it with others. This prompts the question, "Are we all telling the same story?" Are our efforts to grow and promote the school within our community aligned? Or are we presenting a chaotic and disorganized view of the school we love so much? We'll share how one preK-8 school tackled this issue and how your school can work toward getting everyone on the same page with the same story-- and how that just might impact your ministry long-term.
272	Burkart	Jeffrey	Scripting the Scriptures Together	This "hands on" sectional will help teachers discover the "scripts in the scriptures" and learn how to write, rehearse, and perform chancel dramas and dramatic readings for school chapel and Sunday worship services. Ideas for student written dramas and dramatic readings will be provided and time will be allowed for participants to try their hand at writing a brief dramatic reading and perform them. Practical advice regarding writing the Children's Christmas service will also be discussed. Participants will receive some script's and a "Mini-Christian Musical" written by Dr. Burkart. Bring your Bible or Bible app with you.
273	Wendt	Paul	Let God Be True	How do we assist our students, our youth and the members of our congregation to engage the cultural issues with God's Word? How do we train and equip people to have caring conversations with people who hold views contrary to God's Word? How do we create space for conversation; space to wrestle with our doubts; space to wrestle with God's Word as fellow children of God? Touching on topics of identity, sexuality, creation/evolution. Resource list: material I have found helpful.
275	Piel	Laura	Revitalizing Grammar Instruction	Discover the importance of grammar instruction and how it connects to the larger picture of English/Language Arts while exploring new and exciting ways to engage students in grammar.

276	Piel	Laura	Setting the Stage for a Theatre Program	Many experts agree that it is beneficial for students to have the opportunity to participate in the arts. But what about theatre? How can we incorporate this important aspect of any arts program at our schools? In this presentation, find out how to establish, build, and maintain a thriving theatre program at your school!
279	Lohman	Andrea	Telling the Most Important Stories	The Holy Spirit feels the space; the stage is set; the props are ready; the story is told. The children are drawn in to hear the wonderful story of God's great love for them. During our time together, effective strategies for creating this storytelling environment will be shared. Additionally, learning experiences connected with the church year will also be shared.
280	David Stoneburner	Kelly Audrey	Reviewing with a Twist and Shout!	Are you tired or weary of the same math reviews? We have created easy and simple ways to provide math review using various techniques and tools, including Google and other available apps. These ideas have been used successfully with flexible seating, small group instruction, and all Covid scenarios. This will be an interactive presentation, and you will leave with many tips and editable resources to make it your own. This is geared for 3rd-5th grade classrooms.
283	Hovland	Stephenie	Faith-filled Classroom	Faith is not a separate subject in a Lutheran school. It should weave its way through the entire day. If you need some support in integrating faith and Bible literacy into all aspects of teaching and learning, this is the place for you.
284	Golz	Allison	Middle Schoolers Excited to Write?	Middle school students became excited to write when I implemented role-play writing. You will learn what role-play writing is. Be prepared to do some role playing yourself.
285	Haun	Cheryl	Faithful Living and Learning in Early Childhood	Gain insights into faith development, questions to promote spiritual discussions with young children and ways to promote our living faith in and around the classroom. Note: I offer two sessions on this topic- session, one for information and developing an understanding of faith development in ECE and a second session for sharing a more critical look at our environments and authentic ways to listen to the voices of our children.
288	Karge Stokes	Belinda Jeremiah	Optimal Mental Health Lessons	Optimal mental health is a primary component when considering children and adolescents' capacity for overall functionality. This presentation will discuss ideas to directly implement mental health lessons in the classroom. The lessons contain an integration of psychoeducation, social-emotional learning, spiritual, and holistic mental health wellness practices. Research has supported the importance

				and relationship of psychological health and academic performance.
289	Brockberg	Kevin	Matthew 18 is NOT a Discipline Plan-THIS Is!	Transgression punished never resolves; in God's design only a gracious Savior returns humans into fellowship with Him. Restorative Justice pitches questions to prompt offenders to redress wrongs, pursue just behavior, and return fully restored in the fellowship of a school community. Interact about school discipline: Gospel-aligned and mercy-driven.
290	Brockberg	Kevin	Orbits of Administration: Instructional Coaching and Supervision	Blasting off from the principal's "Launchpad of Leadership," you will venture into the universe of curriculum and instruction. Curriculum is the fuel that rockets Lutheran schools toward excellence, and teachers, through their instruction pilot the student crew toward orbits of discovery in core-subject adventures and faith pursuits. As principal, you are Mission Control, supervising the trajectory of standards and integrations ... do you have the right stuff?
291	Witt Cario	Steven Cheryl	Strategic Decisions in Guide Reading Instruction	Increase the power of small group/guided reading lessons by targeting instruction that is focused on each student's needs. Base your decisions on appropriate developmental behaviors and standards-based instruction. You will learn developmentally-appropriate strategies. Understand how to structure a small group and set individuals learning goals to move students forward.
292	Dueker	Julie	Teaching Love of God and Country	God and patriotism are taking a back seat to hate and divisiveness. We need to reverse this trend by focusing on the blessings the Lord has given this country and honoring its heroes. Join Julie for this presentation as she outlines the resources she has created and used to honor God and uplift American heroes through various activities that engage children of all ages in the classroom and the community. These efforts have made profound and lasting impacts on all who have witnessed Julie's students and Young Patriots Club share God's love and honor these American heroes.

293	Broege Bayless	Jason Ashley	Sharing Your Faith in the Classroom and Beyond	Don't leave faith just to religion class. In the classroom, faith can be linked to STEAM. Beyond the classroom, faith weaves into life for the wholistic experience. Jason Broege and Ashley Bayless will walk you through operationalizing faith for spiritual vibrancy in school and the rest of life outside four walls.
294	Wrege Clark	Thomas Lisa	The New Lutheran Religion Standards	This panel discussion includes a presentation of the new religion standards for Lutheran schools and an opportunity for the panel of those who assisted in creating them to share input and to answer questions from the audience. This includes the background of how they have become a reality, why standards are important, and what they mean to our Lutheran teachers and schools today. For those already using them, there can be productive feedback and opportunities to share ways to use them most effectively. We will celebrate this milestone accomplishment together!
295	Robinette	Laura	So...You Have THAT Kid...	You know the student. The one that no one looks forward to having in their class. How can we change our mindset and approach towards these types of students to make them as successful as they can be? We will look at various strategies to help not only our students, but also ourselves build relationships, and not just survive, but thrive as a classroom community.
296	Peters	Cyan	Geometry: A Cornerstone Not A Unit	How many times have you heard a student say "geometry is easy?" Why do students view it as easier? How can we adjust how we teach so that we can use the strengths geometry provides to enrich the other areas of math? Come participate and see how geometry can be used all year to help students grow, instead of just a unit or two each year.
298	Boche Hollatz	Benjamin Jacob	Lessons Learned from the Pandemic: Focusing Religious Online Instruction	Examine lessons learned from online religious instruction during the pandemic. Specifically, we will examine the strengths and weaknesses of online religious instruction and provide practical examples of effective and evidence-based online and hybrid religious instruction.
299	Levitt Dietrich	Alicia Julie	Curriculum Conversations: A Cycle for Success	Creating and protecting time for meaningful faculty curriculum conversation is just the first step toward understanding how your teachers' collective efforts can positively impact student learning. Don't wait for your accreditation year to begin conversations about curriculum and instruction. Learn about an ongoing cycle built for success!

302	Clark	Lisa	Biblical Learning: Tools for Administrators	As a school learns the Bible together, how do they walk hand-in-hand? At this sectional, administrators and teachers can learn about the scope and sequence for the new religion curriculum, Enduring Faith, which is designed for schoolwide alignment with layered learning throughout the grades. In addition, administrators and teachers can learn about the implications for chapel and faith families, memory work masters, curriculum standards, and more.
303	Wilhelms	Karen	How to Build Your Retirement Paycheck	For early to mid-career workers-Saving for retirement should start as early as your first job or right now. Learn where, how and why to save for retirement, including types of retirement accounts, saving rules of thumb, taxation, fees and more. In this session you understand ways to preserve and grow your savings to last throughout your lifetime!
305	Griner	Lyle	PEER MINISTRY: Friends Caring for Friends	<p>Young people are keenly aware of friends who feel hurt, lonely, stressed, bullied, and left out. Peer Ministry equips students with skills to notice needs, to listen, to welcome, to help, and when to seek out knowledgeable adults.</p> <p>Experience an interactive introduction to Peer Ministry for elementary, middle school and high school youth. Learn about the training to equip facilitating adults, resources and the long history Peer educational models.</p>
306	Krenz Laesch	Lisa Mary	Early Childhood Religion Curriculum: Learning Together	In Enduring Faith, the new religion curriculum for schools by Concordia Publishing House, early childhood classrooms have the option to learn alongside the rest of the school in a Scope and Sequence that embraces biblical literacy. This sectional will discuss features and changes with the Early Childhood levels.
307	Krenz Laesch	Lisa Mary	Grades 1–4 Religion Curriculum: Enduring Faith	Teachers of grades 1–4 can get an overview of the new religion curriculum by Concordia Publishing House: Enduring Faith. Lesson structure, Scope and Sequence, digital tools, and more will be presented by editors and authors of the curriculum.
308	Clark Sengele	Lisa Mark	Grades 5–8 Enduring Faith Religion Curriculum	Get a sneak preview of grades 5–8 new religion curriculum by Concordia Publishing House: Enduring Faith, available for the next school year. Lesson structure, scope and sequence, digital tools, and more will be presented by editors and authors of the curriculum.
309	Weber	Jacob	One and All Rejoice: Singing Together	A key component of teaching the faith is through song! This sectional introduces the new children's hymnal from Concordia Publishing House, One and All Rejoice. This presentation will present new liturgies, canons, and hymns as well as practical

				ways to use this resource in the classroom and school setting.
310	Leible	Dee	Google Thinking vs Student Thinking	Looking for ways to move students from "Googling" to "Thinking" in the classroom, especially in the age of distance learning? We will look on how educators can deliver math content to students and engage student thinking instead of being answer focused.
312	Duesenberg	Keith	Focus on Your Financial Future	God entrusts us with the privilege and responsibility of joyfully managing life's resources for Him. During our time together we will examine our Concordia Retirement Plan and why we still need to be diligent with our personal savings. Keith will discuss what personal savings plans are available and how our roster status affects these options.
313	Wrege	Keven	Champions in Hand	Puppets are a great tool for teaching. Children are drawn to them. Puppets, whether simple or elaborate, aid instruction in many areas including Bible stories, social interactions, and classroom procedures. They give a voice to the shy and help one see deeper inside the hearts and minds of children. During this presentation, we will explore how these figures can be tools in faith development as children learn to become "Champions for Christ."
314	Reisler	Clay	Marketing Your School Through Social Media	Schools and churches can utilize social media to market the great things that happen throughout the year. Discover proven strategies used in schools to tell the story of the organization. View example that have been created from actual school settings. Learn about tools to help create the content. Discover how students and staff from your school or church can tell your story with a limited or no communication department.
315	Wilaby	Stephanie	Leaving a Legacy of Literature Lovers	Hear a teacher's journey to integrate independent reading and accountability into their curriculum in order to allow middle school students to grow as readers and LOVE Literature!
316	Reisler	Clay	The Sketchnote Process	Sketchnoting is a powerful method for students to take notes during lectures, videos, speeches, etc. Sketchnoting is a visual map of concepts and a tremendous positive alternative to traditional note taking. See how digital or paper sketchnotes are created, view real examples from students in classrooms, and discover how students view sketchnotes as a great method to learning, understanding, and applying information provided to the students.

317	Rollins Nuoffer	Glenn Marci	He calls us "Fishers of Men"	Learn various strategies, talking points, and encouragements for us to become recruiters of the next generation of church workers, so clearly needed by our church in order for us to continue to share the Gospel message with this broken world.
318	Winterstein Winterstein	Tim and Meleyna	Serving Abroad: Faith & Family-- an International Perspective	One family's narrative of the adventure to serve and learn overseas. A presentation with a question and answer session.
319	Brown	Mariann	Free Space! : Using NASA Resources in your Classroom	Looking for ways to implement more well-planned STEM activities in your classroom that students are excited about? Come learn to navigate NASA's free education resources and find lessons that fit your standards and inspire students with current NASA programs. Teacher-tested lessons and activities and ideas will be highlighted as well as resources for teacher professional development.
320	Heinze Bateman	Jennifer Andrea	Jump Start Your Admissions!	Whether your school has an Admissions Director and a large administrative team or you're going solo in a small school, you'll not want to miss this! In this sectional we'll discuss topics such as hanging the mindset of admissions, glorifying God with a quality program, the look of the property, professional dress, and more.
321	Bergholt	Matthew	What Sticks? Lasting Changes in Education After the Pandemic.	Throughout 2020 and 2021, schools across America were forced to make changes and rapidly innovate unlike any year in recent history. Seemingly overnight, classrooms sprouted additional student devices, livestreaming hardware, and online learning management structures. With all of these changes comes the next questions of "what sticks?" and "where do we go from here?" when it comes to education. Join us as we take a look forward at education in general, societal changes impacting education, and the continued impact of technology.
322	Bergholt	Matthew	Preparing Learners for Life in 2035	Today's kindergarten students will graduate high school in 2035. Scary, right? How are you preparing your learners of all levels today for life when they enter college in a drastically changed world of the future? Come learn about a few best practices of today that will change the way you teach to better equip and prepare your learners to succeed in the world of tomorrow.
325	Bratton	Kara	Special Education Inclusion in Christian Schools	Ensure that your school, staff, and students are fully including students with disabilities and creating an environment in which students feel equally valued and supported in the classroom and with their peers. Inclusion is often thought to mean that students with disabilities are physically present in a school or other setting. True inclusion

				means much more than this however and has many biblical connections.
326	Neuman	Jeff	Effective Instructional Technology Integration	The world of instructional technology has exploded in recent years and the pandemic brought to light all of the resources available to teachers. How do you as an educator decide what to use? What is best for the students in your classroom? This presentation looks at how to evaluate the technological tools available to create effective learning activities. At the end of the presentation Jeff will demonstrate tools that can be used almost immediately in your classroom.
327	Lindgren	Amy	Tinkering with STEM in Early Childhood	How could you design a house for the three little pigs that the wolf could never blow down? Could you use the wolf's wind energy to design and move a sail car? Young children are natural designers and tinkerers, solving problems they encounter in play, in books, and in nature. Beloved characters from children's literature provide relatable STEM exploration opportunities that intrigue and engage young learners. Come tinker and play with STEM ideas sparked by children's literature! Explore how you can facilitate design challenges in your own classroom, as we reflect on authentic examples of preschoolers, primary-aged learners, and pre-service educators using this inquiry-based model.
328	Scheer	Laura	Employee Benefits 101	Employee benefits that are provided by your employer are there to take care of you! Learn the basics of retirement, health, disability, and life insurance benefits, and how they play an important role in your overall financial health. This session will cover general overall benefit information, and also include information specific to benefits through Concordia Plans.
329	Scheer	Laura	Financial Wellness for All Ages	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 us how to create and maintain health financial habits for all ages, and give actionable items for different life stages and ages.

331	Schumacher	Tim	Using Words to Bring Us Together	From his original tempting words – “Did God actually say...?” – through to today, Satan has used words to confuse, deceive, and to divide. While we know God’s Word is truth and is a trusty weapon to counter Satan’s words, we often resort to using buzzwords to speak to the world without understanding how those words are understood differently by others. “Equity” is just one recent example of a word that has divided us since being inserted into conversations about education by critical race theorists. To speak within our Lutheran communities, but more specifically, to parents asking about our Lutheran schools, we need to choose words that speak our truth and that we can explain in ways that bring people together.
332	Weil	Julie	Bringing the Bible to Life	Looking for an engaging way to get your students into the Word? In this hands-on session, you will learn how to create and implement entertaining faith-filled readers theater skits you can use to boost your messages and lessons for your students.
334	Cook	Julieane	Supporting and Investing in your Teachers	Learn how to develop a Teacher Advancement plan with support, opportunities, and retention strategies for teachers. Help teachers to tap into their own potential, grow within your school, and learn how to serve in a variety of leadership positions.
335	Hertel	Carly	MTSS: Development and Tracking	Our network is embarking on a journey to develop a multi-tiered system of supports for students, both academically and behaviorally. Hear from our team on how they went about developing a system that aims to provide equitable education for every student that God brings to our schools.
337	Klatt	Kari	Teacher Resiliency	Now more than ever, educators need to be aware of their own mental health and be able to utilize tools to practice self care to stay well. This presentation will pull from a variety of social, emotional, and spiritual tools to help educators understand themselves and know what to do in stressful times.
340	Jackson	Erika	Leading Academic Excellence and Innovation	What does academic excellence and innovation look like in the Lutheran school? Learn a framework that lays out essential components needed to bring academic excellence and innovation into the classrooms of Lutheran schools. Topics related to curriculum, applied curriculum, instruction, and assessment will be covered. With the 21st century requiring new competencies in which schools must prepare their students in, this session will also provide a roadmap to help schools bring innovative practices into their classrooms.

341	Schmidt	Nicole	Reading and Writing Workshop	Take your reading and writing instruction to the next level with the workshop model. Utilizing techniques from Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, learn how to structure your ELA blocks to include mini-lessons, conferences, and small groups.
342	Durfey	Rachel	Celebrate! Using data to celebrate growth	Set goals for your students and track progress through a variety of incentives, celebrations, and assemblies. Make your school culture all about high achievement in academics and character by infusing joy into all that you do!
343	Zick	Nicole	Trauma Informed Care	From basic understanding of trauma to key actions in the classroom, trauma informed care is essential for all of our schools. Our students, parents, and staff members have all experienced some sort of trauma and special strategies and mindsets help to create an inclusive environment so that all feel safe and cared for.
344	Bayless	Ashley	Gospel Adventures- Not just for Lutheran Schools Week	You may be familiar with our Gospel Adventures interactive curriculum from Lutheran Schools Week, but did you know there is an entire series set in different countries that you can use any time? Ashley Bayless will show you how to use Gospel Adventures in the classroom and how this free week-long curriculum for elementary students with an online component for middle schoolers connects faith through a worldview of other cultures including Peru, Mongolia, Thailand, and Zambia.
345	Anderson	Vicki	Academic Success through Academic Vocabulary Acquisition	A critical component for academic success is the acquisition of vocabulary specific to the content areas. How can a content area teacher provide all students with the tools to master the needed vocabulary? And how can a teacher fit vocabulary learning into an already busy class time? How can a teacher do this if teaching virtually or in a hybrid environment? This presentation provides ideas for the content area teacher to effectively stimulate and support vocabulary growth in a way that enhances students' understanding of content material—all without sacrificing content instructional time no matter what mode of instruction.
351	Sauls	Stephanie	Difficult History: Modeling Discourse in the Classroom	Discourse at its core is an exchange of thoughts and ideas regarding a subject. Let's discuss ways to address challenging topics in the study of history from a Christian perspective through meaningful classroom discussion.

353	Chittick	Cari	Advocating for Diverse Learners	Lutheran teachers wear a variety of hats, and an invaluable one is “advocate.” Explore effective advocating skills to support diverse learners who may have a specific learning difference (eg. autism) or a special circumstance (eg. anxiety) in reaching their full potential. Interactively practice incorporating People First Language into your vocabulary to promote awareness, inclusion, and respect of all persons. Also, enhance self-advocacy skills for students to use in the classroom and beyond.
354	Sankey	Lorinda	Christian Habits Day by Day	Vibrant Lutheran classrooms are full of Christians who practice habits of Bible reading, praying, singing, serving, etc. Be intentional about establishing these habits with your students. This session is for beginners, those who want to refresh, and those who want to share their successful practices.
355	Sankey	Ken	Research + Leadership = Excellence	Delve into leadership behaviors that are associated with higher student performance in the classroom. Eight behaviors will be unpacked and examined. This session is for both the novice and the veteran school administrator.
357	Stellwagen	Ben	Dual Credit 101	Dual credit has grown in popularity and is a point of emphasis among state departments of education to make post-secondary education accessible, affordable, and successful. It also has many variants--dual credit, dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, early college, online or face-to-face, etc. Credit transferability and the differences between general, program, and elective credit are important considerations as well. What should your school, students, and families know about this incredible but complex opportunity to prepare and get ahead academically?
357	Stellwagen	Ben	The Autistic Adolescent: Learner Differences, Equity, and Encouragement for ASD Inclusion	More than 1 in 50 children are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and schools have rightfully emphasized inclusion programs to integrate these students in the general education classroom. What are some of the developmental and educational challenges specific to the adolescent autistic learner? Many of their behaviors are visible, but a host of brain functions and accompanying conditions are not and affect an educator’s typical approach to managing attention, assessment, discipline, executive function, growth mindset, organization, socialization, and more. This presentation shares anecdotes, best practices, and research to discover unique ways to reach this unique learner.

361	Routier	Wanda	UDL for Student Learning Needs	Using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) helps teachers meet student needs without needing specific accommodations or an IEP because it provides a foundation of access for all students. Strategies and tips will be discussed.
363	Christian Kirk	Donald Kristi	Getting Serious About Diversity	Many of our Lutheran schools include students from diverse backgrounds, races, and ethnicities. Yet, most of our faculty and staff reflect a more homogeneous background, with little possibility of changing that narrative. This presentation will address the practical issues our schools face when it comes to diversity, equity, and inclusion, including examples of how Concordia University Texas is addressing this issue through strategic intent and practice.
364	Gieschen	Christopher	Is Evolution Compatible With Christianity?	Consider important scientific, philosophical, and theological reasons about evolution when defending the biblical truth of creation. As many teens begin to lose faith in Jesus due to teachers/profs supposedly showing evolution as "scientific," now more than ever do we need to arm His sheep with the truth so they more effectively share the Way, Truth, and Light.
365	Cooper	Ben	Pull! Build Character Through Shooting Sports	You may be surprised to find out that clay target shooting is the fastest growing sport in the nation and that Lutheran high schools are participating. Learn about the opportunities and challenges involved in starting a team, but most importantly, hear about the tremendous benefits to students.
366	Galarza	Mariah	Today's 5 Best Classroom Management Strategies	Tackle one of our school's largest obstacles to student success. Effective classroom management cultivates high-quality teaching and learning. Learn research-based strategies, supported with evidence, that you can implement immediately. The positive results include more students with self-control, responsibility, and positive attitudes toward school.
367	Nelson	Rachel	The Educational GOAT	Boxer Muhammad Ali was the self-proclaimed GOAT-Greatest of All Time. Some say LeBron James should be seen as the best basketball player of all time. Now let's think about our schools. What qualities does a school need to be considered the eGOAT-the Educational Greatest of All Time? Throughout our country, you will see school signs and fliers boasting excellence, but how do we measure a school's success? This professional development provides a framework to evaluate and improve your school.

368	Pitchford	Eugene	Diversity, Success, and You	Diversity means difference, and our schools are filled with a social, economic, and cultural variations. Having this diversity is positive for our schools. But when we hear the words equity, equality, critical race theory, Black Lives Matter, and inclusion there is great confusion. This session will examine terms, explore the benefits of diversity, and explain how we can integrate diversity into the school curriculum for student success.
370	Gerner	Steve	The Center for Urban Education Ministries and Your Ministry	The Center for Urban Education Ministries is a Christian, national non-profit that is "relentlessly strengthening urban education" through three focus areas: RECRUITMENT, RESOURCES, and RECOGNITION. Urban educators and school leaders are invited to share their unique ministries, the joys of their work, and their daily challenges. We will learn how the Center for Urban Education Ministries can assist urban schools. We will discuss collaboration efforts and partnerships.
371	Gerner	Steve	More Resources - More Reach	With more money and resources, schools can propel forward their mission. In fact, more money allows for schools to increase their reach into their local community. This session will inform participants how to rethink resources and create more opportunities. Together, we will discuss examples of business partnerships and their positive effects on schools. We will also examine creative ways of getting money for your classrooms.
372	Stiek	Jared	Bridging the Gap from Jesus Time to Worship	How do we bridge the powerful moments of classroom religion lessons to the worship life of our congregation? Join us for practical ideas to connect students and parents with worship in the congregation.
374	Stiek	Jared	Lutheran Lingo	The diverse students in Lutheran classrooms are served by a team of educators from a variety of Christian denominations. Join us as we explore the "lingo" Lutherans use to express the central beliefs of the Lutheran faith. We will also discuss the structure of the LCMS, Concordia University System, and Colloquy Program.
376	Kieser	Stephen	Truth Statements as Curriculum	Discover an alternative to behavioral objectives as the primary framework in curriculum design. What if the curriculum was primarily built upon what students are to know and secondarily upon behavioral objectives? Come find out what Truth Statements are and how Lutheran schools might make good use of them.

379	Hoehner	Mark	Knowing God Knowing Me	The presentation will introduce the Knowing God Knowing Me series which teaches the reader how to read the Bible. The curriculum shows every book of the Bible is really all about Jesus. These books can be used in small groups and even as a curriculum for kids or adults beginning in the confirmation age range. There are quizzes/tests/discussion guides and answer keys.
381	Gerth	Joe	What is Classical Education? A Comparison to Sports	There have been many attempts to explain classical education, the "Movement Sweeping Across America." In this overview, I shall use sports as a comparison to classical education to help motivate why we do what we do.
382	Habrecht	Julia	Truth, Goodness, and Beauty in Classroom Liturgies	<p>The school day is full of routines and habits. These practices form everyday liturgies - our pedagogy - which shape our students and what they love.</p> <p>Join teachers and administrators for a discussion of the school-wide and classroom practices that form our everyday liturgies. How do we begin and end each day? What is the atmosphere in the school hallways? How do students transition between classes? What are the images our students see hanging on the walls.</p> <p>Be inspired to reshape the culture of your school and classroom to reflect our Lutheran identity - what is True, Good, and Beautiful - while implementing practical and age appropriate liturgies.</p>
383	Nunes Nunes	John Monique	Get FIT: Fostering Intercultural Togetherness	What's unique about a Lutheran-Christian take on diversity, equity, and inclusion? Monique and John will look at some of the 'whys' and the 'ways' that a faith-based approach (rather than a fear-based approach) can FORM, INFORM, and TRANSFORM the lives of students, staff, faculty, and families. Topics will range from resources for curricular design to ideas about school climate, from an overview of cultural theory to the everyday practices that build unity and celebrate every member of the school community as a child of God.
385	Zeigler	Mike	Bible Telling Together	Like notes in the choir's music folder, the words of the Bible were written to be spoken. And shared! Come and be immersed in our scriptural symphony and equipped to conduct similar experiences in the classroom, chapel, and devotions.

387	Martin	Caleb	Addressing Differing Worldviews in the Lutheran Classroom	Examine the results of a semester long research project about how to minister to differing religions, denominations, and worldviews in the ever changing ministry field of Lutheran education. These findings include strategies and methods accumulated from interviews with Lutheran Church professionals across the country. This research was overseen by Concordia University Faculty and the Concordia University Chicago Institutional Review Board.
388	Alles	Brad	Truth, Identity, Purpose in Post-Christian America	In a culture that embraces subjective truth, oppressed versus oppressor, and social justice, what is a biblical perspective on the Truth, our identity in Christ, and our purpose now and for eternity?
389	Williamson	Jennie	Jennie Williamson AriSon Records Performs the "GOD IS GREAT!" FAVORITES!	Jennie Williamson will be performing many of the teacher favorites from the "God Is Great!" CD Series. She will also share the stories and scriptures that inspired the songs. From "I am Unique" to "Be Strong and Courageous!" to "The Pearly White Gates." It's going to be a GREAT morning singing, dancing, and celebrating Jesus with the songs that have made "God is Great!" popular in Lutheran classrooms for 15 years!
390	Seltz	Gregory	2-Kingdom Citizenship - Educational Freedom	Putting the wisdom of 2KG citizenship to work to protect and advance the cause of parochial education for the sake of the mission of the Church
391	Bull	Bernard	Five Models of Christian Education, How to Select One, and What It Means for the Future of your School	There are many approaches to Christian education, but it ultimately comes down to what you teach, who does the teaching, and those whom you believe that God has called you to teach. In this presentation, Dr. Bernard Bull, President of Concordia University, Nebraska, describes five main models of Christian education, invites you to identify which best fits your school, and offers practical insights on how to embrace that model in a way that is grounded in God's Word, embraces a distinctly Lutheran mission, and is a blessing to the students, families, and communities that you are called to serve.
392	Bickel	Zach	Winning Culture	Are your sports winning? This session will dive into creating and maintaining a winning culture in your athletic program. By examining how we define success, we can challenge ourselves to take our athletics to the next level. Philosophy, strategies, and practical ways to create a strong athletic culture that positively impacts school and ministry will be discussed.

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