

**2022 FLGA District
Educators Conference Workshops**

Session A - Wednesday 2:30-3:30

	Title	Description	Audience	Presenter
A1	"I'm Ready for Retirement ... or Am I?"	A look at being financially well, and how to use that as a building block to help prepare yourself for a successful retirement. We'll review things you should be looking at and the questions you need to begin asking yourself.	All	Paul Snyder, CPS
A2	Concordia Plans Health and Wellness Educator	This presentation will discuss what Physical and Mental Health are, how they intersect, and why they are so important. I will also provide information on programs and resources that Concordia Plans offers church workers enrolled in the CHP that support these vital aspects of overall health and wellbeing...All so they can Be Well and Serve Well.	All	Kelly Menke, CPS
A3	Discipling Gen Z in a Digital World	Generation Z is in our youth ministries and starting to join the workforce, but is the church ready for this Generation? Data is highlighting the unique gifts and challenges of these young people. If we are meeting this generation where they are at, how can we uniquely support the faith of young people in this increasingly digital world.	DCE, Youth Leaders	Julianna Shults, DCE Program Manager - Resources and Leadership, LCMS Youth Ministry
A4	Make Your Word Wall Worth It	Space is at a premium in our classrooms, and classroom word walls take up a lot of space but their benefits are quite important for our students. If you currently have a word wall in your classroom or are thinking about having one, this workshop is for you. Come discover how to utilize a variety of activities to introduce and practice these words. You will receive a lesson plan that can be used to introduce your words and make the word wall come to life. In addition, learning sight words is more than memorizing words. During this workshop you will discover how you can integrate a multitude of other skills: phonological awareness, syllables, vowels and consonants, silent e, multiple-letter phonograms, capitalization, word endings, prefixes and suffixes, synonyms and antonyms and more! Incorporating these ten-minute lessons each day will keep the words on your word wall alive so that children regularly and easily use it as a resource. Thanks to Christina Hermer, veteran teacher, Hanging Around in Primary blogger and Teachers Pay Teachers store owner, workshop attendees will receive a code to download a free word wall resource to begin using right away with their students.	Elementary	Priscilla Flynn, St. Michael's, Ft. Meyers
A5	Powerful Communities	In this session, we will unpack different strategies to help build communities as part of a classroom management approach. We will also discuss the impact of intentional partnerships to help build relationships and lift the level of learning.	Elementary, Middle School	Michelle Sawyer, St. Paul, Lakeland
A6	Let's Get Flexible	Let's Get Flexible: Flexible seating in the classroom- elementary through middle school. Learn how this approach can enhance your students' learning environment. We will share our philosophy and implementation techniques.	Elementary, Middle School	Katie Sherman and Amber Connor
A7	Laying the Foundation for a Life With Jesus	This is a fun interactive workshop aimed at teaching our littlest learners from PS3-Kindergarten all about Jesus. Participants will explore various methods of teaching including the use of flannel boards, object lessons, short video clips, and the importance of music and movement to enhance the learning of lessons. Children actively involved in the learning process have stronger retention and recall skills which build the foundation of their Christian education. Young learners participating in student led chapel, as well as various ways of being active in community outreach is essential to laying the foundation for a life with Jesus.	Early Childhood	Susan Franskousky, St. Paul, Boca
A8	Church + School = Red Hot Mission	Ministry in 2022 is more challenging than ever, however a healthy church and school partnership is the key to reaching people with the Gospel. Learn practical ways that church and school ministry leaders can work together in order to see a thriving community grow. Participants will be equipped to grow a ministry "ecosystem" where the Holy Spirit will work to draw people to Jesus.	All	Rev. Daniel Prugh, Holy Trinity, Tampa

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A9	How Healthy is Your School?	Based on the teachings in Patrick Lencioni's "The Advantage", Spencer Johnson's "Who Moved My Cheese" and Cy Wakeman's "No Ego" this workshop will teach Administrators how to objectively measure organizational health and implement a long-term plan to improve it.	Administration	Rachel C Scott, Holy Cross, North Miami
A10	Best of the Internet II	This workshop will be for those educators who need a little pick me up. It will have ideas for self-care, student engagement, and feel good ideas.	All	Kim Tenney, St. Luke's, Oviedo
A11 A12	Run Hard, Rest Well. 360	Explore the possibilities of various Run Hard. Rest Well. School Initiatives. Get a glimpse of tools for staff, students, and families. With a specialty in simple and strategic, we equip leaders to help students and adults reduce cortisol overload and prioritize their relationship with Jesus in ways that are easy to both lead and live. Create a shared passion and pace for hard work and strategic rest that is transformative and sustainable, breathing life into all and positioning students to thrive for a lifetime. Bring your ideas and resources for a time of rich discussion and Q and A.	All	Brenda Jank, Run Hard, Rest Well

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Session B - Thursday 10:30-11:30			
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B1	But I Can't Do Art!!	Do your students say "I can't do art, I'm not good at it"? Every student has different abilities, and as teachers we need to help each child find their creative confidence. Using a variety of art activities and projects, you can encourage students to feel successful and happy with the creative process. We will explore a variety of mediums and activities to nurture each child's enjoyment of art.	Elementary Sue McColgan, Holy Trinity, Tampa
B2	Help! I've Lost Control of My Classroom! Ways to Improve Behavior and Classroom Management	Does your class not listen to you? Do you feel overwhelmed at times? I will share with you some ideas that have worked for me and some of my teacher friends. Please bring your own ideas to share.	Elementary Kathy Larson, Holy Trinity, Tampa
B3	Service and Leadership where Everyone has a Voice	Opportunities to serve and lead is key for healthy congregations and youth ministry. But even with the best of intentions, we can hurt young people and the communities we seek to we serve when we don't allow them to speak and follow their lead. Come find some strategies and encouragement for making sure your service and leadership empowers everyone to live out their God given vocation.	DCE Julianna Shults, DCE Program Manager - Resources and Leadership, LCMS Youth Ministry
B4	Accreditation 101 for Administrators	NLSA (National Lutheran School Accreditation) is an important vehicle for school improvement in Lutheran Schools. New administrators will learn about the accreditation process and timelines for gaining and maintaining accreditation. Experienced administrators may attend as a refresher and to share tips and tricks that they have used to manage and facilitate the process. Get ready to lead your school on its improvement journey!	Administration Jon Peterson, Grace, St. Pete
B5	Growing Readers	Growing readers who are confident, independent and passionate is no small task. We will unpack strategies to help individualize reading instruction to meet the needs of each learner.	Elementary, Middle School Michelle Sawyer, Michelle Taylor, Amber Conner, Melissa Lobozzo and Katie Sherman, St. Paul, Lakeland
B6	The Intersection of Pedagogy and Theology	The way we design lessons, present lessons, and assess student learning sends messages to students about who they are and how we view them. Does our pedagogy reinforce in students that they are deeply loved, uniquely created, and redeemed children of God? How can teachers and administrators design learning spaces and activities, as well as, assessment practices that reinforce the uniqueness and grace given to each child of God in our care.	Elementary, Middle School, Administration Greg Sawyer, St. Paul, Lakeland
B7	Building Parent Partnerships	In this workshop you will learn how to make strong connections with the families in your class and learn strategies to help bridge the gap between home and school. You will receive ideas and suggestions that you can take straight into your classroom. We will focus on communication tools, conferencing engagement, and increasing parental involvement in the education process. We hope these connections can be built upon and continue for years to come.	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School Janine Urichko and Katie Corrao, St. Luke's, Oviedo
B8	Classroom Management in the Early Childhood Classroom	During this session we will explore what works and what doesn't when planning for classroom management in the Early Childhood setting.	Early Childhood Bonne Faherty, Immanuel, Brandon
B9	Thrivent Action Teams and Your Blueprint to Thrive	Part 1: Making an Action Teams work for your classroom. Utilize Action Teams in your classroom in partnership with Thrivent members. What is a Thrivent Action Team and what are the steps to put it in action? Part 2: Your Blueprint to Thrive. Momentous times in life may include the day you rent your first apartment, buy a house or pay off a loan. Maybe it's the birth of a child or the death of a loved one. These days can signal the end of an era and form the blueprint for something different. Let's develop your financial Blueprint.	All Thrivent

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B10	Mental Health in Kids following COVID	The issue of Mental Health in our world today appears to be something we are more and more willing to discuss and address openly. COVID has impacted how we view not only our physical health but also our mental health. What do you need to be aware of when addressing Mental Health in the classroom? How can you promote mental health awareness at your school? Megan Miessler, LCSW, DCE, Executive Director at Lutheran Counseling Services in Winter Park, FL will lead this discussion, sharing facts, data and tools that will be helpful in your ministry as you address Mental Health in your school.	All	Megan Miessler, LCS
B11	Early Math Counts!	Participants will explore how to deepen young learners' mathematical understanding through independent and guided investigations that are intentional, developmentally appropriate, engaging, and playful.	Early Childhood	Leah Horsman and Jodi Tucker, St. Paul, Lakeland
B12	Run Hard, Rest Well. 360	Explore the possibilities of various Run Hard. Rest Well. School Initiatives. Get a glimpse of tools for staff, students, and families. With a specialty in simple and strategic, we equip leaders to help students and adults reduce cortisol overload and prioritize their relationship with Jesus in ways that are easy to both lead and live. Create a shared passion and pace for hard work and strategic rest that is transformative and sustainable, breathing life into all and positioning students to thrive for a lifetime. Bring your ideas and resources for a time of rich discussion and Q and A.	All	Brenda Jank, Run Hard, Rest Well

Session C - Thursday 2:00-3:00

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C1	Calming the Chaos	This session will help educators "calm the chaos" by focusing on social-emotional learning, increasing parent involvement, and maximizing student engagement. Participants will leave this session excited to implement ideas into their own classrooms immediately.	Elementary	Marisa Neus and Karla Hardies, St. Paul, Boca
C2	Teacher Leadership: Impact, Collaboration, and Achievement	Feeling isolated by the four walls of your own classroom? Looking to make a larger impact in your school setting? Teacher leadership provides an opportunity to grow as a dynamic teacher through fostering collaboration with your colleagues by identifying and planning for positive change to the benefit of your students' achievement. In this session, teachers will participate in a mini inquiry cycle, equipping themselves with tools and resources to use in their own school settings.	Elementary	Nicole Hemmann, Holy Trinity, Tampa
C3	Where are the Young Leaders in Your Church	Many LCMS congregations are struggling with the transfer of leadership from older to younger generations. In big and small ways, we keep young leaders from success and sometime even lose them out of our congregations. Discuss strategies to raise up effective leaders in all generations in congregations and for the church at large.	DCE	Julianna Shults, DCE Program Manager - Resources and Leadership, LCMS Youth Ministry
C4	Author Studies	Foster a love of art and story, inspire creativity, and build classroom community around shared interests. Use your read aloud time to promote higher order thinking skills and build comprehension.	Early Childhood, Elementary	Iris Hornbuckle, St. Michael's, Ft. Meyers
C5	Growing Writers	Growing writers who are confident, independent and passionate is no small task. We will unpack strategies to help individualize writing instruction to meet the needs of each learner.	Elementary, Middle School	Michelle Sawyer, Michelle Taylor, Amber Conner, Melissa Lobozzo and Katie Sherman, St. Paul, Lakeland
C6	Math Fluency Without Fear	Participants will explore hands-on ways to build multiplication and division fact fluency by focusing on conceptual understanding and flexibility beyond just memorization.	Upper Elementary	Jodi Tucker, St. Paul, Lakeland
C7	Kindergarten Readiness Skills	Are your students ready for the Kindergarten classroom? It's more than just academics. Let's look at the whole picture!	Early Childhood	Bonne Faherty, Immanuel, Brandon

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C8	Inquiry Strategies	This workshop is designed to give teachers a better understanding of three strategies (KWLA graphic organizer, Costa's Levels of Thinking and Questioning, and Socratic Seminar: Cats and Fish or Philosophical Chairs) they can implement right now to expand the use of inquiry within their classrooms.	Elementary, Middle School	Nicole Clifton & Sarah Pittinger, Grace, St. Petersburg
C9	Classroom and Behavior Management	Address strategies for dealing with behavioral challenges, social emotional support, non-verbal prompting and guidance for students.	Early Childhood, Elementary	Susan Petty, Elizabeth Kozieracki, Ann Leimer, Grace, Jacksonville
C10	Gender Identity - "Law" and Gospel	This workshop will talk about working with students and families who are struggling with gender identity issues. Legal issues regarding admissions, policies and best practices for your school will also be discussed.	Administration	Rusty Huseman, Legal Counsel and Megan Meissler, LCS
C11	ESE Roundtable	Does your school receive related ESE services from the county you are in? Do any of your students have or need Service Plans (IEP'S), or 504's, or need them? Are a resource teacher or an administrator who coordinates paperwork with the staffing specialist in your county? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, this round table is for you. Let's get together and share our knowledge to benefit all of our students. If you do not have services, but want to learn how to obtain them, please attend so we can build all of our Lutheran schools up as we seek to serve our students who need support.	ESE Teachers	Lori Lee Joerz, St. Paul, Lakeland
C12	Enduring Faith for Your Students	Lisa M. Clark, senior editor of curriculum at Concordia Publishing House, will discuss the features of the new Enduring Faith religion curriculum. Highlights will include an aligned scope and sequence, new lesson features, religion standards, digital tools, and more. Come to ask questions and to learn more about the newest way to share enduring faith with your students.	Elementary, Administration	Lisa M. Clark, CPH