

Workshop Session B
Friday 10:45 am

Session Number	Title	Workshop Description	Workshop Leader	Audience
B1	Building the Thinking Classroom	Many teachers struggle with reaching out to and identifying with their students, especially ones who have difficulties in the classroom. The thinking classroom offers a variety of techniques, such as thin slicing, class-created rubrics, and rich thinking tasks that can transform your lesson plans and benefit all students, especially those who are struggling. The outcome for teachers is that by emphasizing critical thinking, collaboration, and self-reflection as Children of God, we can ensure that all students have an equal chance to succeed in life, both inside and outside the classroom.	Lisa Arnholt, Pastor's wife, teacher at Calvary Christian School - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Columbus, GA	Middle School, HS/Youth/DCE, Administrator
B2	EdCamp/Teach Meet	This session will allow attendees to share best teaching practices and ideas in small groups.	Nicole Clifton, Principal - Grace Lutheran School, St. Petersburg, FL	Teacher
B3	Making In-reachers and Outreachers	Learn ideas and techniques to help ministry staff work along-side laity; church members work along-side the unchurched of the school ministry community; circuit churches work along-side one another to reached the yet unreached for Christ.	Tony Durante, Pastor, Our Savior Lutheran, Plantation, FL	Lay, HS/Youth/DCE, Pastor/Deaconess/DCO
B4	How to Disciple Children to be Life-Long Followers of Jesus	It has long been Christian parents' and congregations' dream to see our children grow up, leave home, and be life-long followers of Jesus. However, today, up to 70% of young people leave home and then leave the faith. In this session, based on Greg's new book, "Joining Jesus as a Family," we look at what went wrong and how do we help a new generation of parents avoid the same result. The good news is that the answer is simple and it works.	Greg Finke, Executive Director - Dwelling 1:14, St. Paul, MN	All
B5	Communications – Community OUTREACH and Church INREACH (It's not 1990 anymore)	See real-life successes and failures and learn the basics to help create successful social media content and engaging websites. Gain insights to help you get timely and practical information to church members and visitors. These communication tools include: Social Media Website Bulletins Slides	Meridith Swanson, Communications Specialist and Cindy Hammerstrom, Executive Assistant, School and Youth Ministry - FLGA District Office	Lay
B6	Becoming More Comfortable in Sharing Your Faith	How do we become more comfortable in sharing our faith, and how do we come alongside others to help them do the same? This session will focus on two excellent outreach tools: Doug Pollock's book <i>God Space</i> and Lutheran Hour Ministry's Project Connect booklet <i>How to Talk About Your Faith - An Introduction to the Spiritual Conversation Curve</i> .	Becky Hartmann, Missions & Outreach Ministry Team Leader - Hope Lutheran Church, Plant City, FL	Lay
B7	Emotional Intelligence in Children and Youth	Emotional Intelligence is a great need in today's world. Social Emotional Learning is on the upswing in our schools and is vital to kids who need to know how to handle what they feel. The same can be said for each of us. Emotional Intelligence is helps us become more aware of our emotional selves and managing that self well. Knowing this empowers you to be aware of the social dynamics best able to meet the needs of some else; ultimately to meet their essential need for salvation.	Taran Holland, Elementary Aide/US Navy Chaplain Spouse - Redeemer Lutheran School, Pensacola, FL	Lay, Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, HS/Youth/DCE, Administrator, Pastor/Deaconess/DCO
B8	Hogares De Fe Households of Faith	El hogar es el lugar principal donde se forma la fe ... y una congregación es tan fuerte como los hogares que la forman. ¿De qué manera está su iglesia equipando a los miembros adultos de sus hogares para que nutran el crecimiento espiritual no solo de su familia, sino también de sus amigos y vecinos? Luego de aprender conceptos y herramientas útiles en forma interactiva, los participantes desarrollarán planes concretos para implementar en sus hogares y recibirán recursos gratuitos para ayudarlos a dar los siguientes pasos, aumentando la vida espiritual de sus hogares, amigos y vecinos. The home is the primary place of faith formation ... and a congregation is only as strong as the homes that form it. How is your church equipping the adult members of your households to nurture the spiritual growth of not only their family, but also their friends and neighbors? After learning useful concepts and tools in an interactive way, participants will develop plans to implement in their homes and will receive free resources to help them take the next steps, increasing the spiritual life of their homes, relatives, and friends.	Beatriz Hoppe, Hispanic Coordinator - North America Region - Lutheran Hour Ministries, St. Louis, MO	All

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B9	Leaning on One Another	Can you imagine life without the ability to lean on one another? To live as <i>Along-Siders</i> is to do life together, by God's grace: loving <i>one another</i> as the Lord loves us and serving <i>one another</i> with the strength He provides. We'll explore some of the <i>one anothers</i> in Scriptures, share stories, and encourage <i>one another</i> in our walk as Along-Siders .	Deb Burma, Christian Author and Speaker - Peace Lutheran, Columbus, NE	All
B10	Make and Take - Music To Go!	Each participant will make (and take home) a single stringed instrument out of a piece of wood, coffee stir sticks, a can, fishing line, a button, and a single guitar tuning machine. The result will be an instrument called a "canjo." All materials will be provided, though a few extra phillips head screwdrivers (tiny and regular sized) would help move things along. For tuning purposes, you can trust your ear or download a free tuning app on your smartphone. Session size is limited.	Tim Jacobsmeyer, Musician - Largo, FL	Teacher, Lay, Administrator
B11	How NOT to Let Issues Prevent Relationships	Race, Sex, Guns, Climate, Politics, Gender, Religion, Ethnicity, Vaccines, Poverty, and more. Are we letting issues prevent relationships? The data shows marriages are breaking on the basis of political disagreements. Family members are disowning their own kin for similar reasons. People are self-censoring more than ever for fear of being shut down, marginalized, or exiled. Why do we feel as if we MUST disassociate from people with whom we disagree? This presentation will offer a biblical vision for how to engage with others who think and believe differently than we do. The approach will be applicable across a range of topics. We'll consider our own conversational habits, think about our own thinking, and let Jesus show us a better way.	Chad Lokies, Regional Director-North America - Lutheran Hour Ministries, St. Louis, MO	All
B12	Get Ready	No one likes to anticipate crisis but in the world we live in today it is necessary. We can find comfort in knowing that we have planned and are ready for things that come outside of our control. Join Rick and Megan from Lutheran Counseling Services in a session focused on what you need to be ready for and how to plan for crisis in your church or school.	Megan Miessler, Executive Director and Rick Armstrong, Ministry Care Coordinator - Lutheran Counseling Services, Winter Park, FL	All
B13	Missionary Pathway - Becoming an Everyday Missionary	Listening to Your Community - really engage with your community, you need to start with a listening posture which will help you get to know the people, their needs and struggles, and build trust. As you listen the Holy Spirit will reveal ways to make a Gospel impact which makes a real difference.	Matt Peoples, Founder/Director - The Kairos Network, Ridgewood NJ	All
B14	Support Struggling Readers	How to recognize reading difficulties early and how to scaffold instruction to support struggling readers.	Kimberly Russ, Exceptional Student Education Instructional Manager for Florida Virtual - member of St. Paul Lutheran, Lakeland, FL	Elementary
B16	Making Disciples in Micro-Groups	Learn about micro-groups and how YOU, yes YOU, can make disciples using micro-groups (2-4 people).	Paul vonWerder, Discipleship Pastor - Hope Lutheran, Orlando, FL	All
B17	FLGA District Lutheran Early Response Teams	Come and find out what resources are available for disaster response from local LERT teams and from LCMS Disaster Response resources	Jay Wendland, FLGA District Disaster Relief Coordinator	Lay, HS/Youth/DCE, Administrator, Pastor/Deaconess/DCO
B18	Church Treasurer's Toolbox	Gain insights and leave with a knowledge of valuable tools.	Laura Zirbel, Executive Director Finance and Administration - FLGA District Office, Renee Varga CPA	Church Treasurers
B19	Hot Topic – Ministry Safety	This workshop session will focus on how to protect the facilities of the ministry and its members, visitors, students and staff.	Rusty Huseman, Attorney-at-Law - Jacksonville, FL	All