

Workshops Session A
Thursday 3:15 PM

Session Number	Title	Workshop Description	Workshop Leader	Audience
A1	Start With Why	<i>Start with Why</i> by Simon Sinek is a book that reminds us that why is everything in business and growth. 'Why' is also the foundation for ministry that is pleasing to God our Father. If you have been feeling a sense of mission drift and wondering how your ministry can be more consequential come be reminded of our 'WHY!'	Rev. Victor Belton, REV7:9 Manager - Christ Lutheran, East Point, GA	All
A2	Assessments in a Snap!	Wendy Niska and I have worked on perfecting our student assessment portfolios. Come and learn easy and efficient ways to document and track student performance over the school year. Together, we would love to share with other educators what we have created.	Kristin Cummings and Wendy Niska, Pre-K Teachers - Our Savior, St. Petersburg, FL	2 years through PK
A3	Putting Your Nose Right Where It Belongs	Most congregational members are hesitant to go along-side of others and disciple them regularly. How do we place our noses exactly where they belong, in the lives of others as Jesus did? How do we help move our congregation past the obstacles and into a lifestyle of discipleship nose to nose? What is God doing in us daily for the best use of our noses so that we stay healthy and joy-filled along the way?	Rev. David Dahlke, Pastor - Lakeside Lutheran, Venice, FL	Lay, HS/Youth/DCE, Pastor/Deaconess/DCO
A4	Why 'Disciples Making Disciples' is Currently a Pipedream and How to Fix It	The way Jesus discipled people in the gospels results in redemptive movements multiplying throughout local communities. Why aren't U.S. communities experiencing those results wherever Christians live? Simple. We aren't discipling the way Jesus does so we aren't seeing Jesus' results. What are we missing and how can we fix it?	Greg Finke, Executive Director - Dwelling 1:14, St. Paul, MN	All
A5	From One Pastor's Wife to Another	A pastor's wife has a unique role. They have unique opportunities to come " <i>along-side</i> " other wives by connecting, supporting, and encouraging each another. Luncheon speaker, Deb Burma, will share encouraging words "from one pastor's wife to another." This breakout session is <i>geared exclusively for the pastor's wife</i> .	Deb Burma, Christian Author and Speaker - Peace Lutheran, Columbus, NE	Pastor's Wives
A6	Coming Alongside: Difficult Conversations	Difficult conversations are at the heart of leadership. Yet if we're honest we want to avoid them and then the problem becomes the leader. In this breakout session we will talk about a healthy way to welcome difficult conversations as a growth opportunity: for yourself, for the other person and for the ministry as a whole.	Rev. Scott Gress, Professional Certified Coach	All
A7	The World is Upside Down; It's Not Too Late!	This workshop will help attendees identify policies needed to protect your church, school, staff, students, and volunteers.	Rusty Huseman, Attorney-at-Law - Jacksonville, FL	Lay, Administrator, Pastor/Deaconess/DCO
A8	Make and Take - Music To Go!	You will make (and take home) a rain stick, using pvc pipe, poultry wire, and a handful of BBs. We will also make a wave drum using 2 plastic plates, brads and more BBs. All materials will be provided. By the time we finish it will sound like "the rains came down and the floods came up!" Session size is limited.	Tim Jacobsmeier, Musician - Largo, FL	Elementary, Middle School, HS/Youth/DCE
A9	The Rise of Identity and How to Broaden the Conversation Beyond Sex, Race and Gender	The need for recognition—to be seen, to be validated—is critical for human existence. The rise of identity talk, especially the narrow versions we're familiar with – race, gender, sexual orientation, and sometimes ethnicity and religion – hinge on the human need for recognition. This presentation will demonstrate the connection between recognition and identity, seeking to give a brief account of how we arrived at the current operative framework for thinking and talking about identity. From there, it will seek to cultivate a broader discussion of identity by leaning into Martin Luther's teaching on the doctrine of vocation. Luther's doctrine of vocation helps us to imagine identity as taking the form of our various roles and relationships in life. Leaning on this historic teaching will provide some tools for moving identity conversations beyond the rigid boundaries we're used to experiencing.	Chad Lakies, Regional Director-North America - Lutheran Hour Ministries, St. Louis, MO	All
A10	Five Missional Habits That BLESS	Discover and share five missional habits which bless others and enable you to live the life God desires you to enjoy!	Peter Meier, Executive Director Missions and Outreach - FLGA District Office	All
A11	Missionary Pathway - Becoming an Everyday Missionary	What is the Missionary Pathway? Discover how every follower is a missionary in the places where they live, work, learn and play.	Matt Peebles, Founder/Director - The Kairos Network, Ridgewood NJ	All

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A12	What are the "Ways of the Alongsiders"?	Learn from three practitioners who are passionate about sharing the love of Jesus in the communities where they live, work, and teach. Gary is reaching his neighbors; Nick is reaching his coworkers at the sheriff's department; and Barb is reaching the children and their parents in her classroom. Each will share how they walk alongside people to bring the tangible love of Jesus.	Ron Pennekamp, Pastor Emeritus - Lakeland, FL	All
A13	The Two Become One	The marriage of two diverse ministries one Anglo the other Hispanic into a vibrant ministry that reaches into the community to connect people to Jesus.	Rev. Dean Pfeffer, St. Pastor - Hope Lutheran Plant City, FL and Rev. John Cobos, Hispanic Ministry Pastor - Messiah Tampa and Hope Plant City, FL	Lay, Pastor/Deaconess/DCO
A14	Leadership GRIT: Enduring Essentials for the Church Worker	A new leadership book is published every seven hours. Everyone knows leadership "is a thing" and important. Whether you are an administrator, teacher, coach, director, or lay person, this session will be applicable to you personally and professionally. We will examine the latest research and Scripture on the importance of personal growth (G), creating deeper relationships (R), identity (I), and being a champion of Truth (T).	Jim Pingel, Dean - School of Education - Concordia University Wisconsin & Ann Arbor	Lay, Elementary, Middle School, HS/Youth/DCE, Administrator
A15	Mission Opportunities - Challenged and Commissioned	This session will introduce us to a world of mission opportunities and a fresh biblical approach of how to organize it for your congregation. When "living as along-siders as disciples making disciple makers," there is a need to know about the world in which we live with its many peoples, cultures, and languages. This allows us to better understand how we can answer the many challenges we face when God uses us to accomplish His Great Commission. Once the challenges are acknowledged, then we can apply this fresh biblical approach to organize His Great Commission in our congregation.	Robert (Bob) Roegner, Assistant Pastor for Administration and Operations - Woodlands Lutheran Church, Montverde, FL	All
A16	School Board Essentials	Come and learn about best practices for effective School Boards. School boards serve a critical role in Lutheran school ministry. Come and learn about best practices that will help board members walk alongside school leaders in ministry.	Jennifer Tanner, Executive Director School and Youth Ministry - FLGA District	Lay, Administrator
A17	Discipleship in an Age of Connected Loneliness	Entire books have been written on the counterintuitive notion that despite our being more connected than ever via the internet and connected devices, we are experiencing a significant period of personal loneliness. In this workshop the issues of personal loneliness found in individuals (differentiating somewhat for generations) will be addressed and strategies will be provided to help make for effective "along-siding" discipleship for those connected but lonely.	Rev. Jay Winters, Pastor/Campus Minister - University Lutheran, Tallahassee, FL	All
A18	Cyber-Security - Protect Your Ministry	This workshop session will cover fundamental cybersecurity threats and attacks against daily computer (laptop/mobile/tablet, etc.) users and how to protect your home, business, or ministry networks and data. The primary objective of this session will be to teach best practices in an easy to follow, easy to digest format that can be applied immediately.	Andrea Sherwood, Cyber Security Governance, Risk Management & Compliance Strategy - NBC Universal	All
A19	The Habits for Discipleship Multiplication Movement	You'll learn simple and practical habits that help stagnant members become active disciple making leaders that result in catalytic discipleship movement.	Rev. Dr. David Kim, Lead Pastor, Glocal Mission	All