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<b>Session A</b>			
A1 - Supercharge Your Classroom teaching with Music	This presentation breaks down how music can support your classroom management, student success, and faith in the Pre-k, elementary, and middle school classroom.	Denise & Daniel Bates, Music Teachers - St. Paul, Lakeland	Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Elementary Education (K-5), Middle School
A2 - Fun Activities to Build Teamwork and Leadership Skills in Students	This engaging break-out session focuses on helping elementary students develop essential teamwork and leadership skills through a variety of fun and interactive activities. Participants will work together to solve problems, complete challenges, and reflect on the importance of collaboration and effective communication.	Jennifer Bigler, 5th Grade Teacher - Grace, St. Petersburg	Elementary Education (K-5)
A3 - Tapestry of Voices: Understanding multiple perspectives in Social Studies and ELA	Educators will experience a dynamic approach to delivering ELA and social studies content. During this interactive session, educators will experience teaching with multiple perspectives from the students' point of view. The session focuses on inquiry-based learning and the development of critical thinking skills while engaging with primary sources to allow for teachers to increase their abilities to engage their students through culturally responsive pedagogy.	Mary Dougherty, High School Social Science Teacher - St. John, Ocala	Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5), High School
A4 - Full STEAM Ahead!	<p>The "Full STEAM Ahead" session will allow educators to learn how the traditional classroom and curriculum can be transformed to maximize communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity through STEAM integration. We will share our school's transformation over the last two years to include an enhanced curriculum driven by inquiry, Makerspaces to practice the engineering process, and showcase STEAM integration to the public through the development of a K-12 STEAM Fair. Educators will then have the opportunity to explore grade-level specific stations for hands-on activities and collect resources.</p> <p>Educators will have the opportunity to break into grade-level stations to engage in several age-appropriate STEAM activities and technologies that will include the use of VEX robotics, Vernier Equipment, and coding with Code and Go Mice and Spheros!</p>	Jennifer Fontaine, High School Science Teacher - St. John, Ocala	Middle School, High School, Elementary Education (K-5)
A5 - Getting to know GoGuardian - Helpful Monitoring in the world of Classroom Technology	Nowadays Laptops and Chromebooks have become very common in the classroom. Exposing students to the internet can be a challenge with all of the negative or ill minded things they may encounter...or the distractions they may be looking for during class time. This session will cover the basics of GoGuardian and how it can help ensure more time in the classroom is spent on instruction and less on monitoring student's screens by relying on the built in capabilities of the GoGuardian platform itself.	Allison Crabb, Learning Strategies Assistant Teacher - St. Paul, Lakeland	High School, Elementary Education (K-5), Middle School
A6 - The Climate & Culture of the Lutheran Early Childhood Classroom - Module 1	This session will focus on the LEA Spiritual Nurture Module 1: The Climate & Culture of the Lutheran Early Childhood Classroom. Educators will be encouraged to intentionally plan for environments that nurture children and families in the faith, while supporting developmentally appropriate practice in the classroom. Participants will listen to and engage in conversations focused on Gospel-Centered classroom environments.	Cheryl Haun, EC Educational Specialist and Consultant - LEA	Elementary Education (K-5), Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Early Childhood (Preschool ages)
A7 - Breakout sharing session for ESE educators	A time for ESE educators to share best practice for supporting learning different students, update information on obtaining Service Plans through the county in which we reside, and discuss building and implementing accommodation plans.	Lori Lee Joerz, Learning Strategies Specialist - St. Paul, Lakeland	Other
A8 - Building relationships through outdoor education and retreats	This session will share some planning and implementation ideas on developing retreats, lock ins and outdoor education activities for school or youth groups from middle school to high school.	Dave Leimer & Stephanie Edgar, Teachers - Grace, Jacksonville	Middle School, DCE, High School
A9 - Little hearts, big feelings- social and emotional learning for preschoolers	How building a strong social and emotional foundation is important at a young age.	Jessica Miles , Preschool Teacher - St. Paul, Lakeland	Early Childhood (Preschool ages)
A10 - Confirmation Can Be Great!	Confirmation can be the key to engaging parents and youth in your congregation and school. Through the lens of the 7 Practices for Healthy Youth Ministry, we will explore how to make the most out of this critical time in a young person's life. Participants will self-evaluate their own Confirmation program, identify areas they want to improve, and gain tools on how to make these changes.	Nick Moss, DCE - St. Paul, Lakeland	DCE, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Middle School

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A11 - The Wellness Wheel is your Friend	We will explore the benefits of the Lutheran Wellness Wheel for Lutheran Educators to help maintain their joy in ministry.	Greg Walton, Vice President - Grace Place Wellness	All
A12 - Threats and Responses	"When should I be concerned? What can I do?" What do I do when students threaten harm to themselves and others? The presenters will lead a discussion around evaluating threats made by students-mental/self-harm and physical/toward others. The discussion will include talking points to use as you respond to threats and give information to parents, report to DCF, investigate, etc. We will also introduce an app (The Columbia Protocol) that can be helpful in these situations.	Megan Miessler & Rick Armstrong, Lutheran Counseling Services	All

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<b>Session B</b>			
B1 - 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 Duesenberg, Financial Educator - Concordia Plans	All
B2 - Well, That's Awkward: Understanding the Developmental Stages of Generations Z and Alpha	Growing up today can be really awkward! Students are facing unique challenges and experiences due to our modern society, technology, and changes in socialization. Explore the current information about developmental stages and discover strategies to help students navigate these awkward years. You will leave with practical ideas for teaching, learning, and understanding today's students.	Lori Elliott, Financial Educator - Concordia Plans	All
B3 - Telling God's Story with Wonder & Awe -LEA Spiritual Nurture - Module 2	This session will focus on the LEA Spiritual Nurture Module 2 in which educators are encouraged to intentionally plan for ways to tell God's Stories with simple props, in variety of ways (e.g. language, gesture, images) and over various systems (e.g. visual, audible, physical), so that children will move forward in their faith learning.	Cheryl Haun, EC Educational Specialist and Consultant - LEA	Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Elementary Education (K-5)
B4 - Influences of Teaching World Music	Discover new ideas to teach music through movement and help students develop self discipline in fun and exciting ways with games, instrumental, singing, and technology. These activities can be used beyond the music class in history class, foreign language classes, and math class.	Eric Fountain, Music Teacher - Our Savior, St. Petersburg	Elementary Education (K-5), Middle School, Early Childhood (Preschool ages)
B5 - I Manage Me: How Co-Regulation and Self-Management Skills Can Transform Your Classroom	<p>Think back to your last perfect school day. If this is an impossible memory to find, you aren't alone! From traffic in the morning to student conflict, our days are filled with stressors. When these stressors get the best of us, it can be not easy to manage a classroom filled with students lovingly.</p> <p>Join Friendly leaders as we discuss the power of co-regulation in the classroom and in life! This session will introduce simple self-management tools for you, your staff, and your students.</p> <p>In this session, we will equip teachers by modeling co-regulation strategies, sharing classroom experiences and examples, and introducing tools rooted in scripture.</p>	Barbara Kindler Gains, Executive Assistant, Friendly	Early Childhood (Preschool ages)
B6 - Math Tales: Exploring Math Concepts Through Children's Literature	Join us on a journey where storytelling meets mathematics, creating an immersive and dynamic learning experience for elementary students. In this session, we'll explore the powerful strategy of using read-alouds to introduce and reinforce mathematical concepts. Engaging children's literature can serve as a catalyst for interactive math tasks that foster curiosity, and promote conceptual understanding. We'll examine how to select literature that not only captivates young minds but also serves as a springboard for exploring rich mathematical ideas. Participants will leave equipped with a toolbox of strategies for leveraging children's literature to enhance mathematics instruction, foster a love of learning, and empower students to see the beauty and relevance of mathematics in the world around them.	Nicole Muth, Department Chair, Elementary Education - Concordia University, Wisconsin	Elementary Education (K-5)
B7 - Benefits of Social Emotional Learning	Discover the benefits - both short and long term- of social-emotional learning through a discussion of research, activities, and curriculum to enhance this important skill.	Kelly Ogialoro, Asst. Principal, EC Director - St. Paul, Lakeland	Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Elementary Education (K-5)
B8 - Unlocking Student Success: Mastering the Seven Essential Strategies for Teaching and Learning - Part 1	This breakout is designed to provide a cohesive approach to teaching strategies and assessment techniques. We will focus on instruction, language and its role in the classroom, strategies for effective use of curriculum, the latest findings from cognitive science research, and Lutheran wholehearted learning. (You can learn more in Part Two or attend either session independently).	Adam Paape, Asst. Dean - Concordia University, Wisconsin	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Elementary Education (K-5), Middle School
B9 - Understanding the value of the pension and how to talk about it with your workers	Pension plans can be a bit confusing. That's unfortunate because there is great value in the Concordia Retirement Plan (CRP)pension. In fact, retirement benefits have been linked to lower stress, higher productivity and higher job satisfaction – not to mention a financially secure future. That makes the value of the CRP pension worth understanding and communicating to your workers. This presentation will provide insights for effectively talking about the pension (and 403(b) plan) with your workers.	Brian Page, Retirement Solutions - Concordia Plans	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)

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B10 - Culture Keys and Killers	Whether you are an administrator or a teacher, this breakout will provide the "keys" for building a positive, Christ-centered school culture and classroom culture. Participants will also be exposed to the "killers" of culture and how you can proactively avoid these pitfalls. If "culture eats strategy for lunch," get ready for a banquet full of the best (and worst) practices, research insights, and tips which can build or demolish a culture.	Jim Pingel, Faculty - Concordia University, Wisconsin/Keynote Speaker	DCE, Middle School, High School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)
B11 - Unpacking the Hidden Gems of Google Suite Tools	In this session, attendees will bring their own device and have the opportunity to explore the various capabilities of Google Suite (i.e., Docs, Sheets and Classroom). If time allows, attendees will investigate additional technology tools that can lift the level of learning and engagement (i.e., Prodigy, Duolingo, Boddle, Flip, Legends of Learning, etc.).	Michelle Sawyer & Perris Davidson, Teachers - St. Paul, Lakeland	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5)
B12 - Creating Intergenerational Touch Points To Encourage Sticky Faith	Come and learn ways to create spaces where intergenerational ministries can be more prioritized and less intimidating. The book Sticky Faith talks about how youth in the church need 7 people or touch points to create this 'sticky faith' that lasts them beyond their confirmation days. Often there are many members who love the idea of supporting the youth, but they don't know how to except by donating money to the youth trips. We will discuss attainable ideas to create more of these sticky faith touch points in churches today, including youth nights with sponsors, combined adult and youth bible study hour for a particular sermon series, and potluck nights to hear the stories of some of these long time members. Bring your ideas to share!	Kylee Sullivan, DCE, Faith, Merritt Island	DCE, Educational Leaders
B13 - Creating a Culture of Wellness in Your Ministry	Tips to create an environment of self-care and wellness in a school setting for a happier, healthier faculty and staff!	Greg Walton, Vice President - Grace Place Wellness	

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<b>Session C</b>			
C1 - A Teacher's Guide to using AI and the Latest Tech Tools	Discover how AI and other technology tools can be used to create lessons, generate classroom resources, and save lots of time! Join Lori for a beginner's guide to Artificial Intelligence. Learn how to use simple technology tools to enhance your instruction and have lots of fun along the way!	Lori Elliott, Keynote Speaker	Middle School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Elementary Education (K-5), Other, High School
C2 - Integrating Lutheran Identity into School Culture	Maintaining a Lutheran identity within the context of a diverse school environment can be difficult and even confusing. But strengthening and developing instruction in the classroom can be seen as an area for growth rather than something lost in the sea of day-to-day activities. This breakout will look at the purpose and strategies of retaining our confession in our schools.	Clayton Goupil, Middle School and High School Social Studies Teacher - Holy Cross, Sanford	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), DCE
C3 - Authentic Reflections of Children's Understandings of Faith & Bible Stories-LEA Spiritual Nurture - Module 3	This session will focus on LEA Spiritual Nurture Module 3 in which educators are encouraged to consider using child-authored artifacts which reflect the his/her understanding of Bible Stories and God's unconditional love for them as a child of God.	Cheryl Haun, EC Educational Specialist and Consultant - LEA	Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Elementary Education (K-5)
C4 - Bounce Back	Practical Tools for the Early Ed Classroom: This session will provide teachers with free tools they can use in their classroom on Monday, including a Friendly unit specifically written for the Early Ed Classroom! By modeling lessons, activities, and the rollout of these tools, we hope to equip teachers to support their students' needs in effective and developmentally appropriate ways.	Barbara Kindler Gains, Executive Assistant, Friendly - Friendly	Early Childhood (Preschool ages)
C5 - Practice, Prepare, Protect: Discovering the Value in Living a Healthy Lifestyle	Living a healthy lifestyle can feel overwhelming at times. We know it's important to eat right, exercise, reduce stress, etc., but where do we begin? Is it really necessary to do all the things, all the time? This presentation will help answer these questions, as well as simplify the process – providing tools and resources available for several areas of wellness. Together, we'll discover there IS value in living a healthy lifestyle so we can be well and serve well.	Kelly Menke, Health and Wellness Educator - Concordia Plans	All
C6 - Student Government Swap Meeting	In this breakout session, I will be sharing what we do and how we run Student Government in our school. This will be a sharing session where we can exchange ideas and ways to make the most out of the Student Government experience for our schools and students.	Paulette Mueller, Middle School Teacher - St. Michaels, Ft. Myers	Middle School
C7 - Distressed to De-Stressed: Nurturing Resilience in Students	In this session, we'll explore our God-given stress response system, describe how this system works using relatable and child-friendly language, and learn strategies to empower students to recognize and manage their emotions in healthy ways. Central to our discussion is the concept of resilience—a vital trait that helps individuals persevere in the face of change and challenges. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of the stress response system, and practical strategies to support students as they navigate life's ups and downs with confidence and courage. Let's empower the next generation to embrace challenges with faith, resilience, and strength.	Nicole Muth, Department Chair, Elementary Education - Concordia University, Wisconsin	Middle School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Elementary Education (K-5), High School
C8 - Unlocking Student Success: Mastering the Seven Essential Strategies for Teaching and Learning - Part 2	This breakout is designed to provide a cohesive approach to teaching strategies and assessment techniques. (You can attend this session even if you didn't attend Part 1.) In this session, we will focus on formative assessment and its role in providing ongoing feedback to students, summative assessment and how it can be used to measure student progress, the importance of offering students choice in their learning, and Lutheran wholehearted learning.	Adam Paape, Asst. Dean - Concordia University, Wisconsin	Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5), Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)
C9 - What's New in NLSA?	Information about NLSA protocol changes, new expectations, new NLSA website, online trainings, and hopefully an intro to the new online system.	Jon Peterson, MS Principal Grace, Winter Haven/Chair District Accreditation Commission	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)
C10 - Special Deliveries: Ways to Build Relationships	Everyone knows that relationships make the world go around. Whether you lead and serve students, teachers, parents, or colleagues, this breakout will explore many different ways you can build deeper relationships in your leadership, teaching, and personal vocations. Leave with tools, research tips, and time-tested insights--special deliveries--you can use to build meaningful relationships with others.	Jim Pingel, Faculty - Concordia University, Wisconsin/Keynote Speaker	ALL

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C11 - Coaching Like Jesus: Where Leading & Serving Intersect	Coaches deal with lots of different personalities while focusing on a common goal. And the same can be said for students/teachers, principals/parents, pastors/congregants, etc. What a blessing that Jesus (and His apostles) give us many examples of how a balance of leading & serving help us to focus on a common goal, faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You many not learn anything new, but hopefully you will get some encouragement and ideas on how much easier sharing Christ can be when you do it with a servant's heart.	Michael Popp, Pastor	High School, Elementary Education (K-5), Middle School, Other, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)
C12 - Be Unique with VBS	Are you tired of running the same Vacation Bible School (VBS) as every other church in your community? Do you struggle to keep families engaged throughout the entire program? Are you looking for ways to connect with visiting families even weeks after VBS has ended? And wouldn't it be great to save some money on VBS too? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have the perfect solution for you! Join us for an informative and engaging workshop where you will learn how to design and implement a unique VBS tailored specifically to the needs of your community and congregation.	Dave Timmerman, Director of Community Relationships	DCE, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)
C13 - Digital Marketing for the Lutheran School	External and internal marketing are important for our Lutheran schools as we desire to reach our community with the saving Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Digital marketing has a powerful reach, plus it is easy to adjust as availability in certain classes changes. The messages being sent must be paired with follow-up on every lead. There are platforms that will help with this process.	Sharon Wallace, Principal, St. Paul, Peachtree City	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)
C14 - Mental Health and Social Media	There is growing research about the effects of social media on kids. Some good and some not good. How do we help kids balance life with social media? What should we be aware of and look out for as kids (and adults) navigate life at our fingertips? In this workshop we will discuss the benefits, side effects and missteps with social media as well as share tips for children and adults to find balance when navigating social media.	Megan Miessler, Executive Director, Lutheran Counseling Services	All