

Session #	Leader	Name	Audience	Breakout Session Title	Description of Session
Session A - Wednesday - 3:15 pm					
Session A1	Annette	Anschutz	Early Childhood (Preschool ages)	Play, Tinkering with STEAM, and Assessment - Part 1	Part I. Presenting a Shared Understanding of STEAM As early childhood professionals, teachers of children ages three through five are uniquely positioned to be leaders in demonstrating how play-filled experiences for their students are essential to learning.
Session A2	Nicole	Heerlein	DCE, Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5), Early Childhood (Preschool ages)	Travel the World with Gospel Adventures	Maybe you have traveled with LHM and Gospel Adventures to Peru or Thailand during National Lutheran Schools Week, and thought: "I wish I had more time!" Guess what? You do! Each year, Gospel Adventures offers five days' worth of activities, videos, games, and more. Dig into the Wild About Kenya curriculum and see how you can use this free curriculum throughout the year, and get a sneak peek at our 2026 location!
Session A3	Jim	Pingel	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), High School, Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5)	Moses Ministry Moments: Overcoming Basket Cases, Imposter Syndrome, and Plagues in Education on the Way to the Promised Land	Does your ministry life sometimes make you feel like a "basket case"? Do you suffer from imposter syndrome? Or do you work or interact with "basket cases" or people who doubt they are fit for ministry—that they "aren't supposed to be here"? How well are you confronting, engaging, and energetically meeting the challenges or plagues in ministry—like burnout, life/work harmony, artificial intelligence, and the changing realities and expectations of teaching and working with students and parents in a VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex, ambiguous) time? In this session, you'll be renewed, recharged, inspired, and equipped to better serve with "undimmed" eyes and "vigor unabated" (Deuteronomy 34:7) as Moses did "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14).
Session A4	Amanda	Reed	Early Childhood (Preschool ages)	Benefits of incorporating immersive themed dramatic play centers!	Ways to incorporate themed dramatic play centers into the early childhood classroom. How to make them immersive and engaging!
Session A5	Mychal	Thom	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Middle School, High School	Belonging in the Classroom	Student Belonging: The True Heartbeat of the School In today's world, there is much emphasis on the idea of belonging. Societies, companies, and schools are being tasked with the responsibility of creating an environment of belonging so that citizens, employees, students, faculty, and staff can feel a part of the environment and contribute the best version of themselves. But how do we approach this topic from Christ's perspective? How do we engage students first with the foundation that they belong to Him? In what ways can we encourage an environment of true belonging in our schools so that this is a sense that students carry with them beyond our walls no matter what circumstance they find themselves in? Using the basis of Matthew 9:36-38, this seminar will focus on the biblical foundation of belonging. In addition, using interactive sessions, topics will be discussed and strategies offered for school leaders, faculty and staff to support an environment of true belonging for the school community based on current research. Also, attendees will investigate the idea that it may be normal that one may not always feel like they fit in, but they can still feel a sense of belonging in all situations. Attendees will engage in small group conversations, active learning, and large group discussions throughout the seminar.
Session A6	Michael	Yurk	DCE, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Middle School	B.Y.O.B. (Bible, you Heathens)	Little light on your Bible history, or not sure how to incorporate all 66 into lessons? DCE Mike Yurk presents his year 3 of 3 of confirmation- going through each of the books of the Bible and highlighting key verses, fun verses, Messianic Prophecies, and more! Certainly not exhaustive, but if you're looking for a quick way to get middle schoolers into their Bibles and reading a bit more, this can be a jumping off point.
Session A7	Jennifer	Bigler	Elementary & Middle	Fun Activities to Build Teamwork, Literacy, and Leadership Skills in Students	Come and learn effective techniques to engage students in the classroom. Leave with activities and ideas you can try immediately!
Session A8	Becky	Chaplin	DCE, Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Elementary Education (K-5), Other, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	Not Just A Chapel Message	You've been asked to do the chapel message again... Whether as a teacher, pastor, or any leader, we've all been asked to do the chapel message. We've Googled countless object lessons and can skillfully turn any on-hand prop into a last-minute metaphor. But what if we could make every chapel message simple, interactive, and Gospel-focused? Learn how to easily and intentionally plan any children's message with engaging activities, science experiments, and memorable connections to the Gospel-- all to transform students into lifelong disciples of Jesus.

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Session A9	Allison	Crabb	Middle School, High School, Elementary Education (K-5)	AI: When to Fear and When to Cheer	AI has quickly become a focal point in society. While there are plenty of reasons to be cautious of the dangers in the classroom related to AI, there are also many ways in which it can benefit your students in their education. This session will cover it all. The good, the bad, and the ugly of AI in the classroom.
Session A10	Keith	Duesenberg	DCE, Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5), High School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	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 Plans and why we still need to be diligent with our personal savings. Keith will discuss our savings opportunities in the Concordia Retirement Savings Plan and how our roster status can affect this option.
Session A11	Jason	Zehnder	Elementary Education (K-5), High School, Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Middle School	Project Learning Tree	Project Learning Tree (FL) is a state branch of a nationwide non-partisan organization dedicated to the idea of fostering a love of the outdoors & nature in students from early education through college by using experiential learning as well as standards-based curricula designed by top educators throughout the nation. Here in Florida, PLT work with & through UF IFAS (Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences), the Florida Forest Service (part of the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®), & many, many others in both the private & public sectors. PLT trainers (like me! Jason Z!) inspire & encourage educators to take students outdoors to learn as well as provide them with the training, resources, & lesson plans
Session A12	Megan Miessler		DCE, Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5), High School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	The Anxious Narrative	Anxiety is increasing in all of us. You are not immune at any age to struggling with thoughts of "what if?" Or spiraling down trains of "I am never going to...." From elementary through high school we see anxiety present itself in all different ways. How are the words we say in the classroom encouraging anxious narratives? What can we do assist those struggling with anxiety? Do we even know who they are or what they look like? In this session we are going to take a look at anxiety in children, adolescents and adults, focusing in on the narratives that we say out loud and that we think in our own brains.
Session B Thursday - 10:45 am					
Session B1	Annette	Anschutz	Early Childhood (Preschool ages)	Play, Tinkering with STEAM, and Assessment - Part 2	Part II. Tinkering and Problem Solving Experience - As "tinkerers," participants will explore a variety of loose parts materials as they discover how to engage children in solving a problem related to a children book using science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills.
Session B2	Katey Battreal	& Allison Kindred	Elementary Education (K-5)	From Bored to Blessed: Making Elementary Religion Come Alive	Looking to energize your religion classroom and spark deeper student engagement? In this interactive session, discover creative strategies that make faith come alive through connection, curiosity, and collaboration. Explore how thoughtfully designed learning experiences can encourage meaningful discussion, critical thinking, and real-world application. Walk away with fresh ideas you can implement right away—come ready to be inspired!
Session B3	Keith	Dusenberg	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	Bridging the Gap: Communicating the Value of Your Concordia Retirement Benefits	In today's competitive education landscape, strong retirement benefits are not just perks—they're powerful tools for retention and long-term staff satisfaction. This presentation is intended for school leaders who want to better understand how to leverage the Concordia Retirement Plan pension and Concordia Retirement Savings Plan 403(b) to retain top talent and support financial wellness across the school community. We'll explore practical strategies for clearly communicating the value of these benefits to educators and support staff, many of whom may not fully realize their long-term financial impact.

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Session B4	Rusty	Huseman	Middle School, Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Elementary Education (K-5), Other, High School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	State of the State: Court Decisions and Kingdom Work	Attendees will hear of recent cases that impact our ministries.
Session B5	Jon	Peterson	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	JetPack and Accreditation	Now that the schools are nearly a year into the JetPack era of accreditation it is time to share what has been learned about the online system and the impacts that it has had on the accreditation process. Let's talk important tips and tricks that we have learned! All school and EC administrators will want to get a preview as all NLSA accreditation will be moving online into JetPack.
Session B6	Jeff	Potter	DCE, Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5), Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), High School	The Importance of Self Care for You and Your Ministry	When you're a professional church worker, you are allowed to take care of yourself! Yes, we all know the ways to maintain the balance of a healthy lifestyle, but as a professional church worker, are you practicing what you preach? This workshop is centered around the topic of "Self-Care" within your ministry. The breakout will provide practical steps to improve "self-care" for the individual worker, as well as provide ways leadership can foster "Self-Care" within their staff.
Session B7	Jeff & Anette	Shanks	DCE, Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Elementary Education (K-5)	Chapels that Connect	This is not a workshop about theory. We will get busy presenting how we approach, plan and get children involved in chapels in both our times with Preschool students and Elementary students separately. We will share free resources for all who participate.
Session B8	Mark	Anschutz	Elementary Education (K-5), Middle School	Artful Thinking	Step into a world where creativity is limitless and the journey is more important than the outcome. In this inspiring art workshop, we'll shift the focus from the final product to the creative process, unlocking the wonder and possibility that lies simply in creating. By embracing experimentation and open-ended exploration, participants will learn how to nurture imagination and curiosity—essential tools for unlocking the wonderful secrets of tomorrow. Whether you're an educator, caregiver, or creative thinker, this session will empower you to foster a growth mindset through art and spark the future one creative moment at a time.
Session B9	Jenna	Clark	DCE, Elementary Education (K-5), Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Middle School	From Meltdown to Meaning: The Power of Connection	When students "flip their lid," it's not just behavior—it's brain science. In this session, we'll explore what happens in the brain during a meltdown and what factors contribute. Then we'll focus on practical ways to build strong connections so correction becomes more effective and meaningful. You'll leave with ready-to-use emotional regulation strategies and tools to help students stay calm, connected, and in control.
Session B10	Jim	Pingel	DCE, Middle School, High School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Elementary Education (K-5)	Applied Emotional Intelligence for the Christian Leader and Teacher	The more our world relies on AI, the more it will need people with compelling EQ. High-tech supply has led to a high touch demand. In this session we will examine the latest research and best practices in emotional literacy and emotional intelligence, and how to use it to make a bigger impact and deeper connection with people--your fellow educational leaders, colleagues, parents, and your students. We will explore tips and strategies on how to grow and deploy your "soft" or meta skills, people and connection skills, agency, and self-efficacy. Improving, enhancing, and learning to apply your EQ will make you a more effective leader, teacher, and steward of God's gifts and talents. Most importantly, using and applying your EQ will strengthen your daily ministry you as you share Jesus and the Good News.
Session B11	Michael & Jessa	Popp	Other	Protecting Your Marriage When Ministry Gets Hard!	For the majority of our 27 plus years of marriage, my wife and I have allowed our ministries serving God to come before our marriage vows to each other (and still struggle at times.) It took me becoming a pastor and doing premarital counseling to realize all the things we have done wrong and some of the changes we have had to make. We would like to share our story and share some practical steps we took and how we continue to reflect and make changes as our lives continue to change. While we know every marriage and every situation is different, we hope and pray that through our discussion and sharing, this is a topic we can talk about a little easier without fear or judgment.

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Session B12	Chris	McKenna	DCE, Other, Middle School, High School, Elementary Education (K-5), Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	Leading the Anxious Generation Six School Digital Discipleship Best Practices that Protect and Prepare Staff, Families, and Children in an Increasingly Complex Digital World.	Teach children to be responsible digital disciples as realize their full God-given human potential in a digital world that is increasingly hostile toward children. Learn six best practices to guide students, staff, and families to be responsible digital disciples.
Session B13	Sarah	Salzberg	DCE, Elementary Education (K-5), High School, Other, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Middle School	Building Blocks of Faith: Teaching Yahweh's Character	Let's be honest, trying to teach everything in the Bible can be overwhelming. And oftentimes the stories don't even seem appropriate to be reading to middle schoolers, let alone kindergartners. So let's spend time laying a foundation with kids using the words that Yahweh has to describe Himself. Then you can build upon the base each year with more and more stories that reveal who He is. And just as Paul says, you'll realize that those traits are the foundation of our faith because they are who Christ is.
Session B14	Michelle	Sawyer	Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5), High School	The Art of Revision & Retakes	As educators, if our goal is to help each learner grow, what strategies can help create a learning environment in which the productive struggle is acknowledged and students are not punished by grades through the learning process? We will look through the lens of a math learning environment, but take the time to apply to other academic areas, too. From daily practice to assessments, we will unpack the power of offering revision and retake opportunities to empower the learner and embrace of the idea of "not yet."
Session C - Thursday - 2:00 pm					
Session C1	Annette	Anschutz	Early Childhood (Preschool ages)	Play, Tinkering with STEAM, and Assessment - Part 3	Part III. Aligning the Experience to the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards (2017) As teachers, they will use Early Learning Standards to reflect and assess how children's knowledge and skills are demonstrated throughout the experience.
Session C2	Scott	Henze	Early Childhood (Preschool ages), Elementary Education (K-5), High School, Middle School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	Marketing with Proven Results! Knowing who you are. Knowing who you serve.	Marketing with Proven Results! You don't need a degree to be good at marketing your school and church. Join us as we explore proven ways to maximize your outreach with minimal to no cost.
Session C3	Chloe	Brock	Elementary Education (K-5), Middle School	Step into Learning	I have a passion for in depth, transformation style learning. Changing your learning environment to fit what you are studying, to engage and excite your learners. This works- just like they do for the younger students-with your "too cool" upper elementary and middle school students. How can you (without breaking your budget or overworking yourself) engage your learners in an EXPERIENCE driven learning environment? This is particularly effective when you can incorporate multiple subjects-and Jesus!
Session C4	Keith	Dusenberg	DCE, High School, Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5), Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Other, Early Childhood (Preschool ages)	Thriving with a Culture of Wellness	What does a culture of wellness look like? What can you do to help support such a culture, regardless of the role in which you serve? Why is a culture of wellness important? Research shows that when individuals are healthy and/or workers feel as though their health matters, they may have: Less stress Higher job satisfaction Higher productivity Less absenteeism Lower turnover rate; higher job retention Decreased health care costs Come learn about actions you can take and resources available to help you build this supportive culture at your ministry.
Session C5	Samuel	Fishburn	Elementary Education (K-5), Middle School	Unleashing the Power of Note Taking	This session will explore how to elevate and maximize the traditional note taking process in intermediate and middle grade classrooms. We will discuss how to make note taking interactive, meaningful, and discuss different methods based on intended use. This session will be a hands-on session, fully modeling the different processes that are discussed.

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Session C6	Nicole	Heerlein	DCE, High School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Other	Who Can Reach Gen Z with the Gospel?	Who can reach Gen Z with the Gospel? The answer: Gen Z! Gen Z is ready and willing, even eager, to share life, faith, and Jesus with friends. Join LHM in conversation to learn how to help Gen Z have authentic spiritual conversations with their friends, pointing them to Jesus. LHM has developed a free resource especially for those who interact with Gen Z high schoolers through youth groups, schools, and families. Learn practical ways to equip Gen Z to share what's most important, with wisdom and grace.
Session C7	Clay	Goupil	High School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.), Middle School	Building a Bridge Between our Schools and the Concordias	This session will examine ways we can better prioritize catechesis in the classroom with the intent of encouraging students to consider careers as church workers and pastors.
Session C8	Valerie	Londono	Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	Hindsight is 20/20: Lessons Learned from Real-Life Legal Challenges	Christian schools in the PreK-12 environment face a variety of legal challenges—some foreseeable and some seemingly out of left field. This workshop will explore real-life hypothetical scenarios faced by fellow Christian schools and explore best practices and strategies on how to avoid or mitigate the effects of these type of scenarios, including legal issues in admissions, discipline, employment, or expulsion. Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) is the world's largest legal organization committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, the sanctity of life, marriage and family, and parental rights. ADF offers legal support to Christian PreK-12 schools through its Church & Ministry Alliance program.
Session C9	Rachael Mayberry & Jennifer Loewe		Elementary Education (K-5)	The Heart of the Issue- Supporting Students with Trauma in the Classroom	Every year more and more students with trauma are entering the four walls of our classroom. As Christian educators, not only do we want to take steps toward behavior modification but we want to support the whole child towards healing and wholeness. In this session, we will equip educators with the knowledge of how trauma can present in the classroom, helpful classroom management strategies, and provide more "tools" for their trauma-informed toolbox.
Session C10	Chris	McKenna	DCE, Other, Middle School, High School, Elementary Education (K-5), Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	Leading the Anxious Generation Six School Digital Discipleship Best Practices that Protect and Prepare Staff, Families, and Children in an Increasingly Complex Digital World.	Teach children to be responsible digital disciples as realize their full God-given human potential in a digital world that is increasingly hostile toward children. Learn six best practices to guide students, staff, and families to be responsible digital disciples.
Session C11	Sarah	Salzberg	DCE, Other, Elementary Education (K-5), Middle School, High School, Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	So Much to Chew On: How to Read the Old Testament	Have you ever tried swallowing a steak whole? Maybe not literally, but that's how most Christians approach reading Scripture, especially the Old Testament. Psalm 1 tells us to meditate on Yahweh's Word, yet we don't often take the time to truly chew on it. Like savoring a delicious meal, not only do we need the time to really digest and enjoy reading Hebrew meditative wisdom literature, but we also need to set the table with the right tools to do so.
Session C12	Michelle	Sawyer	Elementary Education (K-5), Middle School	Community Cohesion	Within the classroom, teachers are always balancing the endless list of objectives and the very real time constraints of a school day. This session would explore a variety of community building games that engage students in the first 3-5 minutes and help set them up to then dive into learning. Participants would leave with a toolbox of community games and a clear understanding of how they add value to any learning environment.
Session C13	Megan	Miessler	DCE, Early Childhood (Preschool ages), High School, Other, Middle School, Elementary Education (K-5), Educational Leaders (Principal, Assistant Principal, Directors, etc.)	What About You??	The forgotten person in your classroom most of the time is yourself. You prioritize your students needs, their schedules and all the mandated requirements you have to meet over your own needs. We can often call that being selfless but when does that selflessness go too far and become harmful? We think it is time you attend our session and give just 45 minutes back to yourself so you can brainstorm ways to be healthier and prioritize yourself while caring for others
Session C14	Sara	Willocks	Elementary Education (K-5), Early Childhood (Preschool ages)	The Keys to Effective Classroom Management	Are you looking for fun and effective ways to encourage positive behavior in your classroom? Come learn different strategies to help create an environment where students are engaged, excited to learn, and strive to meet classroom expectations.