

2023 Lutheran Educators Conference

Keynote Session Descriptions

BE THERE WITH ME - Constancy through Change and Clarity through Confusion

Chris Singer - Monday, 11/20 8:30 - 9:15

Learn how your presence in the classroom creates a constancy that helps students find stability in the times they are a-changin. Discover how a determined, constant presence also provides clarity in a land of confusion.

Target Audience: ALL

Staying Grounded Amidst the Stormy Seas: The 7 Constant Needs of Students to Learn

Liesl McConchie - Monday, 11/20 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Amidst the tumultuous storms of our day, and waves of educational trends, it can be easy to lose our footing in what matters most. What are the core essentials that students need to be able to learn and thrive? Rooted in cognitive neuroscience, we'll explore the 7 prerequisites students need for learning to happen in school. Join international speaker and best-selling author for an enlightening session that will lift your spirits and give you tools to ensure all students are learning at high levels.

Target Audience: ALL

PreK-12 Digital Storytelling: How Using Tech for Good can Lead to Active Global Citizenship

LeeAnne Lavender - Tuesday, 11/21 8:30 - 9:15 AM

Description: Many of our schools have mission and vision statements that include aspects of service and active global citizenship. That goal - of helping our students become informed, thoughtful, reflective, and compassionate active global citizens - is so important. Digital storytelling can provide curricular entry points to build our students' awareness, intercultural understanding, and sense of vocation, as well as many opportunities for advocacy and digital citizenship. In this keynote session, we'll explore the "what", "why" and "how" of digital storytelling to inspire you to try this tech-for-good approach when you get back to your school. In addition, digital storytelling offers project-based strategies and innovative assessments, alongside a process-driven approach that is "uncheatable" in this era of accessible AI tools. The icing on the cake is the communication and interview aspect of digital storytelling... get ready to become an engaged and passionate digital storyteller!

Target Audience: ALL

Supporting the Wholistic Development of the Youth We Serve

Liesl McConchie - Tuesday, 11/21 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Description: As educators, we know our students need more than just content knowledge. The list of things to teach the “whole child” can feel never-ending and overwhelming. What matters most? And how can we support their wholistic development without burning out, or sacrificing time to teach academics? Recent breakthroughs in cognitive neuroscience reveal the importance of supporting students in these four areas: academic, physical, self-concept, and social development. This empowering session will leave you feeling capable and confident to support the wholistic development of the youth you serve.

Target Audience: ALL

BE THERE WITH ME - Connecting Caring Comfort in Conflict and Confidence facing Chaos

Tuesday, 11/21 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Find out ways of including care and comfort to your physical and emotional presence in the classroom. Identify practical ways to provide confidence in times of chaos and disorder.

Target Audience: ALL

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Breakout Session Descriptions - Monday, 11/20 1:00 - 2:00 PM

101- Using Empathy, Science, and SEL to Support Struggling Students - Liesl McConchie

The collective trauma and chronic stress of the past several years has taken a toll on all of us – educators and students. Academic scores have plummeted. Behavior problems have skyrocketed. What is the way forward? This session will explore the neurobiology of stress and its relation to learning and behavior. We'll unpack the evidence-based tools to design learning experiences and environments needed for students in 2023. Come learn specific tools to transform apathy to effort, and hopelessness to confident learners. **Target Audience(s):**

Resource teachers, Sped, Counselors

102- Building Effective Readers in Middle Elementary Grades - Sharon Dunn

How do we improve reading outcomes for middle elementary grades? Do your students read accurately, fluently and with comprehension? Teachers and school leaders will learn how the science of reading informs assessment & instruction and provide direction for core instruction and small group instruction in the essential early literacy skills based on data. This session helps bridge the gap between research and practice. **Target Audience(s): Grades 3-6, Admin**

103- Storytelling IS your marketing: 3 strategies to share your school's identity in clear ways with prospective families. - LeeAnne Lavender

This session is designed for school leaders, marketing teams, and anyone invested in shaping and sharing your school's story. In this session, you'll explore how to assess the current story you share via your website and other communication channels, and design a plan to share your story more purposefully to showcase your school mission, vision and strengths. You can create a meaningful story to help prospective families understand what's special about your school and this session will show you how. **Target Audience(s): Admin, Admissions**

104- Early Literacy and the Science of Reading: Unraveling the Rope for Early Learners (Part 1) - Kimberly Stockton

A Science of Reading classroom helping students develop strong oral language and phonological awareness skills should still be a joyful one to really deliver outcomes. Join this session for an insightful exploration to delve into Scarborough's Reading Rope, a valuable tool for comprehending the intricate process of learning to read. A visual analysis will highlight the crucial language components required for effective skill development. This session is designed to examine the instructional strands and align them with targeted approaches to support early learners in developing the critical skills needed to begin their reading journey. **Target Audience(s): Ece, K-2 Elem, Admin, ECE Admin, reading and resource specialists**

105- The Resilient Teacher: Managing Stress and Developing Resilience- Amanda Beaver

It is no secret that the field of education can create high levels of emotional and physical exhaustion. This session will equip teachers and administrators with simple skills to utilize when facing stress, discuss strategies for preventing stress, and understand how to "bounce back" when adversity hits. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Mental Health, Admissions, Sped, Counselors, DCEs**

106- United in Coming Alongside School Families at the Intersection of Faith and Life -Tanya Calendo

Families need Jesus! God is taking the school's strength of community to a new level as Christ Greenfield's Family of Ministries (church & school) united to come alongside school families. In October of 2022, school households were surveyed on what their needs were that they also trusted Christ Greenfield to offer them help and hope. Hear highlights of the data that may be reflective of the needs of your school families too. Learn how this data lead to dreaming, designing, and delivering a dynamic family ministry for our school families, so you can too! Hear insights and ideas from Pastor Michael Heiden, Next Gen Director, Rachel Bredow, Social Emotional Specialist Chelsea Davies, and Preschool Director, Tiffani Spicer who have joined

with me in shaping ministry for school families. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Church Leadership, DCEs**

**107- Become a Prompt Expert with AI such as ChatGpt, Bard, or Magic Write with Canva-
Lauralyn Vasquez**

Join us for an interactive breakout session that explores the potential of AI writing assistants like ChatGPT, Bard, and Magic Write with Canva to enhance and transform educational practices. Delve into the world of AI in education, learn how these tools work, and discover their benefits and limitations. This session will equip you with strategies for crafting effective prompts, adapting them to different age groups and subjects, and integrating AI writing assistants into your lesson plans. Get hands-on experience developing prompts, and discuss practical applications and best practices for using these tools in the classroom. Attendees will leave the session with a deeper understanding of AI's role in education and the skills to harness its potential responsibly. **Target Audience(s): Elem, MS, HS, Sped**

108- Fully Known and Truly Loved - Showing God's Love to the LGBTQ Community - Mark Schulz

The Lutheran churches and schools of today find themselves in a society that is changing rapidly. No where is this more evident than when it comes to LGBTQ issues. With the challenges this brings there is also great opportunity, as many LGBTQ people are asking spiritual questions and searching for places of connection to the church. Can our churches and schools remain faithful to our beliefs and at the same time show God's love and grace to the LGBTQ people we encounter in our congregations and in our community? Yes we can! **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Admissions, Counselors, DCEs**

109- Lutherans have been doing SEL all along! - Lori Doyle and Michael Schafer

Is there a place for Social Emotional Learning in Lutheran Schools, you ask? Why yes! Lutheran Schools have been embracing the tenets of SEL all along in that we see each student who walks into a classroom as fearfully and wonderfully made, an individual who is more than just the grades on their report card. Come to a session to learn how Lutherans can be taking back the language of Social Emotional Learning according to our context, our schools, and our worldview. Dr. Lori Doyle, director of the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership program at Concordia University Irvine, developed the curriculum for a specialization in Social Emotional Learning, Character, and Ethics and will share about the Lutheran Christian lens that makes SEL not only appropriate, but necessary, in today's Lutheran School classrooms and schools. Mr. Michael Schafer, licensed therapist and school counselor at Christ Lutheran School in Phoenix, will share about his experience teaching SEL classes for different grade levels and the challenges associated with finding resources. Together, Lori and Michael hope to distill fears about

whether or not there is a place for SEL in Lutheran Schools. Yes, SEL can and is being used by agendas with which we disagree, but that does not mean SEL is the agenda. Let's claim back SEL for our Lutheran Schools by understanding the language and embracing the goal: whole child education that celebrates the mind and heart of each child. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, School counselors, other school/church staff**

110- Magi Moments: Helping kids see Jesus in the world around them. - Elena Fox

Get to know the "Mini Magi" from the dynamic new Advent program, Wise Men Seek the Savior. In this session, you will learn how to use object lessons to strengthen children's foundational understandings of Biblical truths. Explore ways to build on those foundations year after year by adding layers of greater meaning as children grow and mature. We will use the Mini Magi to connect modern Christmas traditions with God's plan of Salvation through engaging object lessons and fun family activities. This session will be packed with practical ideas, tips, and tools to bring the Mini Magi concept to life in your home, church or classroom. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Early Elem, DCEs**

111-Finding the key: Unlocking the power of awareness - Mark Cheney

Awareness is the key to unlocking human performance. Culture and technology, however, conspire to disrupt connection to our inner world. In this interactive workshop, you'll learn how self-awareness affects students' ability to learn, adapt, and perform both in and out of the classroom, and you'll take home ways to guide your students in developing their self-awareness. **Target Audience(s): Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Counselors**

112- Lutheranism 101- Tom Zelt

We have an awesome understanding of God's Word that makes us distinctive and grace-filled! With fewer teachers on our staff coming out of our Lutheran colleges, what can we do so we keep our the wonderful truths that make us Lutheran in the best sense. How do we help our new staff realize the "Lutheran distinctives" that we treasure based on God's Word? This session addresses what is possible and provides resources to help that happen so we are better equipped to teach the great things God has done. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin**

113- Sports as a Platform for Christ - Geoff House

In a selfie-crazed, win-at-all-costs sports culture of insta-dunks, human highlight reels, and NIL deals that is permeating from the college level down to our high school and middle school athletes, the job of a Christian coach to develop a team-first culture can seem daunting. While attempting to take back control may seem like the answer, Coach House presents on how athletic coaches can use sports as a platform to teach Christian values, build character and community, and ultimately, prepare young men and women to be Christ-centered leaders of

their families and workplaces. Through stories, practical application, and good ol' fashioned motivation, Coach House will provide valuable insights to unleash the transformative power of sports in shaping the lives and faith of our students. **Target Audience(s): MS, HS, Admin, Athletics**

114- Resources to Help You Be Well - Steve Gruenwald

Caring for your health is necessary for you to care for others. Come and learn why we care for ourselves; that self-care isn't selfish; and hear about the programs and resources available to members of the Concordia Health Plan – such as Sword, Omada, the EAP (and so much more!) – to help you be at your best physically and mentally as you serve your church and school. **Target Audience(s): Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Admission, Sped, Counselors, DCEs**

115- Exploring Western Culture & Social Dynamics - A Course for first year International Students - Joanna Abrantes and Sarah Moyer

As a means of enhancing the international students' experience in Southern California and knowledge in a variety of interdisciplinary subjects, Crean Lutheran High School developed the Western Culture and Social Dynamics course. This session will detail aspects of this unique and innovative class, including its design, implementation, faith integration, approval as a UC College Preparatory Elective Course, and facilitation. This distinctive 16-day Saturday course is designed to facilitate in-class instruction before venturing out to a Southern California destination as a co-curricular activity to enhance the students' real-world knowledge. **Target Audience(s): MS, HS, Admin, International**

116- Lockdown Drills and You: Creating Safe and Effective Drills for All Ages and Abilities - Adam Coughran

Active shooter and lockdown drills are stressful for many school administrators. From young students crying because of their fear of hiding in the dark to older students realizing why such drills are necessary, there is seemingly no "good" way to conduct these drills. Add in the complexities of involving students with special needs and it becomes an even more daunting task, leaving many administrators and parents opting to remove students from the drill altogether. In this session, learn how to create and run trauma-informed and age-appropriate drills for students of all abilities, safely and effectively. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Sped**

117- This is Your Brain on Music - Christian Hauser and Carmen Hauser

There is plenty of evidence on the benefits of technology in the classroom, however, it is not always clear what works well in the music room. We will focus the session on the question many Music Teachers seem to ask; "Is it worth it to add this technology at the expense of direct music

rehearsal or theory practice?" I will cover many different technologies and we will discuss direct applications for the music room. Technologies included will be Blooket, Flip (formerly known as FlipGrid), and more! **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Sped, Arts, Counselors**

118- K-9 Comfort Dogs - More than Cute and Cuddly - Chris Singer

The Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry does involve cute and cuddly Golden Retrievers. However, there is so much more to this ministry. Come and discover how this ministry goes beyond the cute and cuddly into the deeply relational opportunities for sharing the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus to those who are suffering and in need. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Admissions, Sped, Arts**

119- MAP Growth reports for teachers, administrators and prospective partners - Kelli Shipp

Participants will learn how to access their reports, analyze their data, and develop an action plan to maximize student growth and inform instruction in the classroom. **Target Audience(s): Elem, MS, HS, Admin., Counselors,**

120- Contest Math - Enhance Your Math Curriculum - Robby Cherry

Contest Math can be a beneficial compliment to traditional math curriculum. Math contests encourage students to think outside the box and solve problems with creative solutions. I will show how contest math can be offered at various levels to enhance student learning. I will show how adding contest math comes with little cost and commitment on the part of schools and faculty, but have great benefit for students. **Target Audience(s): Elem, MS, HS, Admin**

121- Little People, Big Emotions - Karen Merritt

Emotions can be big and often intimidating to even the youngest of our children. Join us as we talk about how to help our young children understand, process, and communicate their emotions to you and others around them. Come and learn about practical strategies and tools that you can start incorporating in your daily classroom schedules. We'll also talk about ways to help your students' parents as they navigate big emotions at home. **Target Audience(s): ECE**

122- Supportive Relationships: The Unique Roles of Counselors, Mentors, Coaches, and Spiritual Directors - Rev. Dominic J. Rivkin

In order for the people in our ministries to grow in their life with God and one another, we as leaders must understand that we do not walk alone. There are a host of supportive relationships which help enhance our overall health and effectiveness as ministry leaders. This session will explore the unique roles of Counselors, Mentors, Coaches, and Spiritual Directors and the connections offered to each through the Pacific Southwest District. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin Admissions, Sped, Arts**

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Breakout Session Descriptions - Monday, 11/20 2:15 - 3:15 PM

201- The 3-Part Cure to “Math is Boring!” - Liesl McConchie

Teaching secondary math requires more than the same worn out “tricks” to motivate learners. Come discover the three most powerful universal student motivators that light a fuse in every student’s brain. Being able to achieve broad and meaningful mathematic engagement requires all learners to be in a motivated state for learning. Although it is possible for students to access these brain states on their own, an equitable teacher will orchestrate these states for all. This session outlines the three universal motivators that are active across all genders, race, ethnicities, and backgrounds. Participants will learn what they are and how to activate them in all students. **Target Audience(s): MS/HS math teachers**

202- Using MTSS to Bring the Science of Reading to Light: How to Improve Reading Outcomes Against All Odds - Sharon Dunn

How do we prepare our most vulnerable elementary students to read? How do we begin? This session is urgent and timely. Now, more than ever, we must double-down on instructional evidence-based practices that are proven to accelerate student learning in reading; it is about equity of instruction. In this session, administrators and teachers will learn how to use MTSS to build instructional capacity to improve reading outcomes through the Science of Reading. Now is the time to innovate, develop a plan, and commit to preventing reading failure and creating a better future for our students. **Target Audience(s): Elem K-2, Admin**

203- Deep listening for empathy and intercultural understanding: how to embed listening experiences into everyday teaching and learning so your students feel seen, heard and valued. - LeeAnne Lavender

Our students' social and emotional learning (SEL) can be deeply connected to how they feel seen and heard in your classroom. And the way our students understand themselves, their communities, and issues of local and global importance can also be impacted by the opportunities we give them to experience authentic connection with others. In this session, you'll explore strategies and tools for embedding deep listening into many types of learning experiences to achieve deeper engagement and learning, intercultural understanding, reflection and a sense of belonging. This session will include approaches for all ages of learners, PreK-grade 12 **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Sped, Arts**

204- Early Literacy and the Science of Reading: Continue the Journey to Unlock Literacy for Early Learners (Part 2) - Kimberly Stockton

Join in Part 2 of this learning experience to investigate how phonology is related to oral language development. This session will dig more deeply into the strands of literacy to uncover the connected principles of semantics, morphology, syntax, and prosody that build the foundation for early reading skills. Learn strategies to facilitate oral language development through language-stimulation strategies, questioning protocols, and interactive storybook routines.

Target Audience(s): Ece, K-2 Elem, Admin, ECE Admin, reading and resource specialist

205- Effective Conflict Resolution in the Workplace - Amanda Beaver

Matthew 18: 15-17 provides clear direction on managing conflict with others, but how do we approach those uncomfortable situations? This session will explore how different personality types react to conflict, an understanding of our brain's response when facing conflict, and how to overcome our biological and emotional instincts to manage conflicts with others (students, parents, coworkers, etc). in a healthy, productive way. Conflict is inevitable in the workplace. But when handled effectively, it can actually be a positive force for change. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Teacher Mental Health, Counselors, DCEs**

206- School Expansion - The Micro Movement - Tanya Calendo, Nathan Stevens, and Emily Hollendonner

Christ Greenfield operates a generally large preschool and grade school. After years of prayer and planning with partnerships in mind, Christ Greenfield High School launched this past fall. As a micro-school with a hybrid model, we've changed the blueprint of what school expansion must look like. Come learn about our process and get tips and insight for your ministries seeking possible expansion. **Target Audience(s): HS, Admin, Admissions**

207- Digital Citizenship in Today's World - Lauralyn Vasquez

What is digital citizenship exactly? Is it a list of don't, do's, or something else entirely? Engaging as a healthy citizen can be tricky wherever you are. Come learn how to help our students and families engage in fun digital citizenship all while we keep our students safe. **Target Audience(s): Elem, MS, HS, Admin**

208- Fully Known and Truly Loved - Showing God's Love to the LGBTQ Community - Mark Schulz (This is a repeat of the information shared in session 108.)

The Lutheran churches and schools of today find themselves in a society that is changing rapidly. No where is this more evident than when it comes to LGBTQ issues. With the challenges this brings there is also great opportunity, as many LGBTQ people are asking spiritual questions and searching for places of connection to the church. Can our churches and schools remain

faithful to our beliefs and at the same time show God's love and grace to the LGBTQ people we encounter in our congregations and in our community? Yes we can! **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Admissions, Counselors, DCEs**

209- Research-based strategies for a school-wide approach to professional wellbeing - Lori Doyle and Sandy Mercier

Lutheran School professionals are not immune to experiencing burnout, yet there are many things schools can do to provide early and proactive support so that teachers, administrators, and support staff recognize and avoid full blown burnout. Concordia University Irvine MA program directors, Dr. Lori Doyle and Dr. Sandy Mercier, will share some research on school professional mental health as well as practical, inexpensive, and effective strategies for a school-wide approach to professional wellbeing in the workplace. Come to the session ready to understand the link between self-efficacy and burnout avoidance, embrace the importance of open lines of communication, and discuss common barriers with a lens for solutions. Be sure to bring a mobile device to take part in some learning activities. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, school counselors, school/church staff**

210- Soul Care First! - Cindy Steinbeck and Steve Schedler

Soul care leads to all aspects of healthy Self-care, equipping us to serve our neighbor in love, with great joy. Steve & Cindy will share personal stories of resting and growing in Christ through life's joys and challenges. They'll also share their vision for Voice In The Vineyard Ministries, through which they provide safe places for you to rest, grow, and be encouraged. **Target Audience(s): DCE, DCO, Music Ministers**

211- The Performance Blueprint, because SEL is not enough - Mark Cheney

Between cultural changes and COVID's aftermath, we can no longer assume that kids possess the requisite skills for success in school and the workplace. While Social-Emotional Learning and 21st century skills are touted as solutions, they're simply not enough. It is incumbent upon school leaders to devote resources to explicitly and intentionally teach the Performance Blueprint. In this call to action, we'll look at how the integration of performance assets, success behaviors, and learning strategies can better prepare students, while dispelling a few educational myths along the way. **Target Audience(s): Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Counselors, Sped**

212- How leadership styles influence culture. - Cora Nash

My story on how Jesus has evolved my leadership style to better lead teams in ECE within the church. We will talk about what steps we can take as leaders to work on ourselves so that we can be healthier leaders creating healthy school cultures. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Admin**

213- Spirit-Powered Instructional Design (with the help of ChatGPT?) - Geoff House

ChatGPT – friend or foe? While many teachers are scrambling to combat the plagiarism implications of the newly released artificial intelligence tool called ChatGPT, Coach House suggests educators become experts on the tool before students do! Come learn the practical application of AI-tools as Coach House showcases a few simple strategies for building curriculum that is not only standard-aligned but also captures and holds the attention of our students. Say goodbye to the busy work and start creating transformative assignments that shape the lives and faith of our students. **Target Audience(s): ED, MS, HS, Admin, Sped, Arts**

214- K-8 Technology Scope and Sequence - Kevin Marousek

Attending LEC in 2022, I noted that attendees from several schools expressed the need to develop a technology curriculum starting with the younger grades and working towards the upper grades, with specific objectives for each age range. I intend to present the scope and sequence I use. I've borrowed heavily from others and modified it over the years (as technology evolves, the scope and sequence is a constant work-in-progress), but for schools struggling to have something to build upon, it's a good starter tool. This workshop will be a place to come together to share ideas and start what I hope will become a district-wide dialogue about how to best teach and incorporate technology in K-8 schools. **Target Audience(s): Elem, MS, Tech/Comp Sci.**

215- Practical Ideas for Burned Out People - Kevin Bueltmann

Learn from the mistakes of this recovering burned-out pastor and camp director. Hear practical specific ideas for your mind, body & soul from various helpful ministry resources. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Admissions, Sped, Arts**

216- You Don't Have to Scare Them to Prepare Them: Age-appropriate & Trauma-informed Approach to School Violence and Active Shooter Training - Adam Coughran

Targeted violence is on the rise across the country. From schools to grocery stores to parades, there seemingly isn't a place not affected by violence. Students are more aware of the world than ever before at every age, yet trying to talk to them, no less teach them, about how to stay safe during a violent incident, without causing anxiety and trauma, can be a difficult task. Learn how the H.E.R.O. Program has been used in Lutheran schools across the country to teach kids from preschool to high school, as well as teachers and parents, how to prevent and survive violent events in their schools and communities.. **Target Audience(s): ECE, Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Sped**

217- Building Strong Foundations in the Pacific Southwest District: Resources for School Leaders - Eun Chu Kim

The Pacific Southwest District is excited to introduce the Lutheran Educator Certificate Program through MTC for non-synodically trained teachers and the New Teacher Investment Resource Guidelines for Principals. School leaders are invited to learn more about these two innovative resources, rooted in the realities of Lutheran schools across the PSD and geared to fostering growth, promoting excellence, and being established in our faith. The Lutheran Educator Certificate Program is a cross-district initiative to equip teachers to be transformational leaders of the Lutheran faith. The New Teacher Investment Resource Guide for School Leaders provides additional resources to schools based on research-based strategies and best practices to support new teachers. As instructional and spiritual leaders, school leaders have the unique opportunity to bless their communities and cultivate a culture of continuous improvement, reflective practice, faithful stewardship, and educational excellence.

Target Audience(s): Admin, Directors, Coaches, Lead Teachers, Department Chairs

218- Cultivating missional hearts and minds in our students - Julie Buuck

Cultivating missional hearts and minds in our students: In modern culture the emphasis is focused on ourselves, which can lead to unhappy and unfulfilled lives. Why? Because we were not created for ourselves. We were created to bring glory to God and serve His kingdom with the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Providing our students with experiences and ministry opportunities will help them begin to identify their gifts and develop a mindset that motivates them to use those gifts to serve others. This presentation will share intentional and practical methods of engaging students in God's mission field through local, regional, national and international projects. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 **Target Audience(s): MS, HS, Admin, Counselors, DCEs**

219- Using NWEA MAP Growth Results to Raise the Bar on High Impact Tutoring -Sue Buster and Jane Friedl

Come learn how Immanuel Lutheran Elementary School obtained tangible results using FEV Tutor to target at-risk students. Student growth exceeded expectations! The results are easily measurable as well as cost effective. Come hear how we used equitable funds to purchase tutoring hours to accelerate student growth as measured by NWEA MAP, grades and student works samples. Actual results and new ideas for implementation will be shared. **Target Audience(s): Elem, MS, HS, Admin, Instructional Coaches, Intervention Teachers**

220- Can We Talk? - Julia Parsons

Learn how to lead productive collaborative discussions in the humanities classroom. The session will focus on helping students prep for a discussion, how to better facilitate engagement and rigor in a discussion, and strategies for assessing a discussion. Specifically, Socratic Circles and small group Book Clubs will be highlighted as examples of engaging discussion models. **Target Audience(s): MS, HS**

221- Mental Health, the Armor of God, and the World Around Us - Karen Merritt

Everywhere they turn, battles are being waged for our students' hearts and minds. They often feel like the attacks from the enemy are more than they are equipped to handle. However, we have each been given a battle plan and suit of armor not just to combat but to overcome the enemy and his attacks. Join us as we talk about ways to equip our students with the Armor of God as they face the different challenges of this world. Let's suit up! **Target Audience(s): Elem, MS, HS, Admin**