

2017 NID Lutheran Teachers' Conference

Sectional Descriptions

Friday, October 6, 2017

Sectional #1

Designing Dynamic School Chapels

Richard Schumacher

Learn tips that will help make your school chapel messages more impactful. Attendees will explore a process for developing unique chapel messages and through a collaborative exercise leave with several ideas for chapels that can be used at your school.

The Life and Legacy of Luther

Rev. Dr. Timothy Maschke

During this Reformation Quincentennial, we will review key aspects of the life and legacy of Martin Luther--reformer, educator, pastor, and father. His educational innovations have continued to impact generations of students and teachers throughout the world. We will survey key writings of Luther and explore his lasting legacy in our Lutheran schools.

Support for Struggling Students

Kara Bratton

This sectional will discuss common needs of students who struggle academically (K-8), and offer strategies to help teachers meet their needs in the classroom. Signs and indicators of disabilities such as ADD/ADHD and learning disabilities will also be discussed.

Disciple Making By Multiplication

Mike Zimmer

What distinguishes a teacher from a disciple maker? From the smallest child to the mature adult teacher, discipleship is a lifelong journey. In this session we will clarify and define the disciple characteristics of students and teachers in the Lutheran classroom.

Raising the Bar - Engaging our schools in the pursuit of witness, mercy and life together

Terry Schmidt

This presentation establishes the case for Lutheran schools and describes a pathway to higher standards of quality and increased ministry opportunities as we engage our community.

Social Media for Ministry

Matthew Bergholdt

Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram. There are an innumerable number of social media venues of which you can be a part in today's society. It is important to have a social media presence in your ministry and outreach, and we will take a look at strategies, skills, and best practices which will give you a voice beyond your four walls.

Retirement : Ready, Set, Go

Mark and Barbara Korntheuer

It's never too early to consider the possibilities that retirement can present. Do you know exactly what you want to do with all that extra time? Explore the answers to some basic questions about making the leap from the working world to being your own boss.

Web Apps For Our Younger Ones

Mark Hess

We will show a number of web applications that work well with younger students (kindergarten through grade three). From tried and true to brand new each teacher will find at least one that they can use next week in their classroom!

Sing the Story

Prof. Jared Stiek

Have you ever had a song stuck in your head? This phenomena is possible because music is a powerful gift of God. Music has the ability to carry the the Words and promises of God from the pages of Scripture, beyond the ears and to the heart. Come gather ideas for students' musical participation in worship, song of the month series and school music events.

No Mission Too Difficult...

Melissa Tyer

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, IL has a variety of field trip and in-classroom resources. Learn about social studies and science based field trips to the park, and opportunities for custom experiences. We also have speakers, artifacts, and programs for your classroom. Our mission is to serve you, so let's talk about special requests...and it's all FREE of charge!

Passion Projects

Mariana Knea

"Wait, I can really learn about anything I want?" Yes! Passion Projects are a great way to build 21st century skills like critical and creative thinking, effective communication, information and technology literacy, flexibility, initiative, productivity and leadership. An overview of the Passion Project/Genius Hour process and resources will be shared, along with interactive modeling and time for attendees to brainstorm and share.

Rube Goldberg in the Classroom!

Rachel Duchac

Looking for a fun way to introduce the engineering design process to your students? There's a super fun way: Rube Goldberg projects! Learn how to excite and engage your students with different ideas and resources. Attendees WILL be engaging in activities...just a heads up!

Multiplying Spiritual Parents that Lead Families on Mission

Rev. Timothy Bayer

Think about the impact you can have as a family on mission. I didn't say family or mission (like we have a choice, as disciples)... I didn't say family and mission (we're already maxed out, stressed out, and burned out)... It's true - each of us have the potential to be more than mere spiritual guides, pointing to Jesus. We can become spiritual parents to our students and families (1 Corinthians 4:14-15). We will take away at least five principles that we can put into practice to become more than spiritual guides, but true spiritual parents.

STEM Grows in PE Class

Susan Kloess

STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics can be explored in a physical education classes. STEM and STEAM (addition of Art) are hot topics in education and attendees will be given ideas that will spark ideas in the minds of these already creative teachers. PE classrooms have ample room and equipment for inquiry and practice to help STEM grow and STEAM understanding fill the room!

Building Connections: Organizations to Families

Mrs. Amanda Skubinna

Building Connections is a session designed to equip educational professionals with strategies. These strategies can be used to develop a plan to foster connections between organizations and families. The session will also include opportunities for educators to share successful and unsuccessful strategies with their peers.

Sectional #2

Jesus in your Athletic Program

Kathy Gebhardt & Randy Rogers

Athletics bring every participant a great platform for witnessing their faith in Jesus Christ. This is true for athletes as well as coaches and administrators. Keeping Christ as the center of a team or an athletic program should be intentional at Christian schools, with the potential to highlight the participants in a positive way. In this session, we will take a look at successful coaches who have kept Christ at center of their programs. We will also dive into the scriptures to gain a better understanding of how we can best live out our faith while competing on the court/field.

Working With Students on the Autism Spectrum

Kara Bratton

This sectional will address common classroom concerns and needs of students who are on the autism spectrum. Strategies will include academic skills, as well as social and emotional difficulties students may face.

Generating Some STEAM

Dr. Kathleen Kremer

Science is all about discovering God's creation, learning that science that is IN this world, not OF this world - maintaining biblically grounded principles that do not compromise God's creation. Teaching science in this 21st century environment involves its integration with not only the other STEM components, but with Art as well, creating STEAM and using the whole brain. Come explore how STEAM can be used in the classroom from a distinctly Christian perspective. This exploration will include hands-on activities as well as lessons that can be easily implemented in Grades 1 - 8 classrooms.

The Project Approach and "Messing About" in a Sensory Environment with Two-Year-Olds.

Bogumila Ryndak-Mazur

Engaging children in short and long-term projects in a sensory environment provides a solid foundation for learning. Come and explore the what, why, and how of an early learning environment for children at the developmental level of two and three-year-olds. Documentation and practical ideas will be shared on how to teach young children pre-project skills and how to promote positive relationships and sensory experiences.

Relationships: Answering the Call to Inefficiency

Rev. Matt Hoffmann

In our world of ever increasing reliance upon technology and decreasing attention spans, most people live in a famine of real and meaningful relationships. As Christian Educators we have a unique opportunity to be different from the culture and invest in the inefficiencies of building real relationship with the families we serve, our fellow staff members, and churches. We live in times when people need a relationship with Christ and real relationships with one another, built in Christ.

Partnering with CUC: The Student Teaching Internship for Lutheran Teacher Candidates

Joy Mullaney

Let's talk about the requirements of the student teaching internship including the process of placement through the final assessments that lead to licensure. We will take a look at the lesson planning process that our student teacher interns are expected to engage in, the timeline of the placement process, the formative and summative assessments including the much feared (HIGH STAKES) edTPA state assessment, and co-teaching strategies.

Cultural Diversity: It's Not Always Black and White

Professor Kimberly Lavado

Understanding the 5 cultural competencies that help to engage culturally diverse students on a deeper relational level can add to your classroom management success, improve student academic achievement, and assist you in answering the Great Commission to go to "all Nations".

One in Worship Around the World

Prof. Jared Stiek

Explore and celebrate the diversity that abounds in the body of Christ. Join with believers around the world as we experience global music of the church. Go beyond the music to consider the culture, the people, the common faith and God's unchanging promises of forgiveness, love and eternal life.

Let the Books Tell the Story: the Reformation Legacy through a Remarkable Presentation of Rare Books

Jeff Leininger

Come hear about our Lutheran heritage as Dr. Leininger shows us images of the incredible 16th century books that will be visiting Concordia-Chicago in October. From Erasmus' Greek New Testament, to the first hymnal ever printed, to the Augsburg Confession, to the first printed Spanish Bible, to the Book of Concord, to Bach's personal Bible-- you'll be amazed at the story these books have to tell!

A.T.M. Assistive Technology Magic

Dr. Kathleen Briseno & Peggy A. Snowden

Assistive Technology (AT) allows learners to become more independent in their approach to educational activities. AT can be any item that helps a learner access education. AT is not just for students with disabilities...it is for all learners. Join us for an interactive/make-and-take journey through the world of low-tech assistive technology.

Toward Collaborative Ministry Teams

Rev. Timothy Bayer

What can we learn from a common team-building exercise that involves dry pasta, duct tape and a gummy bear. Who can build the tallest structure, and why some teams perform better than others? You will take away at least three elements of collaboration that will change you and your team.

Reaching Millennial Parents

Rev. B. Keith Haney

The fact is that if you want to connect with Millennials in your schools yet outside your church walls you have to build relationships with them. Sounds simple, right? Yes and no, because the type of relationships Millennials seek is a close personal friendship with adults in the church. What does this look like and how can it be done? Come learn about this generation and what they are seeking.

Telling God's Story By Our Storytelling

Rev. William Yonker

We have a storytelling Savior who has given us the greatest story of love, sacrifice and forgiveness. We are invited and called to share His story with those who hunger for Good News. Polishing our storytelling will help us share this Good News of Jesus as we offer His light into dark places. Good storytelling also brings much enjoyment to both the teller and the hearer.

Visual Literacy in the Upper Grades

In the ever-growing digital world, children are exposed to a vast array of visual literature in the forms of Instagram photos, Snapchat threads, YouTube videos, blogs, music videos, commercials, and more. It is important that students learn how to read, analyze, and interpret those visual and digital medias. This session will look at how to incorporate visual literacy into the pre-existing literature curriculum in middle and/or high school.

Emily Heins

School Law: The Basics to the Big Stuff

Mike Graf

It is a joy to serve our Lord in the Lutheran School setting, but that doesn't mean that everything always goes according to plan. Learn more about how the law impacts the Lutheran Schools of today. Come prepared for discussion on the basics of school law to the bigger issues that may and do impact our schools.

Sectional #3

The Importance of Failure

Adam Russo, LCSW

In this presentation, participants will learn about the importance and role of failure in a child's social, emotional, and educational development. So often, we are pushed to help kids succeed, but the process of failure is integral to the eventual success for all individuals.

What Me A Missionary?

Gary Janetzke

The mission field is coming to us in our classrooms. Explore how God has prepared you to be a missionary to your students and their families. Learn how to be an intentional missionary in the classroom and train your kids to be as well.

NLSA Evidence – The Secret to Accreditation

Keith Wilharm

After a brief review of the new NLSA Evidence-based Accreditation protocol, the session will explore the critical element of the process -- evidence. Attention will be given to gathering, evaluating, utilizing, organizing, and presenting evidence to impress a visiting team.

Preparing Students for Life in 2029

Matthew Bergholdt

The Kindergarten students in your ministry today will graduate high school in 2029. Scary right? How are you preparing your students of all levels today for life when they enter college in a drastically changed world of the future? Come learn about a few best practices of today which will equip and prepare your students to succeed in the world of tomorrow.

Dynamic Devotions and Captivating Chapels

Prof. Jared Stiek

Sharing God's Word and His love through devotions and chapel services is a highlight of serving as a Lutheran educator. However, what do we do when the well runs dry? Where do we go for new ideas? How do we refresh our devotion routines and our school chapels? In this session will explore practical ideas for messages, music, children's liturgies, visual aids and student participation.

Their Digital Footprint

Mark Hess

Rather than buy into the "fear of the year" let's be teachers and lead students to be responsible for their digital footprint. Resources and curriculum to teach students to take care of their footprint will be shared. Resources described are free for teachers to use. Leading students from Kindergarten through eighth grade to be good digital citizens does not take great time and expense. Let's look at ways to teach these concepts.

STEM On-Demand

Mariana Knea

The goal? Encourage creativity and spark a passion for "What if..?"; review design process principles; incorporate STEM activities into multiple curricular areas; share low-cost ideas for immediate implementation; provide resources and links for further exploration. The STEM activities shared will be from our PK – 7th "Summer Camp On-Demand", with themes related to Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, DIY and more, but also useful in a variety of curricular areas.

Connect Jesus to Millennial's Culture

Rev. B. Keith Haney

The Bible is clear that each generation is to pass along God's unending truths to the next. How can we expect millennials to navigate the culture of today without a firm faith in Jesus and His Gospel message? The people of the church are in a wonderful position to teach Millennials cultural discernment and to facilitate a connection with Jesus that will bless them, the congregation, and the community. (Teach Cultural Discernment and Facilitate Connection with Jesus).

Teach, Lead, Learn, and Collaborate Better by Knowing Your Calling/Gifting

Rev. Timothy Bayer

In 50 minutes (yes, 50 short minutes) you will begin to re-discover and affirm your Biblical calling/gifting. You will take away a number of principles that will help you better teach, lead, learn, and collaborate in any setting (including your home!).

Note: Participants are asked to go to www.fivefoldsurvey.com to complete the 15-20 minute online survey, prior to this sectional so we can maximize our time, together. Please bring your results and be ready to share them.

Integrating One in Christ Curriculum for Pre-school with STEM and STEAM

Frances Honess-Grab

Find new ways to provide hands-on activities for teachers to use in their classroom to interweave the gospel with STEM and STEAM.

Treasure Trunks: Inquiry Based Lessons in Geography

Dr. Patricia Rose

Want your students to get excited about learning geography? This session will present an inquiry-based lesson that will capture students' interest and meet one of the new State of Illinois geography standards for third, fourth, and fifth grades. All third through fifth grade standards will be introduced and alternative inquiry-based approaches to teaching presented. Come prepared to participate in this active learning lesson.

Experiencing God with Your Kids

Julaine Kammrath

It's not WHAT you know but WHO know that matters. To know a famous person, you'd read/study everything about that person. Certainly! But you can't "know" that person unless you talk/act into each other's lives. How do you do this with the Lord? Do you know how? You can only teach what you, yourself, also know. How do you see God? Hear Jesus? Want to find out?

Gospel Influenced Classroom Management & Discipline

Dr. Katherine Brandon

Appropriate gospel based discipline and knowing the difference from procedures makes for happier students and faculty and promotes the development of disciples.

Grammar??? Why Teach It? Benefits, Methods, and Ways to Make It FUN!!!

Laura M. Piel

In this session, participants will review some of the reasons/rationale for grammar instruction in the modern classroom. Along with this, several helpful resources will be shared, along with activities and methods for spicing up and enlivening grammar instruction in the classroom.