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**Welcome!** God says in 2 Timothy 3:16 that *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* May we as teachers of His Word, rely on Scripture for encouragement, strength, and guidance, knowing that it WILL equip us for the work we do for God's kingdom. Our hope is that this conference will help you to connect to our God in a stronger and more personal way and that God will use that connection to equip you with the tools you need to serve the children and families in your church and school throughout this year and well into the future. We pray that God uses this conference in a BIG way to make a difference in your life, the lives of your students and families, and to strengthen Lutheran education in Iowa.

## 2018 Conference Planning Committee

Chelsea Adams of Mount Olive, Des Moines Jan Doellinger, Executive Assistant, Iowa District East Kayla Gratton of St. Paul, Fort Dodge Jane Hurst of Clarinda LS, Clarinda Rhonda Mohr, Assistant to the President, Iowa District West Lois Nord of Trinity, Cedar Rapids Connie Powell of Trinity, Cedar Rapids Pam Williamson of Central, Newhall

#### THANK YOU!

We thank God for all those who have contributed to the conference in many ways: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Presenters Stoney Creek Inn Vendors Lutheran Church Extension Fund Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Praise Band

## **IOWA LUTHERAN TEACHERS CONFERENCE**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa October 25 & 26, 2018

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER Prof. Tim Schumacher

# DEVOTION LEADER Rev. Duncan McLellan

# WORSHIP LEADER Rev. Dr. Steve Turner Iowa District West President

# AGENDA

## Thursday, October 25

- 9:00 Arrival, Morning Refreshments
- 9:30 Opening Devotion – Rev. Duncan McLellan
- 9:45 Keynote 1 Tim Schumacher
- 11:00 Sectional 1
- 12:00 Lunch
  - 1:00 District Meetings
  - 1:30 Sectional 2
- 2:30 Break, Snack
- 3:00 Sectional 3
- 4:15 Keynote 2 Tim Schumacher
- 4:45 Recognition, Years of Service Presentation
- 5:00 Dinner Banquet
- 5:45 Praise Music
- 6:00 Send Off

## Friday, October 26

- 8:15 Opening Devotion – Rev. Duncan McLellan
- 8:30 Keynote 3 Tim Schumacher
- 9:45 Sectional 4 Equipping by Sharing
- 11:00 Closing Worship
  - Rev. Dr. Steve Turner, President

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Teachers of Freestanding Preschools: \$75 for Thursday and \$50 for Friday; Emeritus: \$60.00

## Registration Deadline: September 24, 2018

Total # attendees \_\_\_\_\_ x \$120 Registration Fee = Total Amount \$\_\_\_

You will enter all the information above when completing the "online registration." There is no online payment option this year. Online Registration is at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/teachers\_conference\_2018</u>. We ask that all schools register online for the conference. Emeritus and Free Standing Preschools will register online and mail a check for payment.

Make check payable to: **IOWA LUTHERAN TEACHERS CONFERENCE** and Mail to: Iowa District West, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite B, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

<u>HOTEL Reservations</u> - Each school needs to take care of their staff hotel reservations by **September 24**, **2018**. Contact Stoney Creek Inn (Johnston, IA location) at 800-659-2220 to make your hotel reservations. Ask for the "Iowa Lutheran Teachers Conference" block of rooms. The cost is \$89 per night plus tax.

# **Sectional Registrations**

Step 1: Teachers: Choose your sectionals, give your selections to your principal.

**Step 2: Principals:** Complete online registration. You will notice we have made the registration process easier with a dropdown menu.

Note: Teachers may register individually but should notify their principal when they have registered.

## ONE OTHER REMINDER

Preparations for Sectional #4 on Friday, to successfully share information:

- All teachers will need to include a Gmail-linked email address with their registration.
- A Google Folder will be shared prior to the conference and teachers are asked to submit a lesson plan or anecdote for their grade level folder to be shared with all participants.
- **During the sharing time**, you will be asked to speak on what you included in the Google Folder with other participants. The shared Google Folder will eliminate the need for lots of paper copies to hand out.
- Bring one copy and any visuals to help you share your ideas.

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We will have copies of the registration sheets for each school at the conference.

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## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



Professor Tim Schumacher is a Lutheran educator and technology integration specialist. The Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) honored Tim as the Educator of the Year in 2003 as he was cited for his accomplishments as a classroom teacher, staff leader, and innovative educational technologist. He has had successful experiences leading and teaching at nearly every level of Lutheran education from elementary to secondary to university. Tim also has served as the director of adult ministry in a Lutheran congregation, and has been a consultant and presenter in a variety of educational settings. Prior to arriving at Concordia-Irvine in 2012, Tim had taught for 4 years at a K-12 Lutheran school in Western Australia.

**Keynote 1**: **Thursday 9:45 am -** God's Breath - We are children of a God whose mere breath gives life. From the creation and fall of the world to today, God continues to breathe life into a world that is condemned. His God-breathed Word – always relevant, always sufficient – calls us to faith and sustains us in our every vocation. How do we make the most of the opportunities to share this Word of Life with the students in our Lutheran classrooms?

**Keynote 2**: **Thursday 4:15 pm -** Thoroughly Equipped - Faithful to God's Word, we interpret life experiences differently than "the world." We see God at work in our everyday moments. Considering the Transfiguration story, how do we process those rare, but exceptional "mountain-top experiences" in our lives?

**Keynote 3:** Friday 8:30 am - Servants of God - As Peter learned, we weren't created to remain on the top of mountains. Life, with all of its goodness and all of its challenges, is lived in the valleys. It is through those valleys that our Shepherd's Word guides us, protects us, and inspires us to serve. How is God using our past experiences for future fruitful living?

# SECTIONAL DESCRIPTIONS

## SECTIONAL #1 AT 11:00 AM

## **IMPROVE COMPREHENSION THROUGH THEATER**

### Kayla Gratton

#### (K-4) SECTIONAL #1A

Are you tired of teaching the same reading stories the same way year after year? Do you have students who don't grasp comprehension? Come and see another way to teach foundational reading concepts while incorporating theater in the classroom. Walk away with tips on how to create an environment that is fun and makes your students want to come to reading class day after day. In this session, we will specifically be talking about how to create a safe and enjoyable theater environment in the classroom as well as focusing on how to use the concepts of pantomime and tableau to enhance comprehension during reading class. (Some interactive activities)

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#### Rob Cooksey

## (ADMIN)

## SECTIONAL #1B

I care greatly for and I'm concerned for the future of Lutheran Christian education. I learn by hearing about the work of others. I believe in modeling after success. I enjoy sharing what I learn.

In October 2017, I set out to talk with principals and school leaders, board members, and education executives from across the LCMS. I wanted to learn about perceived best practices in schools and across districts, based on both experience and observation. This presentation is a summary of the 5 major findings from my conversations.

Gracious participants number between 25 and 150. They come from across the U.S. The schools are large and small, young and old. They have a common characteristic of thriving, a subjective determination on my part. I asked participants to share their best practices or the best practices they saw others utilizing that were mission critical.

## **BEYOND BASIC USES OF GOOGLE'S G-SUITE APPS**

#### (ALL) SECTIONAL #1C

#### Tim Schumacher

The G-Suite (formerly Google Apps for Education) offers a dynamic set of tools hosted in the cloud that empower teachers and students. Tips will be provided for feeling at home with file storage and organization in Drive. Suggestions will be made for moving beyond the basic uses of Docs, Sheets, Slides, Sites, and Forms.

# SECTIONAL #1 DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUED

### **IDEAS FOR P.E. WITH A PURPOSE**

#### Debbie Houchin

My intent is to share as much information as I can to help teachers that were not specifically trained in physical education and yet are asked to teach it along with everything else. You need quick ideas that are easy to get out for a 30 minute, action packed, meaningful physical education class and probably at a low cost. I will encourage you to use what you have, try to be creative, and if you do have some money to spend, I will give you some good ideas of what to buy that has been helpful to me. Classroom management is somewhat different in physical education so I will share some of my ideas on that also. Evaluation I feel is very important so I will share several examples of rubrics that I have found easy and useful. This may be difficult to do in just an hour! I will do my best to meet your needs.

## CULTURAL COMPETENCE WITH FAMILIES AND STUDENTS (ALL)

#### Lorinda Sankey, PH.D.

Learn about the dispositions, management and engagement strategies, and relationship qualities that a culturally competent teacher uses.

## SOCIAL MEDIA IN SCHOOLS

#### Meredith Whitefield, LCMS

Connecting on social media has become an everyday routine for most adults. According to Pew Research, today seven-in-ten Americans use social media to connect with one another. How can your school effectively use various social platforms to help shape its social media landscape among parents and students? Come to have your social media questions answered as well as discuss best practices for using social media in an educational context.

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## (P.E./ALL) SECTIONAL #1D

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SECTIONAL #1E

#### CHANGING THE WORLD BY READING AND WRITING (ALL) SECTIONAL #2A Dylan Teut

The world is a sinful place, and can be scary at times, especially for students in school. This session will take an intentional look at newly published books (and a few timeless treasures!) which help children make sense of things happening around the world, discussion points to maximize using the books together, and how the books drive students to want to be change makers and sharers of the Gospel for all, while enjoying the many gifts of literacy simultaneously.

## STRESS AND HEALTH

## Sara Correnti

Short Description:

A presentation that explains the impact of stress on health and ability to serve others well. Course Syllabus:

- Define eustress and distress
- Understand the short and long term effects of stress
- Understand stress resilience, how it relates to stress management and how to improve it
- Identify positive and negative coping mechanisms
- Understand rumination and how to avoid it
- Importance of taking care of emotional & mental health
- Resources; CHP programs and services to support emotional and mental health

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPREHENSION THROUGH THEATER (5-8)SECTIONAL #2C

## Kayla Gratton

Teaching literature is HARD! Ever have students that just don't grasp comprehension? Come and see another way to teach reading concepts while incorporating theater in the classroom. Walk away with tips on how to create an environment that is fun and makes your students want to come to reading class day after day. In this session we will specifically be talking about how to create a safe and enjoyable theater environment in the classroom for middle school students as well as focusing on how to use character body centers to help with character analysis in a story or novel.

## THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ADMISSIONS

## Dawn Cooksey

What does it take to become an effective Admissions Director in our schools? This is a question I could not answer until I was hired for the position over five years ago! Please join us for idea sharing, networking, and discovery of how to tackle the position.

### (ADMIN) SECTIONAL #2D

(ALL) SECTIONAL #2B

# SECTIONAL #2 DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUED

## **CLASSROOM DESIGN FOR 2018**

#### Rob Cooksey

## **(ALL)** SECTIONAL #2E

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SECTIONAL #2F

Sectional Presentation Summary: Engaged classrooms in 2018

Flexible seating, collaborative room design, project based Since 2016, I have been on a facts-and-feelings finding mission to discover what teachers and other experts have to say about classroom design in 2018 that most engages learners. This presentation is a summary of what I have discovered and resources relevant to the conversation. The goal is to inspire and inform those attending to consider the use of flexible seating, collaborative learning, and project-based classrooms to better engage the students we meet at our doors each morning.

I am a learner right along with each of you in this conversation!

## **STEM REGIONAL & ONLINE RESOURCES**

#### Mary Trent

I will present and demonstrate STEM resources available for checkout at The Governor's STEM Advisory Council regional offices that can be utilized in multiple formal and informal educational settings. I will showcase some of our STEM Scale-Up Program resources, including Science Center of Iowa's Pint Size Science modules, Hand2Mind STEM in Action Kits, and University of Northern Iowa Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education Ramps and Pathways curriculum. I will also share quality online resources for STEM activities.

## SECTIONAL #3 AT 3:00 PM

#### ALL AROUND: DISCIPLINARY LITERACY STRATEGIES FOR EVERY CONTENT AREA (ALL)

### Dylan Teut

Nationally, a shift from the idea of "content area reading" to "disciplinary literacy" is beaming on the horizon. This session will take a close look at what disciplinary literacy really means, and effective strategies to make the most of textbooks and other sources in every subject area, using research-based reading, writing, listening, and speaking techniques. You'll head back to your classroom armed with skills and ideas for maximizing every content area.

## WILL YOU BE READY FOR RETIREMENT?

## Paul Snyder

It's never too early, or too late, to begin planning for retirement, and those serving in ministry often have special needs and considerations. This sectional is an overview of the things you'll want to consider, financial and personal, as you plan for your future.

## **MUSIC TO THE MAX!**

## Angela Naeve

Great action songs as powerful teaching tools! Plus Bible Bops for easy memorization of God's Word! Also some fun songs for Reformation for all ages. This workshop guarantees ideas and songs to use right away with students! Warning! Be prepared to sing, move, and have fun!

## SEVENTH COMMANDMENT IN THE DIGITAL AGE

## Tim Schumacher

Explanations from Luther's Small and Large Catechisms will inform on how to apply the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment to the use of digital images found on the internet. Intellectual property and copyright will be addressed, as well as the "transformativeness" exception to Fair Use Tips will be provided for teachers and students on finding and using images legally and ethically.

## CORE VALUES, PRIVILEGES, RULES, AND CONSEQUENCES (ALL)

#### Lorinda Sankenv

Follow up from the Genesis Model for Faculty and Classrooms. Dig deeper into planning for these three in your classroom or school.

#### CHARACTERISTICS, SUPPORTS, AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ALL)

## Madeleine Moodv

This presentation is intended to provide an overview of characteristics associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), structure and supports that can be used in the classroom for students diagnosed with ASD, and evidence-based resources available.

# SECTIONAL #3A

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## SECTIONAL #3F

# SECTIONAL #3C

## SECTIONAL #4 AT 9:45 AM ON FRIDAY

EQUIPPING BY SHARING Jan Doellinger/Rhonda Mohr

EQUIPPING BY SHARING *Chelsea Adams* 

EQUIPPING BY SHARING Jane Hurst

EQUIPPING BY SHARING Connie Powell

EQUIPPING BY SHARING *Kayla Gratton* 

(PRINCIPALS) Sectional 4A

(PreK-Kind) Sectional 4B

(Grades 1 & 2) Sectional 4C

(Grades 3, 4 & 5) Sectional 4D

(Grades 6, 7 & 8) Sectional 4E

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## **PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES**

## **ROB COOKSEY**

Rob Cooksey is a native of Seward, Nebraska, and graduate of Concordia University-Nebraska in 1984, 1990, and 1996. He serves as the Head of Schools and Foundation President at Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha. Rob is married to Dawn. She serves as the Admissions Director at Concordia. Rob and Dawn have two daughters and one son; 27, 23, and 16. Rob is also a member of the Board of Regents at Concordia University-Nebraska and member of the LEA Board of Directors. His previous school, Christ Community Lutheran School in St. Louis was awarded the High Achieving National Blue Ribbon award in 2009. Rob maintains Cooksey Consulting Group as a passionate pursuit for helping Lutheran schools thrive.

## **DAWN COOKSEY**

Dawn Cooksey is currently serving as Admissions Director at Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha. Previous to this position, she had 25 years of teaching in various classroom grade levels and environments. She is married to Rob Cooksey, who serves as Head of Schools at Concordia. Together, they have three fantastic children and a son-in-law: Stephen, Anna, Sarah and Aaron. Everyone except for Stephen attended and graduated (or will graduate) from a Lutheran School.

## SARA CORRENTI

## **R**EGISTERED, LICENSED DIETITIAN

Sara joined Concordia Plan Services in early 2017. She is a registered, licensed dietitian that comes to Concordia Plan Services with backgrounds in clinical and specialty areas of nutrition and wellness. Sara earned her bachelor's degree in Dietetics from Southeast Missouri State University and her master's degree in Human Nutrition from the University of Alabama. Sara, her husband Nick and their son are members of The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens in Webster Groves, Missouri.

## **KAYLA GRATTON**

## TEACHER AT ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN FORT DODGE

Kayla Gratton graduated from Western Illinois University with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She taught 2nd grade for 5 years in New Orleans, Louisiana within a variety of charter and private schools. During that time, she was selected to serve as an Arts Integrated Teacher Leader through KidsmART, a non-profit based in New Orleans that helps to incorporate the arts into everyday learning. Kayla's focus was to integrate theater into reading to aid comprehension. Incorporating theater into the reading curriculum has shown vast improvement in comprehension in every classroom Kayla has taught in. She currently teaches 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fort Dodge and continues to use theater as a comprehension tool in the classroom.

## DEB HOUCHIN

#### **RETIRED, PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

I am currently retired, but teaching K-8 physical education at Clarinda Lutheran School two days a week. I graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 1974 with a BS degree in physical education. I have 28 years of experience teaching some combination of K-8 physical education and coaching basketball and softball at several levels from grade school through high school. I hope to help you make physical education purposeful and fun for your students and easier for you by sharing some things that have helped me over the years. My goal is to share my overall yearly plan of activities, daily routine, warm up exercises, some activities, and grading rubrics. I will also give you resources that I have found helpful.

#### MADELEINE MOODY

#### SCHOOL PHYCHOLOGIST

Madeleine Moody is a school psychologist and challenging behavior and autism consultant at Heartland AEA 11 for children birth through age 21. She currently serves three school districts in the metro area. Madeleine attended Creighton University for her undergraduate career and obtained her Master's and Education Specialist degrees at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Madeleine is currently taking coursework through Florida Institute of Technology in applied behavior analysis to sit for the exam in February.

#### ANGELA NAEVE

#### MUSIC EDUCATOR

Angela graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with her bachelor's degree in music education and has taught vocal music in public and parochial schools. Her teaching and extensive camp experience assists her in clearly communicating the Gospel truths in a dynamic, fun-filled way. Angela has been involved with a traveling music ministry for over 25 years and writes and records original songs. She greatly enjoys presenting at conferences to encourage fellow teachers and share new songs and ideas. Angela and her husband Russ, farm near Gilmore City, Iowa and have been blessed with four children.

#### **DR. LORINDA SANKEY**

#### Associate Dean and Head of Teacher Education in the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences at Concordia University Nebraska

Dr. Sankey earned the B.S. in Elementary Education from Concordia, Nebraska; the M.S. in Education from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville; and the Ph.D. in Educational Studies: Curriculum and Instruction from Saint Louis University. Lorinda previously served as Associate Dean and Coordinator of Elementary Education in the College of Education at Concordia University Chicago. She has 20 years of teaching experience in grades two through eight in Lutheran Schools in Florida, Iowa, and Illinois. She and her husband, Ken, have three children and three children-in-law (all Concordia-Nebraska alum) as well as five grandchildren.

# PAUL SNYDER

#### **CONCORDIA PLAN SERVICES**

Paul Snyder has been with Concordia Plan Service for more than 35 years. He spent many years supervising the benefit payments *(retirement, disability, and death)* for CPS before joining the Communications and Education Team. His current position centers around pre-retirement education for church workers, as well as general financial and benefit education. Paul is a 1981 graduate of Concordia – River Forest and also serves as Director of Worship at Immanuel Lutheran in Olivette, Missouri.

## **DYLAN TEUT**

#### M.ED., INSTRUCTOR OF LITERACY, CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY NEBRASKA

Dylan Teut is currently the Executive Director of the Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. Prior to that, he taught first grade. He earned his Early Childhood Education degree from Concordia University, and then a Master's degree in Literacy with a Reading Specialist Diploma. He is currently pursuing his PhD in Reading Instruction and Assessment through Walden University. While he taught first grade, he was awarded with a WREX Teacher of the Week Award, and in his second year of teaching, he was named the State of Illinois K-5 Reading Teacher of the Year. In 2015, he was named to the inaugural "30 Under 30" list for the International Literacy Association. He has taught undergraduate courses in literacy instruction and children's literature at Concordia University.

## MARY TRENT

## NW STEM REGIONAL MANAGER

Mary was appointed the NW STEM Regional Manager by Governor Reynolds in March 2017. It is our mission to increase student awareness, interest and achievement in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and advance economic development in Iowa. By engaging policy leaders, educators, non-profit organizations, businesses and parents, the Governor's STEM Advisory Council provides opportunities that engage and prepare preK-12 students to be future contributing members of the workforce. Prior to this position, she served as the Technology Integration Specialist at Kuemper Catholic School. Mary is very passionate in providing STEM education to our youth.

## MEREDITH WHITEFIELD

## LCMS YOUTH MINISTRY COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

Meredith Whitefield serves as the communication specialist of LCMS Youth Ministry. She focuses on connecting youth and adults through various media platforms. In previous LCMS National Youth Gatherings, she served as a Young Adult Volunteer and a Media Team member. She graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station in 2014 where she received a degree in Communication. Before moving to St. Louis, she served as Media Director at St. John Lutheran Church in Cypress, Texas. Meredith is a faithful Aggie supporter, devoted Houston Astros fan, and an avid cupcake baker.

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Around the world the men and women of the U.S. military are defending our freedom and helping to fight the war on terror.

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