

2009 PCWC

Professional Church Workers Conference for Pastors and Educators

October 11-13



Location

Bethany Lutheran Church
9101 Lamar Avenue
Overland Park, Kansas

Hotels

Drury Inn & Suites
10963 Metcalf Ave
Overland Park

Pear Tree Inn
10951 Metcalf Ave
Overland Park

OPTIONAL

Post-Conference Workshop

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in a High-Tech Society”

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KEYNOTE

The Rev. Dr. Bryan R. Salminen

The Rev. Dr. Salminen is a licensed professional counselor, a licensed marriage and family therapist and a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family therapy. He served parishes in Ohio and Illinois. He also served as professor of psychology at Concordia University, Ann Arbor and professor of pastoral counseling at Concordia Seminary before serving as pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran, Cadillac, Michigan.

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Ted Kober, President of Ambassadors of Reconciliation, will lead two 75-90 minute sessions covering the topics: (1) *Why a Study on Sexual Temptation in a High-Tech Society?* and (2) *Ministering to Those “Caught” by Internet Pornography*. These workshops are designed to help professional church workers understand and respond to the impact of sexual temptation in our high-tech society and to minister to those who suffer. Stories of real people inspire and demonstrate how the principles presented are not theoretical but realistic and practical. Registration fee = \$30 (includes lunch). You will be required to register for this separately.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration fees are: \$85 July 15-August 31, \$90 September 1-30, and \$95 after September 30. The fee for retired church workers and non-church worker spouses will be \$50. Cost for optional post-conference workshop is \$30 (lunch included).
- Registration includes a Sunday evening banquet, Monday lunch and snack breaks.
- This is a required conference for all rostered church workers.
- Up-to-the-minute conference registration details regarding schedule, speakers, online registration and hotel registration can be accessed via www.kslcms.org/pcwc.
- **5+ clockhour points will be available for Early Childhood Educators**
- Hotels – Drury Inn & Suites, 10963 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park-- \$85 (single, double, or triple) and Pear Tree Inn, 10951 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park -- \$65 (single, double or triple). CUT-OFF DATE for contracted rates is Friday, September 18. For more information, go to www.kslcms.org/pcwc.
- **Cancellations or Substitutions** -- Substitute when possible as cancellations after October 5, 2009 may be subject to a \$25.00 per person cancellation fee to cover meal costs. Registrants can make changes to the on-line registration form until October 5 then the district office will need to be contacted. Save your registration confirmation email as this contains the link to your individual on-line registration form.



Questions

Call the district office
 785-357-4441 or 1-800-357-4421.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 11

3:00 pmRegistration at Bethany, Overland Park
after 3:00Hotel Check-In
6:00Banquet/Awards
7:15Worship
8:30President's Reception
Drury Inn

Monday, October 12

8:00 amDevotions
8:30-9:30Keynote I
9:45-10:15Business Meeting
10:30-12:00.....Session A
12:00-1:00 pmLunch
1:00-2:30Session B
2:45-3:45Keynote II
4:00-5:30Session C
5:30-7:00Happy Hour at
Drury Inn
Dinner on your own

Tuesday, October 13

Before 11amHotel Checkout
8:30 amDevotions
9:00-10:00Keynote III
10:15-11:45.....Session D
11:45-12:00 pmItinerarium (Closing Devotions)
12:00-3:30Post-conference – Dr. Ted Kober --
“Responding to Sexual Temptation in a High
Tech Society”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Bryan R. Salminen

Keynote I...10/12—8:30-9:30am
Keynote II...10/12—2:45-3:45pm
Keynote III...12/13—9:00-10:00am
Session A...10/12—10:30-12:00am

Dr. Bryan R. Salminen was born in Lansing Michigan. He received the B.A. degree from Concordia Ann Arbor, the M.Div. degree from Concordia Seminary St. Louis Missouri, the M.Ed. degree from Michigan State and the University of Toledo, the Ph.D. degree from St. Louis University. He has also done post-doctoral work at Washington University. He is a licensed professional counselor, a licensed marriage and family therapist and a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family therapy. He served parishes in Ohio and Illinois. He also served as professor of psychology at Concordia University, Ann Arbor and professor of pastoral counseling at Concordia Seminary before serving as pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran, Cadillac, Michigan. He has authored numerous articles as well as two books. No Ordinary Men was originally published by Concordia Publishing House in 2000 and he has a new book on divorce published by the Lutheran Laymen's league. He has taught in Brazil, Germany, Cambridge England and Latvia. He and his wife Casey are co-founders, developers of Zoe (www.zoescore.com) an on-line premarital counseling program. Dr. Salminen and Casey have three children, Lauren, David and Michael.

Keynote I

Monday – October 12 – 8:30-9:30

Title: Master or the Ministry

Description: Keynote I will examine how the ministry can very easily lead us away from the Master--the Lord Jesus. The seductions are subtle, but very real and many clergy and teachers fall, not so much because of a problem with doctrine, but rather a problem in ministry and in life. This study is based on 1 Tim. 4:16 where Paul says, "take heed unto yourselves and the doctrine you have been taught." We need to take heed to our doctrine, but the Word of God also calls us to pay attention to our lives.

Keynote II

Monday – October 12 – 2:45-3:45

Title: Bracket Your Life

Description: Joy, laughter and happiness are a gift of the gospel. When we laugh and play, during those moments, we bracket the seriousness of our world. The Lord calls us to enjoy life and ministry yet due to pressure at home and in ministry, we often become "joy suckers," instead of "joy carriers." This keynote will discuss what it looks like to be a joy carrier and how we can each day, "bracket our lives," with the gift of the gospel.

Keynote III

Tuesday – October 13 – 9:00-10:00

Title: Burden Bearing

Description: Teachers and pastors are called to bear burdens. The art of bearing the burdens of others without being crushed by them is very crucial in our professions. Much of what pastors do with their time is spent listening to the suffering of others. Teachers, amidst all of the lesson planning and teaching of children, also spend a lot of time bearing their burdens. Actually its far more intimate than simply hearing about the suffering of others. It involves an entering into it with them in ways which have deeply touched me and changed me over the years. So what I want to do in this keynote is give you some of the thinking that I have done about burden bearing. What does it mean to bear the burdens of others? And how can we do it effectively and faithfully?

POST-CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Kober

Tuesday, 10/13—12:30-3:30

(Lunch is included beginning at 12:00)

Dr. Ted Kober serves as President of Ambassadors of Reconciliation. Ted's speaking includes presenting seminars on biblical peacemaking, training leaders in mediation, and leading board governance workshops. His international work includes equipping church body leaders from 33 different countries and 6 continents. Ted has published articles, Bible studies, devotions, and his book *Confession & Forgiveness* (CPH, 2002). He provides consulting for business and church leaders and serves on conciliation panels in a wide variety of cases, including complex church interventions. For thirteen years, Ted served in various leadership roles for Peacemaker Ministries and continues to serve as an adjunct instructor. He served as a reconciler for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and on the synod's board of directors. Prior to his work in reconciliation, his business background includes owning or managing interests in more than 30 different companies. He successfully resolved fifty-nine separate legal disputes in one estate. He has served in numerous lay leadership positions at Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings, Montana, and occasionally plays organ for worship. He lives in Billings with his wife Sonja, and they have one grown son David.

Post-Conference Session

Tuesday – October 13 – 12:30-3:30

Title: Responding to Sexual Temptation in a High-Tech Society Session 1) Why a Study on Sexual Temptation in a High-Tech Society? 2) Ministering to Those "Caught" by Internet Pornography

Description: The presentation for *Responding to Sexual Temptation in a High Tech Society* is designed to help professional church workers understand and respond to the impact of sexual temptation in our high tech society, and minister to people suffering. Stories of real people inspire and demonstrate how the principles presented are not theoretical but realistic and practical. Each person attending the seminar receives a study guide for note taking during the seminar and personal review, and everyone receives an easy-to-use handout on "Announcing God's Grace through Confession and Forgiveness." A selection of resources will be available at the seminar book table. These resources will include Bible studies and other teaching, personal coaching and further study materials.

PRESENTERS

Name	Sessions	Target	Session Titles
Dr. Steven Arnold	B6 – C6	All	Living Wholly in the Presence of the Holy One
Dr. Mark Blanke	A8 – B11	All	The Four Truths that (Should) Shape Adult Education in the Church
James Bradshaw	B7	New Classroom Instructors	Connecting New Teachers to the District
James Bradshaw	C7	DCEs	Networking DCEs
James Bradshaw	D7	Administrators	Administrators
Jon Bruss	C11	Pastors	Revitalizing Greek in Your Daily Ministerial Work
Jon Bruss	D9	Pastors	Translation Boners: Is the Greek NT Really That Lutheran?
Kristine Bruss	A12	Pastors	Pulpit Eloquence: Insights from the Rhetorical Tradition
Kristine Bruss	B12	Pastors	Ushering Truth into the Hearts of Hearers: The Role of Style and Delivery in Preaching
Audrey Duensing-Werner	A2 – C2	Women in Ministry	Frazzled Female
Gina Eerle	A3 – C3	Classroom Instructors	SmartBoard Basics and More
Cindy Franson	A4	Classroom Instructors for ages 4-6	Music for Young Children
Cindy Franson	D4	Classroom Instructors	Teambuilding through Drumming
Mark Frith	A9 – D8	All	Faithful Stewards Bearing Fruit in Difficult Economies
Dr. Ted Kober	Post Conference (optional)	All	Responding to Sexual Temptation in a High-Tech Society Session 1) Why a Study on Sexual Temptation in a High-Tech Society? 2) Ministering to Those "Caught" by Internet Pornography
Jane Limback	A11	All	Mormons--An Understanding Behind the Teaching
Jane Limback	B10	All	Jehovah's Witnesses--A Christian Denomination or a Cult?
Walt Malone	A6 – B5	Classroom Instructors	Bal-a-vis-X
Greg Manning	B9 – C10	Pastors	Reaching Out with the Gospel—It's All Good!!!
Noalee McDonald-Augustine	B13	All	Ruby Payne's "A Framework for Understanding Poverty" (pt 1)
Noalee McDonald-Augustine	C5	All	Ruby Payne's "A Framework for Understanding Poverty" (pt 2)
Rocky Mease	A7 – D6	Pastors	Theology of Mercy
Pam Nummela	B2 – D2	All	Seven Things to Do Right in Ministry to Children and their Families
Dawn Oldenettel	C9	Administrators	What's New with NLSA?

Nicole Orueta	B8	Classroom Instructors, Administrators	Emotion Coaching
Nicole Orueta	C8	Classroom Instructors	Communication and Listening: Helping Children and Their Families Feel Heard
Dr. Bryan R. Salminen	K-I	All	Keynote -- Master of the Ministry
Dr. Bryan R. Salminen	K-II	All	Keynote -- Bracket Your Life
Dr. Bryan R. Salminen	K-III	All	Keynote -- Burden Bearing
Dr. Bryan R. Salminen	A10	All	Prepare for your marriage with Zoe®!
CANCELLED			
Carmen Stephens	B4	All	Caring Response to Mental Illness
Carmen & Kent Stephens	D5	All	Strengthening the Family Team
Kent Stephens	A5 – C4	All	Sharing the Faith
Anita Stohs	C1	ECE	Creative Cardboard Crafts
Cheryl Voss	B3 – D3	Classroom Instructors	Social Studies in Kansas
Pat Wenger	D1	ECE	Leaping Through the Year with Literacy Activities
Shari Williams	A1	ECE	Building Collaborative Relationships with Families
Shari Williams	B1	ECE	Behavior: We All Have It



SESSION A

Monday – October 12 – 10:30-12:00

Session: A1**Title: Building Collaborative Relationships with Families****Target:** ECE**Presenter:** Sheri Williams

Description: Early childhood professionals build partnerships with families as an important strategy to promote healthy child development. This session supports relationship building with families by helping providers to define and practice active listening skills and to understand both the concept of the parallel process in relationships and the importance of reflection.

Presenter Bio: Sheri Williams, BS Ed, has taught early childhood professional development classes for nearly 15 years. She is trained as both a parent and teacher instructor for the Incredible Years, a research and evidence-based program that reduces or prevents challenging behavior in children. Shari also has experience as a preschool teacher, a school-age care supervisor, and a family child care provider.

Session: A2**Title: Frazzled Female****Target:** Women in Ministry**Presenter:** Audrey Duensing-Werner

Description: Imagine some of the thoughts behind the frazzled female: how to handle stress overload; How to have it all together when you're all strung out; How does it feel some days when you're so overloaded and overwhelmed to still love ministry? And the questions go on and on and on. Join us as we share the unique problems we have as female workers in the church. Come also and hear about Talitha Cumi--a newly organized Women's Ministry networking/mentoring program just for Frazzled and not-so frazzled females in ministry.

Presenter Bio: Audrey Duensing-Werner was born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She is a graduate of Simpson College Indianola, Iowa with a Bachelor of Music Education and Performance. She taught 4 years in a public school system in southeast Iowa and then went on to receive her DCE Certification in 1993 from Concordia College, St. Paul. She has enjoyed serving at congregations in Michigan, Minnesota and currently serves as the DCE at Faith Lutheran, Topeka, KS. She has been active in serving on several District & Synod youth gatherings and youth boards/advocacy teams. She serves as a KINDLE DCE facilitator and has been chair & co-chair of National DCEnet. She is a gifted presenter (local and national LC-MS conferences and conventions), singer and has written youth and children material for CPH and Children and Family Ministry Department of Synod.

Session: A3**Title: SmartBoard Basics and More****Target:** Classroom Instructors**Presenter:** Gina Eberle

Description: As with all things, this is just the beginning. We will take a fresh look at the use of Smart Boards, maximizing them as interactive, hands-on, minds-on technology tools to support students as they demonstrate what they know in multiple ways. You will find links to established lessons and to template files you can download and use right in your Smart Notebook software. Remember - the key here is maximizing a tool and piece of accompanying software (Smart Notebook). It is the concept of how the lesson is developed and structured to capitalize on the interactivity of the tool that we will emphasize. Any of these concepts can be and should be modified to meet the different curricular requirements of your content and/or grade level. The preconstructed templates that will be presented are to be used as a starting or jumping off point for you to generate your own unique and distinctly well-suited curricular activities that will create interest and ask your students to use the concepts and the skills you are teaching.

Presenter Bio: Gina Eberle has always had a heart and an enthusiasm for math and science. It is very difficult to create and instill a love for these subjects in students, especially young women. Her mission is to excite and show by example that women can and do excel at these subjects. While in college she built and raced a solar car, as part of a team, across the U.S., Australia, and Japan. After graduating, she organized events like that for high school students: Solar BikeRayce USA. She also worked for a bio-

research company, Elf Sanofi for a few years before being a stay-at-home mom of four beautiful children. She has a master's degree in Instructional Technology and believes our future rests on integrating teaching and technology. Gina is excited about teaching teachers how to incorporate technology into lesson plans to make them engaging and meaningful. She is currently a high school math and science teacher at Lutheran High, Kansas City, MO and loves it!

Session: A4

Title: Music for Young Children

Target: Classroom Instructors for ages 4-6

Presenter: Cindy Franson

Description: Some fun and easy ideas for teaching musical concepts to children ages 4-6 using books, DVDs, games and dances.

Presenter Bio: Cindy Franson is currently teaching music K-8 at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Wichita. Her teaching and musical experience includes Yamaha Music School (ages 4-8), Kachina School (ages 18mos-6yrs), professional accompanist, piano teacher, and organist. She holds a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in piano performance.

Session: A5

Title: Sharing the Faith

Target: All

Presenter: Kent Stephens

Description: When to share, what to share? We all desire to live "in sync" with God's desire for our lives, but frequently it feels more like a winding path instead of a straight and narrow one. As we negotiate that path, God naturally provides for opportunities to share our faith life with others, including the highs and the lows. Our time together will be a combination of Bible study, small and large group discussion, prayer and everyday life application.

Presenter Bio: Kent Stephens has served for 11 years as Minister of Outreach at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas. Prior to coming to Kansas he has worked with congregations, mission churches, and campus ministry. Kent is a 1981 graduate of Concordia University Irvine, enjoys music, camping and spending time with his wife and children, and also provides leadership for contemporary worship at Holy Cross, and serves on the District's Campus Ministry and Outreach Teams

Session: A6

Title: Bal-a-vis-X -- Bounce Your Way to a Better Brain: Teaches Focus, Balance, and Eye Hand Coordination while making left and right brain connections and improving eye tracking.

Target: Classroom Instructors

Presenter: Walt Malone

Description: Bounce Your Way to a Better Brain: Teaches Focus, Balance, and Eye Hand Coordination while making left and right brain connections and improving eye tracking.

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Presenter Bio: Walt Malone is in his 40th year of teaching and is currently teaching at Topeka Lutheran School. He has been doing Bal-A-Vis-X with students for the past 5 years. 2008-09 was the first year for a full Bal-A-Vis-X Lab and a first for working with Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Session: A7

Title: Theology of Mercy

Target: Pastors

Presenter: Rocky Mease

Description: We have seen how many Lutheran Christians have responded to disasters on the Gulf Coast and in Greensburg. What is it that motivates Lutheran Christians to perform acts of mercy? This workshop will explore this from a Biblical, Confessional and Experiential point of view.

Presenter Bio: Chaplain Mease was born in Nashville, Kansas where he was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church. He attended Lutheran High Schools in Winfield, Kansas; Seward, Nebraska and Concordia, Missouri. Rocky's college experience was at St. John's and Concordia Senior College. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and served parishes in Waverly and Dubuque, Iowa. Rocky trained for chaplaincy at Wesley Medical Center and serviced as a staff chaplain for Via Christi. He was called by the Kansas District in August of 1999 and has served the people of the Kansas District as Executive Chaplain since that time. Rocky is married to Donna and they have three adult children:

Joel (married to Erica), Anna (married to Richard), and Aaron. Rocky and Donna make their home in Derby, Kansas and are the very proud grandparents of Joseph James and Kaleb Michael Denmark

Session: A8

Title: The Four Truths that (Should) Shape Adult Education in the Church

Target: All

Presenter: Dr. Mark Blanke

Description: Around 14% of adult members attend adult learning experiences in LCMS congregations. Maybe part of our problem comes from not recognizing the realities of educating adults. In this workshop we will try to uncover some of the basics that, if followed, may enhance our effectiveness.

Presenter Bio: Mark Blanke is a professor and the Director of the DCE Program at Concordia University - Nebraska (CUNE). Prior to coming to Nebraska, Mark served as DCE Program Director at Concordia, Chicago, and as a DCE and Lutheran elementary principal in congregations in California. Mark received his BSEd and MPE from CUNE, MS in Counseling and Guidance from California Lutheran University and an EdD from Northern Illinois University. Mark's specialties include adult education, lay mobilization, confirmation ministry and Christian education

Session: A9

Title: Faithful Stewards Bearing Fruit in Difficult Economies

Target: All

Presenter: Mark Frith

Description: Church Workers are faithful stewards who bear rich fruits of faith and peace in times of difficult economies. However, is that better said than done? Are you struggling to make ends meet right now, or worried about the near future? Come and explore the riches of the Lord's economy for ministry, life, family, and home. Christian stewards are constantly faith-filled stewards gifted to weather every economic storm or economic paradise. Take away a few practical tools for yourself and for the people to whom you serve.

Presenter Bio: Mark Frith serves the Kansas District as the Assistant to the President for Mission and Stewardship. The Mission and Stewardship Department assists congregations and professional church workers with outreach, mission planting, campus ministry, ethnic ministry, turnaround ministries, deaf ministry and with managing all of life and life's resources for God's purpose (stewardship). Mark is married to Leigh. They have been blessed with two children, Aaron and Hannah.

Session: A10

Title: Prepare for your marriage with Zoe®!

Target: All

Presenter: Dr. Bryan Salminen

Description: Zoe is a simple and unique approach to marriage preparation. Couples answer a series of questions and then Zoe provides you with detailed scores in 16 critical areas, feedback specific to your relationship and user-friendly summaries of the leading research on why you scored what you scored. It was developed by a team of researchers analyzing the universe of knowledge on what makes a marriage successful . . . or unsuccessful. Because Zoe is Internet-based, it is available when and where you want to use it. Zoe can be used independently or with an Advisor (professional counselor, pastor or mentor).

Presenter Bio: See Dr. Salminen's biography under Keynote Speaker.

Session: A11

Title: Mormons--An Understanding Behind the Teaching

Target: All

Presenter: Jane Linback

Description: You may have heard the ads on the radio or seen the billboards asking questions such as "Does God love me?" or "Does God care about me?" As Christians we know the answers to those questions, but how does a Mormon answer those questions? This sectional will give you background information on this denomination, its history, beliefs, family activities and religious practices. Witnessing strategies will also be shared with sectional participants.

Presenter Bio: Jane Limback has been a classroom teacher and administrator in Kansas and Arkansas. She currently serves her Lord as the Coordinator of Parish Education at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas, working primarily in the areas of education, fellowship, and outreach. She is also pursuing the Director of Christian Outreach certification through Concordia-St. Paul.

Session: A12**Title: Pulpit Eloquence: Insights from the Rhetorical Tradition****Target:** Pastors**Presenter:** Kristine Bruss

Description: Preaching, as a powerful form of oratory, has prompted a number of noteworthy reflections from significant figures in the rhetorical tradition. In this session, we will examine the teachings of three of those figures: Saint Augustine (354-430), George Campbell (1719-1796), and Thomas Sheridan (1719-1788). Augustine's *De Doctrina Christiana* reflects the classical roots of rhetoric, adapted to Christian ends. Campbell's *Philosophy of Rhetoric* represents a break from the long-standing sway of classical teachings, emphasizing the importance of adapting discourse to the mental processes of listeners. Campbell, a Presbyterian minister, includes a number of relevant remarks about the role of the preacher in his book. Sheridan, the only non-theologian of this trio, represents another important development in the rhetorical tradition, writing one of the first treatises focused solely on the art of delivery. As he makes clear in his *Lectures on Elocution*, his motivation for writing is due, in no small part, to the poor state of preaching in the church of England.

Presenter Bio: Kristine Bruss (PhD, University of Minnesota) is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Kansas, where she oversees the basic course in public speaking. Her research and teaching interests include classical rhetoric, rhetoric education, and speechwriting. She is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas.

SESSION B**Monday – October 12 – 1:00-2:30****Session: B1****Title: Behavior: We All Have It****Target:** ECE**Presenter:** Sheri Williams

Description: When children are disruptive or behave in ways that are counter productive to learning, it's all too easy for teachers to react emotionally. This emotion undermines our ability to think strategically about how to best respond in order to modify a child's behavior. In this session, we will focus on how to identify target behaviors, the value of targeted praise, transitions that meet children's needs, establishing clear and predictable classroom rules, and giving effective directions.

Presenter Bio: Sheri Williams, BS Ed, has taught early childhood professional development classes for nearly 15 years. She is trained as both a parent and teacher instructor for the Incredible Years, a research and evidence-based program that reduces or prevents challenging behavior in children. Shari also has experience as a preschool teacher, a school-age care supervisor, and a family child care provider.

Session: B2**Title: Seven Things to Do Right in Ministry to Children and Their Families****Target:** All**Presenter:** Pam Nummela

Description: A practical presentation of key components of ministry to kids and their families with an emphasis on the intentional partnership of the church and home in faith nurture. This presentation will be valuable for classroom teachers, DCEs, and others with servant hearts for kids and families.

Presenter Bio: Pam Nummela serves as Director of Child Ministry at Bethany, Overland Park, a position she has held since 1999. A DCE and a Lutheran teacher, she seeks to be a "kid-watcher" as well as an observer of what works with parents. She loves and lives to teach! She loves to problem solve and organize - especially if she can generate positive change! Prior to Bethany, she served as a Lutheran teacher in Missouri, Texas, Michigan, and Oregon. Her husband Tom is a Sunday School editor for Concordia Publishing House. Pam and Tom are parents of Bethany Nummela-Hanel who is married to Mike and lives in Cincinnati, OH and Tim who is program coordinator at Camp Wartburg in Illinois.

Session: B3**Title: Social Studies in Kansas****Target:** Classroom Instructors**Presenter:** Cheryl Voss**Description:** The session will include examining the Kansas Standards for Social Studies, strategies to teach the Standards with projects which will include webquests, powerpoint rubrics, wax museums, scrapbook projects, candy map making recipes, etc.**Presenter Bio:** Cheryl Voss teaches at Faith Lutheran School in Derby. She taught in a public school for 5 years prior to her multi-level experience at Faith Lutheran School and has taught first grade through eighth grade. She has a Bachelors Degree from Wichita State University and has been a participant in the PRAIRY Project. PRAIRY concentrates on educating teachers how to use technology in the classroom.**CANCELLED****Session: B4****Title: Caring Response to Mental Illness****Target:** All**Presenter:** Carmen Stephens**Description:** This presentation discusses where every day life intersects with mental illness and how to respond appropriately, in your community, congregation and family.**Presenter Bio:** Carmen Stephens has been an RN for almost 30 years. Her career has taken her from inpatient care in ICU to school nursing. Several summers she has served as a camp nurse for elementary and High School aged youth. A certification in Congregational Parish Nursing was completed through the Kansas District and Concordia University, Mequon. Most recently she has been working in an inpatient behavioral health setting for Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita, KS. She completed a Master's in Family Life Education in 2005 at CUNE and enjoys facilitating workshops for congregations and civic organizations on various family topics. (Carmen is married to Kent, and we have 3 children Ben, Beth and Dan. I thank God for them and what I have learned by His grace through our interactions as a family.)**Session: B5****Title: Bal-a-vis-X -- Bounce Your Way to a Better Brain: Teaches Focus, Balance, and Eye Hand Coordination while making left and right brain connections and improving eye tracking.****Target:** Classroom Instructors**Presenter:** Walt Malone**Description:** Bounce Your Way to a Better Brain: Teaches Focus, Balance, and Eye Hand Coordination while making left and right brain connections and improving eye tracking.

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focused upon curriculum and instruction with special emphasis upon adult education. Steve served as DCE in Detroit, Michigan and in Phoenix, AZ. He also taught at Lutheran High School West in Detroit. He has served at Concordia University, St. Paul since 1986.

Steve is noted as lecturer, speaker, author and “bridge-builder.” His work has included a number of cross-cultural and international experiences of bringing Christians together from around the world to learn and grow together. He currently serves as Advisory Member of the Board of Directors for The Youth & Family Ministry Institute, Bloomington, MN.

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Session: B7

Title: Connecting New Teachers to the District

Target: New Teachers

Presenter: James Bradshaw

Description: All day school teachers are invited to gather for mutual sharing and networking. Each worker is invited to bring a “great classroom practice” to be shared in small groups based on grade level(s) taught. (20 copies of your idea are requested for distribution.)

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Session: B8

Title: Emotion Coaching

Target: Classroom Instructors and Administrators

Presenter: Nicole Orueta

Description: Based on the book *Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child* by John Gottman, PH.D., emotion coaching is a five-step process that helps adults utilize children's emotional expression as a teaching moment. The process is useful for anyone who has meaningful relationships with children, such as teachers, parents, pastors, youth pastors, and Sunday school teachers.

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Session: B9

Title: Reaching Out with the Gospel...It's All Good!!!

Target: All

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Session: **B10**

Title: **Jehovah's Witnesses--A Christian Denomination or a Cult?**

Target: All

Presenter: Jane Limback

Description: It's a Saturday morning and as you are working around the house you hear the doorbell ring. When you look to see who it is you notice that you have a visitor from the Jehovah's Witnesses. What do you do? Answer the door or pretend you're not home? Often we are uncomfortable sharing our faith because we do not have a basic understanding of theirs. This sectional will give you background information on who the Jehovah's Witnesses are, their beliefs, and some witnessing tips that you can use when you open the door and welcome the opportunity to share Christ's love.

Presenter Bio: Jane Limback has been a classroom teacher and administrator in Kansas and Arkansas. She currently serves her Lord as the Coordinator of Parish Education at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas, working primarily in the areas of education, fellowship, and outreach. She is also pursuing the Director of Christian Outreach certification through Concordia-St. Paul.

Session: **B11**

Title: **The Four Truths that (Should) Shape Adult Education in the Church**

Target: All

Presenter: Dr. Mark Blanke

Description: Around 14% of adult members attend adult learning experiences in LCMS congregations. Maybe part of our problem comes from not recognizing the realities of educating adults. In this workshop we will try to uncover some of the basics that, if followed, may enhance our effectiveness.

Presenter Bio: Mark Blanke is a professor and the Director of the DCE Program at Concordia University - Nebraska (CUNE). Prior to coming to Nebraska, Mark served as DCE Program Director at Concordia, Chicago, and as a DCE and Lutheran elementary principal in congregations in California. Mark received his BSEd and MPE from CUNE, MS in Counseling and Guidance from California Lutheran University and an EdD from Northern Illinois University. Mark's specialties include adult education, lay mobilization, confirmation ministry and Christian education

Session: **B12**

Title: **Ushering Truth into the Hearts of Hearers: The Role of Style and Delivery in Preaching**

Target: Pastors

Presenter: Kristine Bruss

Description: The 18th-century elocutionist Thomas Sheridan asserts in his Lectures on Elocution that "many discourses, good in themselves, are pronounced without affecting the hearers" (p. 103). For Sheridan, and many others since his time, "speaking from the heart," in a manner that mimics nature, is

critical for reaching listeners. But is that the case? In this session, we will discuss the role of style and delivery in Lutheran preaching.

Presenter Bio: Kristine Bruss (PhD, University of Minnesota) is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Kansas, where she oversees the basic course in public speaking. Her research and teaching interests include classical rhetoric, rhetoric education, and speechwriting. She is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas.

Session: **B13**

Title: Ruby Payne's "A Framework for Understanding Poverty" (Pt. 1)

Target: All

Presenter: Noalee McDonald-Augustine

Description: Perplexed by student, parent, child, and adult actions and behaviors? This is an eye-opening training that will revolutionize the way you relate to your students, your parents, and your members of all economic classes. Living in poverty brings out a survival mentality that is often not understood by those in middle class and wealth. So, if you work with individuals in poverty understanding how different their world is from yours can be invaluable. This presentation will provide an overview of Ruby Payne's research on poverty. Participants will learn the 13 key points to remember about poverty; the hidden rules of poverty, middle class, and wealth; and the 9 resources each individual needs to succeed. For more information about Ruby Payne's "A Framework for Understanding Poverty" go to: [Smoky Hill ESC - Ruby Payne Training](#). The two sessions are different.

Presenter Bio: Noalee McDonald-Augustine is in her eleventh year as an Educational Consultant and specializes in Student Enhancement Services. She is a certified trainer for Ruby Payne's "A Framework for Understanding Poverty", CHARACTER COUNTS! and the Prudential Youth Leadership Institute. She is also a Bullying Prevention specialist, works with the Crisis Intervention team, and coordinates the Smoky Hill Low and High Ropes Adventure Program. She works with educators, students, and parents. Noalee has a BA in Mathematics, a BA in Sociology, and her masters work is in Adapted Physical Education.

SESSION C

Monday – October 12 – 4:00-5:30

Session: **C1**

Title: Creative Cardboard Crafts

Target: ECE

Presenter: Anita Stohs

Description: This session will be a demonstration of a variety of cardboard crafts that preschool teachers and children can easily reproduce. Emphasis will be on the seasons of the year and bible stories. Participants should bring a piece of cardboard—any size or shape.

Presenter Bio: Anita Reith Stohs has worked with children from preschool through grade eight. She has taught in a parochial school, worked as a librarian at Concordia University, Seward and has been a children's librarian. Anita has also written a variety of books, mainly in the area of early childhood religious education.

Session: **C2**

Title: Frazzled Female

Target: Women in Ministry

Presenter: Audrey Duensing-Werner

Description: Imagine some of the thoughts behind the frazzled female: how to handle stress overload; How to have it all together when you're all strung out; How does it feel some days when you're so overloaded and overwhelmed to still love ministry? And the questions go on and on and on. Join us as we share the unique problems we have as female workers in the church. Come also and hear about Talitha Cumi--a newly organized Women's Ministry networking/mentoring program just for Frazzled and not-so frazzled females in ministry.

Presenter Bio: Audrey Duensing-Werner was born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She is a graduate of Simpson College Indianola, Iowa with a Bachelor of Music Education and Performance. She taught 4 years in a public school system in southeast Iowa and then went on to receive her DCE

Certification in 1993 from Concordia College, St. Paul. She has enjoyed serving at congregations in Michigan, Minnesota and currently serves as the DCE at Faith Lutheran, Topeka, KS. She has been active in serving on several District & Synod youth gatherings and youth boards/advocacy teams. She serves as a KINDLE DCE facilitator and has been chair & co-chair of National DCEnet. She is a gifted presenter (local and national LC-MS conferences and conventions), singer and has written youth and children material for CPH and Children and Family Ministry Department of Synod.

Session: C3**Title: SmartBoard Basics and More****Target:** Classroom Instructors**Presenter:** Gina Eberle

Description: As with all things, this is just the beginning. We will take a fresh look at the use of Smart Boards, maximizing them as interactive, hands-on, minds-on technology tools to support students as they demonstrate what they know in multiple ways. You will find links to established lessons and to template files you can download and use right in your Smart Notebook software. Remember - the key here is maximizing a tool and piece of accompanying software (Smart Notebook). It is the concept of how the lesson is developed and structured to capitalize on the interactivity of the tool that we will emphasize. Any of these concepts can be and should be modified to meet the different curricular requirements of your content and/or grade level. The preconstructed templates that will be presented are to be used as a starting or jumping off point for you to generate your own unique and distinctly well-suited curricular activities that will create interest and ask your students to use the concepts and the skills you are teaching.

Presenter Bio: Gina Eberle has always had a heart and an enthusiasm for math and science. It is very difficult to create and instill a love for these subjects in students, especially young women. Her mission is to excite and show by example that women can and do excel at these subjects. While in college she built and raced a solar car, as part of a team, across the U.S., Australia, and Japan. After graduating, she organized events like that for high school students: Solar BikeRayce USA. She also worked for a bio-research company, Elf Sanofi for a few years before being a stay-at-home mom of four beautiful children. She has a master's degree in Instructional Technology and believes our future rests on integrating teaching and technology. Gina is excited about teaching teachers how to incorporate technology into lesson plans to make them engaging and meaningful. She is currently a high school math and science teacher at Lutheran High, Kansas City, MO and loves it!

Session: C4**Title: Sharing the Faith****Target:** All**Presenter:** Kent Stephens

Description: When to share, what to share? We all desire to live "in sync" with God's desire for our lives, but frequently it feels more like a winding path instead of a straight and narrow one. As we negotiate that path, God naturally provides for opportunities to share our faith life with others, including the highs and the lows. Our time together will be a combination of Bible study, small and large group discussion, prayer and everyday life application.

Presenter Bio: Kent Stephens has served for 11 years as Minister of Outreach at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas. Prior to coming to Kansas he has worked with congregations, mission churches, and campus ministry. Kent is a 1981 graduate of Concordia University Irvine, enjoys music, camping and spending time with his wife and children, and also provides leadership for contemporary worship at Holy Cross, and serves on the District's Campus Ministry and Outreach Teams

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Session: **C6**

Title: Living Wholly in the Presence of the Holy One

Target: All

Presenter: **Dr. Steven Arnold**

Description: Participants are invited to take the time to experience and explore the Baptismal promise of our Lord Jesus Christ as fully present to His people, inviting His people to be fully present before Him. As leaders in the Church, the Sabbath experience flowing from the Baptismal covenant informs and transforms the disciple and gives ability to lead and serve in meaningful ways. Participants will learn various Sabbath practices, explore a variety of ways to pray, and be supported in developing a Sabbath life-style that leads to wellness and wholeness.

Presenter Bio: Dr. Steven F. Arnold (Steve) is Professor (retired) of Education Concordia University, St. Paul, MN where he currently continues part-time as Chaplain to the University community. He is a graduate of Concordia University (formerly Concordia College), Seward, NB where he received a B.S. in Education and the Lutheran Teacher Diploma. In 1986 he received field certification as a Director of Christian Education through Concordia, Seward. He received his Master of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI and his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. His graduate work has focused upon curriculum and instruction with special emphasis upon adult education. Steve served as DCE in Detroit, Michigan and in Phoenix, AZ. He also taught at Lutheran High School West in Detroit. He has served at Concordia University, St. Paul since 1986.

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Session: **C7**

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Target: DCEs

Presenter: James Bradshaw

Description: DCEs are invited to gather for Christ Care and mutual sharing of ministry ideas and topics. Additional networking will follow over dinner at a restaurant to be determined by the group.

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Session: C8**Title: Communication and Listening: Helping Children and Their Families Feel Heard****Target:** Classroom Instructors**Presenter:** Nicole Orueta**Description:** This session will go over helpful ways to effectively listen and communicate with children and families, especially when those children and families are upset. We will focus on becoming better listeners and learn how listening can increase the chances that we will be heard. We will also put our listening skills to practice on each other!**Presenter Bio:** Nicole Orueta LMFA is currently an outpatient therapist at the Mental Health Association in Wichita, KS. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist with a master's degree from Friends University. She has had experience working with children, adults, couples, and families in a clinical setting, and has worked with children in a variety of settings, including Sunday School, youth group, public school, and private school. She is also the director of the marriage ministry at her church. Nicole is married, has two children, and resides in Wichita, KS.**Session: C9****Title: What's New with NLSA?****Target:** Administrators**Presenter:** Dawn Oldenettel**Description:** National Lutheran Schools Accreditation has undergone significant improvements in the last three years. Come and learn about the changes and how NLSA can help your school or preschool become the school of choice in your community. The presentation will cover the NLSA standards, the process, and the benefits of achieving national accreditation.**Presenter Bio:** Dawn Oldenettel has served as a Lutheran School teacher for seventeen years, and as the principal for nine years at Zion Lutheran School in Independence, Kansas. She has served as NLSA Commissioner for the Kansas District since 2008.**Session: C10****Title: Reaching Out with the Gospel...It's All Good!!!****Target:** All**Presenter:** Rev. Greg Manning**Description:** Imagine that I said to you "I have good news and bad news for you". Then I continued by asking the inevitable question "which do you want first". Your mind immediately begins to wrestle with whether the good news could possibly be so good that it could overshadow and make any bad news pale in comparison. Likewise, is the bad news so bad that you must hear it right now and respond accordingly, due to your fear. **RELAX!** The good news is...there is no bad news, it's all good. When reaching out with the gospel there is no bad news, for we do not "reach out" with the law but the gospel. Therefore, if this is the case perhaps we need to change our technique. This workshop will teach some and remind others to "reach out" with the gospel minus the "bad news."**Presenter Bio:** Rev. Gregory T. Manning was born and raised in For Wayne, Indiana. He earned a bachelor's degree from Wabash College in both Theater and Religion. After graduating from Wabash College he attended Concordia Theological Seminary and earned a Master of Divinity Degree. During his time in the Seminary he worked as a Urban Ministry Coordinator for Christian Urban Ministries Inc., where he established and coordinated programming for at risk youth. He also established and managed a Youth Center under the name S.A.Y Yes! (Save America's Youth) a program developed to minister holistically, that is, mentally, physically and spiritually to at risk youth. This ministry grew to such a level in prominence that it was visited by Vice President Dan Quayle. Presently Rev. Manning serves as Senior Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Here he serves in an Urban congregation that deals with high rates of drug use and violent crime. In his ministry at Grace Rev. Manning has established the Prime Time Basketball Ministry that primarily focuses on providing youth with a safe place for recreation in order to form a mentoring relationship with at risk youth. Through the mentoring relationship Rev. Manning encourages at risk youth to stay in school and to avoid premarital sex and dropping out of High School. At present Rev. Manning has been working with Urban families and youth for the past ten years in Indiana and Kansas City. Pastor Manning also takes great joy in working with the National Adopt a School program that has enabled Grace Lutheran Church to adopt a local Public High school in order to have a visible Christian leadership presence with the High School. He values ministry to the broken hearted in the city and beyond greatly and firmly believes that God has called us to be proclaimers of the gospel in word and deed. Pastor Manning has one very charismatic son named

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Session: **C11**

Title: **Revitalizing Greek in Your Daily Ministerial Work**

Target: Pastors

Presenter: Jon Bruss

Description: A Lutheran seminary professor once remarked, “Lutherans have always insisted on a learned clergy.” To that end, our synod devotes considerable resources in both the colleges and the seminaries to the learning and use of the biblical languages. Of course, we all heard the warnings—“Use it or lose it!” Time may have been when we swore, “It’ll never happen to me.” But the fact is, under crush of busy parish life, the pressure of just getting a sermon hammered out, and trying to balance all that with family life, the average Lutheran parish cleric gradually loses his grasp on the biblical languages. The good news is that not all is lost! In this session, we’ll look at strategies, resources both online and in print, and [self-]disciplines, that will enhance your use of Greek. This session is useful both for those who’ve “nearly lost it all” as well as those who have done admirably well in keeping their Greek going.

Presenter Bio: Jon Steffen Bruss holds a B.A. in classics from St. Olaf College, an M.Div. from Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mankato, MN, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in classics from the University of Minnesota. He specializes in Greek and Roman poetry, Greek philosophy, New Testament, and the classical tradition in the West and has authored books and articles in all of those areas. A member of the chapel staff at Bethany Lutheran College with parish experience (varying in kind) in Minnesota, Tennessee, and Kansas, he has taught at Bethany Lutheran College, St. Olaf College, The University of the South (Sewanee), and The University of Kansas, Lawrence. He is a member of St. John’s Ev.-Luth. Church in Topeka, Kansas, and resides with his family in Lawrence.

SESSION D

Tuesday – October 13 – 10:15-11:45

Session: **D1**

Title: **Leaping Through the Year with Literacy Activities**

Target: ECE

Presenter: Pat Wenger

Description: This sectional will provide knowledge of early literacy development as well as present seasonal activities to develop literacy skills.

Presenter Bio: Pat Wenger graduated from Concordia, Seward, Nebraska. She received her masters degree from Central Missouri State University. She is married to Rev. Mark Wenger. They have four children—Joy, Karl, Derek, and Bryce. Pat has taught in both Missouri and Kansas in a variety of teaching situations and grade levels: preschool, 1st and 2nd grade combined, 6th grade, 7th grade English and GED. She has served on the Missouri District Early Childhood committee. Pat currently teaches 1st and 2nd grade at Bethany Lutheran School, Wichita, Kansas.

Session: **D2**

Title: **Seven Things to Do Right in Ministry to Children and Their Families**

Target: All

Presenter: Pam Nummela

Description: A practical presentation of key components of ministry to kids and their families with an emphasis on the intentional partnership of the church and home in faith nurture. This presentation will be valuable for classroom teachers, DCEs, and others with servant hearts for kids and families.

Presenter Bio: Pam Nummela serves as Director of Child Ministry at Bethany, Overland Park, a position she has held since 1999. A DCE and a Lutheran teacher, she seeks to be a “kid-watcher” as well as an observer of what works with parents. She loves and lives to teach! She loves to problem solve and organize - especially if she can generate positive change!

Prior to Bethany, she served as a Lutheran teacher in Missouri, Texas, Michigan, and Oregon. Her husband Tom is a Sunday School editor for Concordia Publishing House. Pam and Tom are parents of Bethany Nummela-Hanel who is married to Mike and lives in Cincinnati, OH and Tim who is program coordinator at Camp Wartburg in Illinois.

Session: D3**Title: Social Studies in Kansas****Target:** Classroom Instructors**Presenter:** Cheryl Voss**Description:** The session will include examining the Kansas Standards for Social Studies, strategies to teach the Standards with projects which will include webquests, powerpoint rubrics, wax museums, scrapbook projects, candy map making recipes, etc.**Presenter Bio:** Cheryl Voss teaches at Faith Lutheran School in Derby. She taught in a public school for 5 years prior to her multi-level experience at Faith Lutheran School and has taught first grade through eighth grade. She has a Bachelors Degree from Wichita State University and has been a participant in the PRAIRY Project. PRAIRY concentrates on educating teachers how to use technology in the classroom.**Session: D4****Title: Teambuilding through Drumming****Target:** Classroom Instructors**Presenter:** Cindy Franson**Description:** Come experience a creative way of teambuilding using World Music Drumming.**Presenter Bio:** Cindy Franson is currently teaching music K-8 at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Wichita. Her teaching and musical experience includes Yamaha Music School (ages 4-8), Kachina School (ages 18mos-6yrs), professional accompanist, piano teacher, and organist. She holds a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in piano performance.**Session: D5****Title: Strengthening the Family Team****Target:** All**Presenter:** Carmen & Kent Stephens**Description:** Discuss the top 10 ideas for strengthening your family team as you continue to navigate together over a lifetime. This presentation seeks to send you home with resources to share with your family. For more info e-mail us at carkent@att.net.**Presenter Bio:** Carmen Stephens has been an RN for almost 30 years. Her career has taken her from inpatient care in ICU to school nursing. Several summers she has served as a camp nurse for elementary and High School aged youth. A certification in Congregational Parish Nursing was completed through the Kansas District and Concordia University, Mequon. Most recently she has been working in an inpatient behavioral health setting for Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita, KS. She completed a Master's in Family Life Education in 2005 at CUNE and enjoys facilitating workshops for congregations and civic organizations on various family topics. (Carmen is married to Kent, and we have 3 children Ben, Beth and Dan. I thank God for them and what I have learned by His grace through our interactions as a family.)Kent Stephens has served for 11 years as Minister of Outreach at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas. Prior to coming to Kansas he has worked with congregations, mission churches, and campus ministry. Kent is a 1981 graduate of Concordia University Irvine, enjoys music, camping and spending time with his wife and children, and also provides leadership for contemporary worship at Holy Cross, and serves on the District's Campus Ministry and Outreach Teams**Session: D6****Title: Theology of Mercy****Target:** All**Presenter:** Rocky Mease**Description:** We have seen how many Lutheran Christians have responded to disasters on the Gulf Coast and in Greensburg. What is it that motivates Lutheran Christians to perform acts of mercy? This workshop will explore this from a Biblical, Confessional and Experiential point of view.**Presenter Bio:** Chaplain Mease was born in Nashville, Kansas where he was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church. He attended Lutheran High Schools in Winfield, Kansas; Seward, Nebraska and Concordia, Missouri. Rocky's college experience was at St. John's and Concordia Senior College. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and served parishes in Waverly and Dubuque, Iowa. Rocky trained for chaplaincy at Wesley Medical Center and serviced as a staff chaplain for Via Christi. He was called by the Kansas District in August of 1999 and has served the people of the Kansas District

as Executive Chaplain since that time. Rocky is married to Donna and they have three adult children: Joel (married to Erica), Anna (married to Richard), and Aaron. Rocky and Donna make their home in Derby, Kansas and are the very proud grandparents of Joseph James and Kaleb Michael Denmark

Session: D7

Title: School Administrators

Target: Administrators

Presenter: James Bradshaw

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Session: D8

Title: Faithful Stewards Bearing Fruit in Difficult Economies

Target: All

Presenter: Mark Frith

Description: Church Workers are faithful stewards who bear rich fruits of faith and peace in times of difficult economies. However, is that better said than done? Are you struggling to make ends meet right now, or worried about the near future? Come and explore the riches of the Lord's economy for ministry, life, family, and home. Christian stewards are constantly faith-filled stewards gifted to weather every economic storm or economic paradise. Take away a few practical tools for yourself and for the people to whom you serve.

Presenter Bio: Mark Frith serves the Kansas District as the Assistant to the President for Mission and Stewardship. The Mission and Stewardship Department assists congregations and professional church workers with outreach, mission planting, campus ministry, ethnic ministry, turnaround ministries, deaf ministry and with managing all of life and life's resources for God's purpose (stewardship). Mark is married to Leigh. They have been blessed with two children, Aaron and Hannah.

Session: D9

Title: Translation Boners: Is the Greek NT Really That Lutheran?

Target: Pastors

Presenter: Jon Bruss

Description: The answer is, of course, "Yes! The Greek NT really is that Lutheran." The Italians have a saying, popularized by Umberto Eco, "Traduttore traditore—the translator is a traitor." This is readily apparent in English translations of the Greek New Testament in common use in Lutheran circles. A discernible Reformed and Arminian influence frequently drives translation decisions (excuse the pun)--against the very Greek text itself--in some key New Testament passages. The result is a corruption of the Word of God that frequently robs it of its salvific Gospel content. This session looks at several such examples and hopes to restore confidence that our Fathers in the Faith, the Lutheran confessors, actually got it right. The session addresses a manageable list of such passages, but to make our time together as interactive and responsive as possible, please send queries about suspicious translations to jonbruss@yahoo.com.

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