



Presenter	Session Title	Session Description	FRI	SAT
Rev. Allen Werk <i>Pastor- St. Paul Lutheran, Batavia, NY & chaplain for the Genesee County Sheriff Department.</i>	Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events	This workshop will provide a model for how civilians can respond in the event of an active shooter threat in their church. The workshop will present the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy. This will help prepare people to take immediate action to save their own lives if they are faced with an active shooter threat in their church setting.	X	N/A
Rev. David P. E. Maier <i>President of the Michigan District, LCMS.</i>	The Christian's Panoply: Destroying Strongholds 2 Cor 10:4 & Eph 6:10-18	The Christian's Panoply: Destroying Strongholds based on 2 Corinthians 10:4 and Ephesians 6: 10-18	N/A	X
Mrs. Bev Wicher <i>Equipping facilitator for Visual Faith 101</i> Mrs. Pat Maier (Saturday Only) <i>Co-founder of Visual Faith Ministry (visualfaithmin.org).</i>	Visual Faith 101: Exploring the many different aspects of Visual Faith practices.	Visual Faith is any type of visual response to God's Word: Bible Journaling, Scripture Coloring, Visual Prayer-Praying in Color, Journaling, and so much more encompassing ways to Read—Reflect—and then Respond to God's Word visually. Offering tools and resources to encourage prayer and time in God's Word.	X	X
Lyle Heggemeier <i>Discipleship Development Executive of the Eastern District.</i>	Introduction to Natural Church Development (NCD)	Why do some congregations grow while other congregations don't? Believe it or not, but church location and the pastor aren't the answer! NCD has researched over 70,000 congregations around the world and found that churches that are growing (qualitatively and quantitatively) have 8 characteristics in common with each other. Would you like your congregation to be growing in its quality AND its quantity, then come and learn more about the NCD process and how it could assist your congregation.	N/A	X

<p>Rev. Nate Hartke <i>Pastor-St. John Lutheran, Orchard Park, NY.</i></p>	<p>Loved by Jesus. Sent to Others.</p>	<p>Identity and purpose. Your identity is changed because Jesus has died and risen again: you are a child of God, you are loved by God, and the Holy Spirit is your helper. Does your purpose flow from your new identity in Christ? Or is it flowing from somewhere else? In this session, we will talk about what it means to live with new identity and new purpose.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Rev. Christopher Esget <i>Senior Pastor- Immanuel Ev. - Lutheran Church Alexandria, VA and Sixth Vice- President, the LCMS.</i></p>	<p>Altered Carbon: The purpose and destiny of the human body</p>	<p>Are humans just spirits trapped in a material world? Can man’s consciousness be uploaded to the cloud, or transition to a new body? Today’s tech companies and the entertainment industry present a vision of the human person radically different than Christianity. This session will explore what the Bible says about the connection between body and soul, and how this impacts life “in the world,” Lutheran worship, and death and burial practices.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>
<p>Rick Porter <i>LCEF Vice President, Eastern and New Jersey Districts.</i></p>	<p>Stewardship of Ministry and Business in the Church.</p>	<p>Keeping the purpose and function of the church focused on ministry requires counting the cost (Luke 14:28) for the conduct of business that allows us to interact with and make a difference in the world. Otherwise, the consequences potentially command our attention so profoundly that, distracted from following Jesus (Luke 14:33), we lose focus on people and ministry. Astute awareness and a few simple practices will help keep the business of ministry running smoothly.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>
<p>Kathleen Fretthold <i>Eastern District Education Executive and Principal, Trinity Christian School, West Seneca, NY.</i></p>	<p>Fishing in a Barrel: The Value of a Pastor's Presence in Childhood Education Settings, Preschool-8th grade</p>	<p>"Pre-Christians" are appearing daily on your doorstep. Are you there to throw out the line of kindness? Do parents know who you are and look to you for a smile and friendly handshake? Parents and guardians are bringing their children to our programs by God's guidance. Effectively partnering with your school leaders and some simple actions on your part can help your presence be a powerful influence for Christ among the children and families of your preschool and elementary school.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>