

Track (Youth/Adult)	Session Name	Description	Date	Start Time	End Time	Venue/Room #	Speaker Name(s)
Youth Session	Why is sharing Jesus with others so hard (but necessary)?	Join Pastor Dawit as he walks you through his struggles and God's grace as he was sharing the message of Jesus over the last decade in one of the most diverse places in the nation in the San Francisco Bay area.	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	310	Dawit Bokre
Youth Session	Face to Face- Unfiltered Connection	Do you ever feel lonely? Disconnected? Do you find the only way you talk to people is through a screen? Filtered? You were made for more. You were made to be fully known and fully loved. Come be reminded of why the screen can never satisfy and walk away with practical tools to help you build genuine connections.	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	320	KerriAnn Schmid / Matt Chambers
Youth Session	Lutheran Early Response Teams: Engaging Your Youth in Love to the Neighbor	"God does not need your good works: but your neighbor does" - Martin Luther. This session will discuss the benefits/challenges of engaging your youth in regular works of service, particularly in partnership with Lutheran Early Response Teams(LERT). This cross generational model of service to the neighbor has just opened up to youth (14+) and seeks to encourage a lifetime of service, connected to your congregation and performed in the Name of Jesus.	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	330	Michael Meyer
Youth Session	Candles, Crystals, and Chakras: Thinking about Mystical Spiritualities.	We live in times when people may follow a variety of mystical practices or "spiritualities" that come from many different sources. What should we think about these alternative spiritualities and mystical ideas. We'll look at the sources of some popular ideas, consider what they really are, and explore what God's word has to say about them.	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	342	Steve Mueller
Youth Session	Permission to be on Mission?!	No cappin! We don't need to wait to be on mission! God has already given us permission! Be empowered to live out being the missionary God has called each of us to be!	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	351	Seth Kunze

Youth Session	Leadership: Coffee Pot Mentality	Let's face it, anybody who has assumed a leadership role throughout the past couple years has been tested and tried by a host of unexpected scenarios and events. Gone are the days that stepping up as a leader at school, in your community, or even in your family was simple and easy. We have all seen staple leaders in our society both fail miserably and bloom with success through recent trials, but we have also seen many new and upcoming leaders emerge and take the world by storm. We will discuss leadership styles that have been successful recently, as well as look at the tried and true principles of leadership that have withstood the test of time. "In All Things" we should be prepared to lead. Come and find out just what a coffeepot mentality has to do with leading well. BOOM!	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	360	Trevor Kunze
Youth Session	In Christ Alone I Live!!!	My life journey from Matala, Sri Lanka, to Gbarnga/Monrovia Liberia, and back to Colombo Sri Lanka	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	362	Kanagasabai UmaShankar
Youth Session	TikTok Heretic- Confronting False Teachings Prevalent in Our Culture With Biblical Truth	Have you ever heard someone say, "What goes around, comes around" and wondered if that's really true? Using examples from TikTok videos and memes, this session will examine some of the most common false teachings (heresies) that permeate today's culture. Students will identify why these beliefs are in opposition to what Scripture teaches and help them to respond with a Biblical worldview.	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	371	Ryan Hansen
Adult Session	It Takes a Village: Encouraging Volunteers in Youth Ministry	Do you struggle to find and retain volunteers for your group? No professional leader works in isolation. Youth ministry relies on the prayers and assistance of outside helpers, but keeping and encouraging quality volunteers can be a challenge. Youth leaders are responsible for recruiting and inspiring others who will have a profound impact on the students they serve. Join in conversation with others to discuss strategies for building up volunteers, and gain insight into how to encourage them as important components of God's story within your ministry. Walk away equipped with tools to value and motivate your volunteers in all things!	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	352D	Kristin Schmidt

Adult Session	7 Practices: Deeply Understanding Baptismal Faith	Helping youth to deeply understand their baptismal faith may seem simple, but it's far from easy. In Baptism, young people are given forgiveness of sins, new life and eternal life. A deep understanding of their baptismal faith is far more than a onetime event. It is central for a lifelong discipleship as teens experience new learning, expanding freedom, struggle and doubt. In this session we will cover how we can help youth to be more deeply rooted in their identity while living in a world that seeks to uproot them from the faith.	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	352E	Ben Meyer
Adult Session	Take Time for YOUR Well-being	As you pour out to serve others, it's important for you to care for yourself, too. Come and review with me five wellness steps to care for our health as we strive to be good stewards of the bodies entrusted to our care.	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	352F	Steve Gruenwald
Youth Session	Worth Dying For: A New Model for Dating and Relationships	We focus so much on dating and relationships in today's world and yet it is such an area of struggle and heartache for so many. Perhaps we need a new model for relationships--dating from your value rather than for your value. Come learn how being "worth dying for" changes not only your relationships, but your whole life!	7/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	Grand Ballroom C	Brandon Metcalf
Youth Session	Interested in Lutheran church and school ministry?	Have you ever wondered what it might be like to work for a Lutheran church or school? Are you curious about the different roles in Lutheran ministry? Come listen to and chat with awesome people who are currently serving as pastors, teachers, DCE's, and other church work professions.	7/10/2022	11:30:00 AM	12:20:00 PM	361	Leon Jameson
Youth Session	FutureSex/LoveProblems: Sex, Love, and Christian Identity in the Digital Age	God's first command was to be fruitful and multiply. Yet many "nice" Christians avoid talking about sex for fear of shame or embarrassment. This session will take an honest and open look at sex in the Digital Age, including emerging technologies that make human sexuality a difficult terrain to navigate. Conversational and informative, the session will draw on scriptural and theological insights that remind us of our purpose as creatures of the Creator and the unique gift of sexuality--a gift that requires discernment, care, and ultimately, faith. This session is not for the type of student who can't handle mature topics and/or giggles uncontrollably in health class.	7/10/2022	11:30:00 AM	12:20:00 PM	370	Joel Oesch

Youth Session	Who Even Are You?	You are a unique combination of traits that have come together to make the only version of you in this universe. THE ONLY YOU. Why do we spend so much time trying to fit in? What do we do when we feel different from everyone else? How do we balance being a part of the crowd with our friends with honoring our own uniqueness? Discover how identity can empower you.	7/10/2022	11:30:00 AM	12:20:00 PM	372	Michelle Thompson
Youth Session	What Do I Do? Simple Steps for Tough Decisions	It's the moment we often dread. It's time to make the decision. So, what do you do? And, how do you know if this decision is the right one, especially given the many voices that seek to influence our decision-making process? This session will give you practical and simple steps for making tough and difficult decisions, and you will walk away with greater clarity regarding a Biblical approach to the decisions you will face.	7/10/2022	11:30:00 AM	12:20:00 PM	350DEF	Ryan Peterson
Youth Session	Mosaic Initiative: Justice. Mercy. Humility... In All Things?	The prophet Micah tells us to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God." Sadly, we've seen how not doing those things continues to impact people just because they look different or come from different backgrounds. In this interactive session, we're going to explore the complex realities of justice, mercy, and humility as we strive to uplift all people. Join us for some conversations that are covered by the grace of Jesus, as we follow his lead to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly, In All Things.	7/10/2022	11:30:00 AM	12:20:00 PM	352A	Nicholas Gonzalez
Youth Session	But like...what if there is no God?	Atheists and agnostics, apatheists and "nones," the spiritual-but-not religious and...Christian atheists?! How do we make sense of the dizzying complexity of non-religious options out there these days? For that matter, what do we do with the doubts we have and the skepticism we sometimes feel toward organized religion? Simply defined, atheism is a lack of belief in the existence of God or gods. But there's way more to it than that. In this session, we'll explore where atheism came from in the first place, understand the different forms of nonbelief, and wrestle with why so many people choose to be non-religious. Along the way, we'll tackle tough questions about life, death, and the ultimate meaning of all things.	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	310	Ken Chitwood

Youth Session	(For Guys Only) "Forged in the Fire -- Having a Faith of Iron and a Heart of Gold: Finding Strength for our Relationships	This is truth: The best thing in life are good relationships. Unfortunately as guys get older, their friendships can be fewer and weaker than when they're little. Family relationships get fractured and falter. Their dating/romantic relationships seem to be a hit or miss. Many young men end up feeling empty, left out or just out of sorts. God never intended this to be true for guys. Jesus demonstrated an incredible skill in His relationships. With an ironclad faith in His person and purpose as well as demonstrating his friendship/fellowship from His heart of gold, we can tap into His resources. Let's join the adventure of securing healthy, happy and holy relationships.	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	320	William Yonker
Youth Session	Set Apart to Serve - LCMS Church Work Recruitment Initiative	This session will introduce you to Set Apart to Serve. This will include SAS goals, Synod collaboration, need for church workers, resources, and steps forward. It will help pastors, parents, youth workers, and congregations form, identify, encourage, and support the youth in our congregations consider and pursue a full-time church work vocation. This session will talk about the upcoming Pilot Projects in every district, resources being developed through Concordia Publishing House, and Church Worker Appreciation Month. Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). Come and hear how you and your congregation be a part of Set Apart to Serve!	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	330	James Baneck
Youth Session	LGBTQ+ and the Love of Jesus	What does the Bible say about LGBTQ+ people? How do I share Jesus and His love with my LGBTQ+ friends? This session will give you a biblical framework to navigate relationships with imperfect people (including cisgender straight people) and a game plan to share Jesus and His love with everyone in your life.	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	342	Mark Pulliam
Youth Session	2 Weeks to Slow the Spread...Living in a divided world.	Things aren't the same as they were B.C. (before Covid). Gather with other teens to discuss your story of before, during and after the pandemic. Be encouraged by what we have learned and how Christ continues to shine in you, even in the darkest times.	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	351	Rebecca Duport

Youth Session	Porn to Love: Talking About the Dirty Little Secret	Pornography affects so many, even those within the church, and we need to talk about it. In our world, porn is a cheap alternative to the beautiful gift of sexuality that God intended it to be. Come to this session to hear stories, understand the reality of how porn affects your brain, and hear practical ways of fighting the dangerous drug of pornography.	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	360	Grant Carey
Youth Session	Hope When Your Heart Breaks: Getting Through Bad News, Break-ups, and Bitter Times	How do you keep going when life falls apart? What's the secret to coping with and growing through difficult times and heartbreaking losses? How can you help your friends travel through their grief? Join Pastor Michael Newman to hear about life-giving gifts from God that mend and sustain broken hearts.	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	362	Michael Newman
Youth Session	How Will You Be Remembered? A Conversation on Personal and Ethical Leadership	For what do you want to be remembered? How will people describe you long after you leave school? Both WHAT you do and WHO you are is important, especially in today's world of social media. This session will help you think about your personal leadership and what you can start doing RIGHT NOW to make a difference and leave an impression that can last a lifetime. Focusing on ethics and leadership development, Dr. Christian will challenge you to think and act in a manner that is more Christ-like and congruent with your own faith life.	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	371	Donald Christian
Adult Session	Engaging Students with Opportunities to Serve and Lead	Do you prefer to sit on the bench or be in the game? If we are honest, we have an intrinsic desire to use our gifts and abilities for a common good. Through our Baptism God does not just partially put us on the team but "In All Things" he calls us to fully use our gifts and abilities to love and serve others. When we engage students in meaningful opportunities to serve and lead, we are affirming their God given place on the team (The Church). Research affirms this crucial step in both the retention of students post confirmation and into young adulthood. Learn more about practical steps congregations can take in providing meaningful opportunities for youth to serve as well as strategies to train and equip them for Christ-like servant leadership.	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	352D	Peter Hiller

<p>Adult Session</p>	<p>4 Essential Types of Resilience: Helping Youth Develop a Resilient Identity in Christ in All Things</p>	<p>The world is a hard place to live many days even when it also holds so much goodness. Our identity in Christ reminds us that we are not alone in this world and that this world is not all there is. Resilience is a gift from God that helps us meet the harder parts of life with our identity in Christ intact and grounded confidence about our place in this world. How can we better share this gift of God daily with our youth in all things?</p>	<p>7/10/2022</p>	<p>12:00:00 PM</p>	<p>12:50:00 PM</p>	<p>352E</p>	<p>Heidi Goehmann</p>
<p>Adult Session</p>	<p>Peer Ministry: We need it now more than ever.</p>	<p>Gun Violence. Suicide. Bullying. Depression. Anxiety. Racism. What do all of these have in common? Isolation on some level. Covid is not the only pandemic the world has been dealing with. Scripture makes clear that these evils will always exist in this fallen creation. There is only one answer, "For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to himself all thing, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross." (Col. 1:19-20) Jesus is the answer today and the complete healing to come! Jesus has called us to go into the world and declare His victory! Peer ministry is a powerful way to do that. Equipping youth to bring love, hope, peace, strength, and joy to other youth. Helping youth reach out a hand and let another youth know that they are important, loved and valued. Come and join in an important conversation as we explore easy ways to impact the immense hurt in the world today.</p>	<p>7/10/2022</p>	<p>12:00:00 PM</p>	<p>12:50:00 PM</p>	<p>352F</p>	<p>Michael Harvey</p>

Youth Session	In All Things Marvel	<p>Marvel fans, assemble! The Marvel Cinematic Universe accomplished in 23 films what I consider to be nothing short of incredible. Over the course of 23 movies (approximately 3000 minutes of film, created over the span of ten years) the MCU told one, unified story--a story that moved enough people in this world that eight of those twenty-three movies are in the top twenty-five highest grossing movies of all time. Y'all that's impressive! But how could one story accomplish something so monumental? Because along the way it was reflecting the greatest story ever told: God's story of all things. Join us as we break down how the first three phases of the Marvel Cinematic Universe reflect the ultimate story of what God has accomplished for us in Jesus. We'll make mention of key things throughout all movies from the first three phases, especially each Avengers, but we will end with a particular focus on "Avengers: Infinity War" and "Avengers: Endgame" to wrap up our time together (because that's where the best stuff is!).</p>	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom AB	Lee Hopf
Youth Session	Healthy Relationships for Girls	<p>It is more important to BE the right person than to FIND the right person. Opposites might attract when it comes to personality, they never attract when it comes to character. Most young people have embraced an unhealthy view of relationships and pursue relationships for their own self interest. Instead of asking how can I be the person that a partner would need, we try to find someone who will make us feel good, desired and fulfill our needs. This is the opposite of selfless, unconditional love and embraces the world's view of relationships that focuses on selfish desires.</p>	7/10/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom C	Pam Stenzel
Youth Session	Denomination Domination: Communion edition (Why Oreos and Chocolate milk won't cut it)	<p>While Oreos and chocolate milk are delicious, they aren't a means of grace. Why would bread and wine be different? What does communion have to do with animal sacrifice, the Ark of the Covenant and even why we divide the Bible into the Old and New Testament? Why did Jesus have to die on a cross and not some other way?</p> <p>It was all part of God's plan that comes together on that last Passover meal Jesus has with his disciples. Lets put together the pieces to make a picture you may not have ever seen before.</p>	7/10/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	361	Clint Colwell

Youth Session	Robust Love: Race Relations and Our Shared Faith	Bring your cup and come for the tea! Session attendees will walk away with a way to frame the interactions between race, culture and the church. We will discuss and critically think through common issues together and understand what Scripture has to say with this age old issue.	7/10/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	370	Janine Bolling
Youth Session	Christ In All Things...Even Addiction!	It's a sobering reality to come to, pun intended. In some way, we are all addicts! Some use drugs, some use alcohol, some use screens...The list goes on. When addiction impacts your life, you will inevitably come to this question, "God, where are you?" With a brother, three father figures, and a mom who all struggled with addiction, Pastor Billy shares how God has worked...in all things...to draw him into the love of Jesus Christ.	7/10/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	372	Billy Newell
Youth Session	Oh the Places You'll Go	What is your church body doing to share the Gospel around the world? How could you partner with global missions? Join the conversation and ask your questions.	7/10/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	350DEF	Krista Young
Youth Session	Religion, religions, religious?	You've got your Buddhist neighbor and your Jewish friend, your Muslim teammate and your spiritual-but-not-religious cousin. Maybe you've wondered to yourself: what do they actually believe? What do they do when they go to the temple, synagogue, mosque, or meditation center? How do I have a meaningful spiritual conversation with people who claim a different religious identity than me? In this session, we'll explore why there is such a wide range of religious belief and practice, what that means for Christians worldwide, and how you can navigate the shift from Christian privilege to spiritual plurality in your everyday life.	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	310	Ken Chitwood
Youth Session	Problem Parents or Parent's Problem?	Ever have a problem with your parents? Come and discover strategies for how to have a better understanding of and relationship with your parents and care givers.	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	320	Bill Harmon
Youth Session	Next Steps: NOT Youth Group 2.0	What comes after High School Youth Group? If your plans include college, chances are there is a congregation or campus ministry nearby. But campus ministry is NOT just Youth Group 2.0! Hear from several different campus ministries about the opportunities that are available to you, and what to expect from church at college (Be sure to visit the Campus Ministry table in the Youth Ministry booth!) Presented by Lutheran Campus Mission Association	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	330	Matt Slaybaugh

Youth Session	Anxiety Interrupted	Anxiety. You know it. You see it. You feel it. It creeps in and takes over. It can seem paralyzing. Whatever anxiety looks like in your life, this session will interrupt the way you see it as we explore Scripture and recognize the calming presence of God and His promises that can help us cope. If you or a friend you know or students in your youth group struggle with anxiety, come discover how, in all things, we have peace in Christ — even in the midst of our worry.	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	342	Leon Jameson
Youth Session	This Love is Toxic	Some relationships are healthy. Some are just plain toxic. Most waver back and forth on a spectrum between great and ...less beneficial. How do you know how to improve a friendship or other relationship, and when it's time to end one? Let's explore healthy and toxic traits of different types of relationships, and apply some biblical models of relationships to our investment in them.	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	351	Cassie Schermbeck
Youth Session	Who am I in Christ?	Being different for Jesus' sake is not always easy. We may face trials, opposition, and rejection by others because of our faith in Jesus and who we are in Him. The Holy Spirit strengthens us for our earthly walk with Jesus and makes us saints of the church, called to be different in this world. This is a session from the 2020 YouthLead curriculum focused on helping youth understand their Baptismal identity and how it impacts their everyday faith.	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	360	LCMS YouthLead Executive Team
Youth Session	Can I Overcome Loneliness?	Does anyone get me? Does God know I'm lonely? What can I do if I feel all alone? These are questions that many high school students are asking these days. In this session we will explore what leads to feelings of loneliness. We will also uncover how loneliness is not forever. Together, we will talk about the pain of feeling lonely and discover the hope we have in Jesus who is faithful to His promise to never leave us.	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	362	Lisa Hellyer

Youth Session	The Hope of the Gospel: Refugees and Immigration	Days of having to travel abroad to engage with the world are over, the world is now practically at our doorstep and we need to engage with it. The stories and lives of refugees is one of isolation, but the joy and hope of the gospel is inclusive, creating room for everyone at the table and leaving no one left out. Refugee ministry can seem intimidating causing us to shy away from engaging the refugee community in our midst, thus missing out on the opportunity to proclaim the inclusive saving Gospel of Christ and to build relationships. Christ is in all things and that includes our lives and that of the refugee community. This session will share practical insights and tactics for creating room at the table of the Lord for the refugee community by sharing the gospel and partnering with them in ministry.	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	371	Kanagasabai UmaShankar
Adult Session	Warmth, Challenge and Grace	As a church body devoted to the spiritual cultivation of children and youth, this session will provide opportunity to explore the ways your church can grow faith in youth. Do you have an environment of welcome and warmth? Is there an atmosphere for questions and doubts, joys and fears, truth and grace? The focus will be on the next best steps you can take as you lead in your ministry area to invite, engage and develop disciples of Jesus in the youth of your church and community.	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	352D	Cheri Selander
Adult Session	Unique Vocation: It's not What You Do, it's Who You Serve	Generation Z is a Generation of Action. They don't want to sit on the sidelines and wait for change to happen, they want to make it happen! In this session, we will discuss the healthy practice, "Live out Their Unique Vocation," and explore beyond defining vocation, but dive deeper into how understanding vocation in a youth ministry context can not only provide direction for mentorship & guidance for youth leaders, but give peace of mind, encouragement, and confidence to a generation ready to change the world. This session is designed for those unfamiliar with vocation and those in need of encouragement for leading Gen Z.	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	352E	Maddie Gong

Adult Session	Invite & Invest - Building Leaders that Inspire!	<p>There are people around you who can help your ministry build capacity and grow. They are volunteer leaders and they are, perhaps, the most under-utilized resource. These people are highly skilled and come with high expectations. They are also deeply committed to the cause for which they give their time. They are anxious to take on programs and projects if you are willing to allow them to do so.</p> <p>In this session we'll:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Define "leadership volunteer" and look at how they can up your game; -Examine the characteristics of a volunteer leader so you know what you're looking for; -Explore where to find leaders and how to utilize them; -Discuss the importance of being volunteer centric when working with these key leaders 	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	352F	Michelle Thompson
Concert	Remedy Drive	Remedy Drive is an American alternative rock band founded in Lincoln, Nebraska. They are now based on Nashville, Tennessee. Lead singer and guitarist David Zach works with The Exodus Road in Southeast Asia to deliver impoverished youth from child slavery.	7/10/2022	1:50:00 PM	2:10:00 PM	Marriott Marquis Texas Ballroom	Remedy Drive
Adult Afinity Groups	Multi-Cultural Youth Ministry	If your ministry includes youth from multiple cultures, come and discuss strategies to welcome, integrate, and celebrate the diversity in your group with other professional and lay leaders.	7/10/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:30:00 PM	352B	Adult Leader Resource Team
Concert	Apollo LTD	Apollo LTD's alternative-pop anthems blur the horizon between organic music and electronic	7/10/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:50:00 PM	General Assembly	Apollo LTD
Youth Session	S.H.A.R.E. Sexual Health and Relationship Education	Each one of us was created in God's image. We are created on purpose and with purpose. Sex is amazing, but God placed it within the context of a covenant, marriage, in order to protect us and future generations. The beauty of God's design is lost on a culture that treats sex as a recreational sport and treats others as objects to be used and discarded. This workshop will discuss the consequences of a disordered view of our bodies and God's design for sexuality and relationships.	7/10/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom AB	Pam Stenzel

Youth Session	Hey... You Matter.	Get ready to have a life-changing, eye-opening experience with National Youth Coach, Heather Ruesch, and the You Matter Tour™ School Assemblies! In this session, Heather not only explains why your life matters, but how to live with a dignity for human life that changes the way you see and approach your physical worth, your mental/emotional health, your relationships with others, and God's role in all of it! Teens across the country tell us that developing skills for self-awareness and self-care after hearing a YMT™ presentation were exactly what they needed to begin embracing life again. "This is the first time I've ever been told that I matter and how to love myself."- HS Student. Come ready to have a blast, your life matters! Heather's energy and love for teens, paired with student participation and powerful visuals make this session hard to forget but easy to put into practice!	7/10/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom C	Heather Ruesch
Performer	You Had to Be There! It Was Stinking Funny!	When is the last time you laughed? I mean....face hurts, ribs are tight and you need a nap kind of laugh? God created comedy. The world, like everything God creates, abused it. This session is designed for people who have had a difficult year, month.... heck, maybe a day. David will refresh the hearts of the saints through clean, observational humor. He tackles family, siblings, dating...even the church. He'll look for ya in the front row!	7/10/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:50:00 PM	Marriott Marquis Texas Ballroom	David Dean
Youth Session	Living with Disabilities	Doesn't seem fair! I was living my dream of working with youth and being a missionary. Then at the age of 30, I became deaf. I lost everything in my life. The job I loved, my friends, and my life were changed and gone. I prayed every night for God to take me home to heaven. He didn't. After 3 months, I realized that God wanted and needed me to do His work. I had the choice to be sad and deaf or be happy and deaf. My choice wasn't being deaf but how I responded. God has now led me to a unique ministry in the Lutheran church. I am the only rostered DCE and am leading the only deaf youth program we have. American Sign Language is the primary language in my home (do you want to learn some?).	7/10/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	361	Denise Pulfer

Youth Session	Who Is My Neighbor?	<p>We are living in a very divided nation. In this session we will discuss our own contributions to the racial problem in our country. We will recognize our tendency to lay out sides of “us” against “them.” We narrow our definition of “neighbor” to the people who are like us. But Jesus wants to expand our definition of neighbor to every human—the only real “them” is Satan and his angels.</p> <p>This session will be challenging because it asks us to examine our own deep-rooted prejudices, fears, and cold-heartedness. Only through repentance and faith can Christ prepare us to reach beyond the wall dividing us and embrace both sides of the racial division in America.</p>	7/10/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	370	Keith Haney
Youth Session	Help, I Can't See You In Anything God!: Helping those struggling with Self-Harm and Suicide	<p>This world can at times feel dark and overwhelming. There are many moments when it doesn't feel like God is present in anything even though we know He promises to be with us IN ALL THINGS. What do we do with the pain we feel? How do we cope when our brain tricks us into believing that this world would be better without us? Suicide and self-harm can be scary for us as we experience it and for those that love people going through it. In this session Megan will discuss why suicide and self-harm are increasing, what we can do to help those struggling in this way and how to experience God's love when we feel unworthy of experiencing anything good.</p>	7/10/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	372	Megan Miessler
Youth Session	Sex, Abortion, and Culture	<p>Are people around you talking about sex? Do you ever hear mention of abortion, or maybe reproductive rights and choices? How are Lutherans to live and move in a culture that emphasizes personal independence and choice above all? Join Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor, director of LCMS Life Ministry for an interactive discussion about sex, abortion and life in the American culture. Our conversation will be grounded in God's Word with a focus on our baptismal identity in Christ.</p>	7/10/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	350DEF	Tiffany Manor

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Youth Session	The ABC's of Defending Your Faith	If someone asked why you were a Christian, what would you say? If they asked how you knew you followed the right religion, what would you answer be? Apologetics, or defending the faith, is as easy as ABC: A is for Archaeology, B is for Bible, C is for Christ Jesus...Find out more and get answers to these common questions so you are always ready to give a reason for the hope that you have (1 Peter 3:15)!	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	310	Brad Alles
Youth Session	How to Have a Bad Day: Finding Rest in an Exhausting World	<p>Anxious. Exhausted. Overwhelmed. Busy. These are words I often hear come out of the mouths of teenagers I know. The activities seem endless. The expectations of parents, teachers, and coaches pile up. Anxiety rises and depression sets in. Sometimes it feels like we don't even have time to breathe!</p> <p>Join us for a fun, interactive session learning what God's word says about rest AND discovering together some practical ways to take care of ourselves, especially on the hard days.</p> <p>Participants in this session will walk away with a personalized plan and tools to deal with daily stresses and potential crisis as they learn to live in the abundant LIFE God desires for us... a life overflowing with peace, joy, and REST!</p>	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	320	Rebekah Freed

Youth Session	How NOT to Let Issues Prevent Friendships	Racism, Sexuality, Abortion, Social Justice, Gender, Religion. Hot-button issues are forcing people to take sides and breaking up friendships. How do we deal with the pressure to agree with views we find uncomfortable or that go against our faith? If I'm supposed to love my enemies, how do I do that? Learn how to engage with others who believe differently from you by using tools developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries to help you have more productive and loving spiritual conversations.	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	330	Chad Lakies
Youth Session	Plot Twist: How Anxiety and Depression Wrecked My Teens and What Jesus Did to Redeem It	Almost everyone experiences it, but no one talks about it. Culture romanticizes it. The church widely ignores it. Most of us are scared to admit we struggle. Many of us wonder if Jesus even cares. I went through that and more. Let's talk about it all - Anxiety, Depression, and Mental Health!	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	342	Arleah Lorenz
Adult Session	LHM & Barna: I'm Talking But Does Anyone Care?	Does the idea of having spiritual conversations feel overwhelming or even pointless? Do you wish you had concrete tips and tools on how to talk about Jesus with the kids in your youth group, people at your church, in your home, and in your community? We've got great news for you. Research from Lutheran Hour Ministries and Barna shows the important role of spiritual conversations in nurturing faith. We're here to share an exciting model of sharing your faith through conversation that research says can even be a joyful experience. Join us!	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	351	Ashley Bayless / Jason Broge
Youth Session	The four letter word you're not using enough	You've heard of this word, and maybe you've even tried it! What does it mean? Can you really unlock and utilize the power that this word holds? Learn and explore what this word can do for you and for others.	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	360	Rebecca Dupont
Youth Session	Redeeming Technology: Reclaiming a Right Relationship with Technology	4,105 hours per year. That's the average amount of time an American spends with digital technology. That's almost 45% of your year spent in front of a screen, whether that's your phone, TV, or computer. Have you considered how all of that technology time is affecting you? This session will explore how we can reclaim a right relationship with technology by establishing healthier habits of technology use and media consumption. With Christ at the center, technology finds its proper place in our lives.	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	362	Trevor Sutton

Youth Session	How to Survive and Thrive as a Lutheran Christian in the Military!	Are you nervous about joining the military? Are you worried about a friend or relative who is joining or already in the military? Are you not sure what to expect? Will you be able to practice your faith? These are all questions our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Guardians ask as they begin their training (either in "boot camp" or Officer Candidate School or even the Academies). In this session we will discuss all the challenges and opportunities to not only survive Military training as a Christian, but also how to thrive in this challenging and exciting environment. We will look at some of the challenges that will be encountered by all who selflessly serve in the Military, but also provide mentoring and information to excel in the Military without having to compromise your faith or conscience. We will also look at case studies of how individuals overcame obstacles and joyfully serve our Nation in the Armed Forces. Maybe you have a relative who is in the military and you want to understand more about the culture and challenges they face physically and spiritually. We will provide resources and information to ensure Spiritual Fitness for you and/or your loved ones in the Military. We will give take a look at the armor which God has given you to not only survive, but to thrive as a Christian who selflessly volunteered to serve our nation. This session is for all military connected persons. You will find it valuable even if you are not a member of the	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	371	Craig Muehler
Adult Afinity Groups	Serving in a Pastoral Vacancy	If your congregation is currently experiencing a pastoral vacancy, come share with other youth leaders how it is impacting your ministry.	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:30:00 PM	352B	Adult Leader Resource Team
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Adult Session	Finding rest	We want to keep running the race in ministry but feel so tired. Where do we find the energy to keep going year after year? Let's chat about how God encourages and strengthens us and how we can practice sabbath rest.	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	352E	Krista Young

Adult Session	Your truth My truth His Truth: The importance of Apologetics and Christian Worldview in Ministry	Are you or your youth asking questions like "Is the Bible reliable?" "Do all religions really lead to the same place?" or "Why can't everyone just have their own beliefs and it be okay?" It's okay to have questions but where do you look for the answers? Welcome to the world of Christian Worldview and Apologetics. In this session we'll break down some of those questions and point you in the direction of the answers, and begin to dig into some of the foundations of our beliefs.	7/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	352F	Jonathan Zellar
Concert	Apollo LTD	Apollo LTD's alternative-pop anthems blur the horizon between organic music and electronic	7/10/2022	3:50:00 PM	4:10:00 PM	General Assembly	Apollo LTD
Concert	Remedy Drive	Remedy Drive is an American alternative rock band founded in Lincoln, Nebraska. They are now based on Nashville, Tennessee. Lead singer and guitarist David Zach works with The Exodus Road in Southeast Asia to deliver impoverished youth from child slavery.	7/10/2022	3:50:00 PM	4:10:00 PM	Marriott Marquis Texas Ballroom	Remedy Drive
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Adult Afinity Groups	Finishing Well in Youth Ministry	Discuss how to finish well if you are in the last 6 months or less of lay or professional ministry	7/10/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:30:00 PM	352B	Adult Leader Resource Team
Youth Session	The Work of His Hands	The Psalmist declares, "Great are the works of Yahweh; They are studied by all who delight in them." (111:2) Those works declared great include the provisioning of creation and sustaining that creation in unfolding providence leading toward the ultimate purpose of redemption and consummation in Christ. Psalm 111, sometimes called the scientist's psalm, characterizes a believer as one who delights in those works and characterizes the works of God as studied works. In that sense, all believers are scientists. This session will take you to the vantage point of off-the-planet, consider the view while looking through the lens of Scripture, and challenge you with the implications of the truth of the Word – Christ in all things – in answering your calling in life.	7/10/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	General Assembly	Jeffrey Williams
Youth Session	What's In Your Hand	What has God placed into your hands? What opportunities has God given you to serve? What has God called you to do? Hear from a former MLB pitcher about how God put a baseball in his hand to serve as well as a cup of water through Water Mission.	7/10/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom AB	Scott Linebrink

Youth Session	Bigger. Faster. Stronger. Calling All Athletes!	To be early is to be on time! Practice how you play! Dig deeper! 2nd place is the first loser! These are some of the mantras ingrained in Pastor Billy's mind from his time in competition: Football, Track, Diving, Swimming, Baseball, Cross Country, Basketball, and Cycling. As athletes, you work hard to be better all of the time. When you really think about it, your job is to learn how to suffer physically in such a way that you can still focus longer, run faster, maintain precision, and of course win! What happens when the suffering is mental, emotional, and spiritual? When you aren't good enough in competition, are you good enough at all? Spoiler Alert: Christ is in all things...especially the suffering! Pastor Billy wrestles with the impact of our faith in athletics, taking a look at the one who knows how to suffer the best.	7/10/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom C	Billy Newell
Performer	Zak Mirz Illusionist	Illusionist Zak Mirz shares a message of wonder and hope as he weaves his unique journey of faith into his show.	7/10/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	Marriott Marquis Texas Ballroom	Zak Mirz
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Youth Session	No Greater Love: Sharing Jesus' Story with the Lost, Broken, and Confused People in Your Life	<p>Whom do you love who doesn't know the love of Jesus? We want the people we love to know about the greatest love: the love God has for them. We can share God's love with them by showing it in acts of mercy and by speaking it as Christ's witnesses. When we speak it to people, we are sharing His love in the greatest way possible.</p> <p>But how do we speak God's love to our lost, broken, or confused friends, classmates, family members, teammates, etc. in ways that they will listen? What can we do to overcome the challenges of sharing Jesus' story in a culture that is opposed to it? How do we engage the people in our lives in conversations about Jesus without offending, aggravating, or driving them away?</p> <p>We'll explore some ideas for being faithful and effective witnesses of Jesus in our everyday lives so that other people can know and experience the greatest love.</p>	7/10/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	330	Mark Wood
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Adult Session	LCMS SERVANT EVENTS Next Summer...SERVE ❤️	Are YOU ready to help youth: Step out of their comfort zone? Be a part of life changing Bible study and devotions? Experience new activities? Meet other youth from around the country? Serve others in the Name of Jesus? How can YOU do this? LCMS Servant Events bring youth and their adult leaders together by connecting to Christ, serving others, and building lasting Christ centered relationships. This session will give YOU what YOU need to be ready and to participate in LCMS Servant Events. Next Summer...SERVE ❤️	7/10/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	352E	Shelly Carlson
Adult Session	Discovering, Creating, and Leading Games for Youth	Since the dawn of creation, games have always played an integral role in youth ministry. Games can strengthen relationships, foster cooperation and teamwork, teach valuable life skills, and so much more. They can also just be for fun! In this session, we will discover a variety of games you can use in your ministry. We will talk about the do's and don'ts of youth games. We will also discuss how you can create new games. You will have an opportunity to share your favorite games with one another and play a game together!	7/10/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	352F	David Johnson
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Adult Session	Engaged Parents	Looking for ways to engage (or reengage) parents? Having a hard time communicating the importance of engaged parents to your congregation? Join Blake as he shares Biblical truth & Synodical research on why having engaged parents is key for Youth Ministry. Blake will also share 5 tips & pointers on how to engage parents in ministry. This session will also have time for discussion and brainstorming as we walk together to the end goal of having engaged parents in ministry!	7/11/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	352F	Blake Brockman
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Youth Session	Why is sharing Jesus with others so hard (but necessary)?	Join Pastor Dawit as he walks you through his struggles and God's grace as he was sharing the message of Jesus over the last decade in one of the most diverse places in the nation in the San Francisco Bay area.	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	310	Dawit Bokre
Youth Session	Face to Face- Unfiltered Connection	Do you ever feel lonely? Disconnected? Do you find the only way you talk to people is through a screen? Filtered? You were made for more. You were made to be fully known and fully loved. Come be reminded of why the screen can never satisfy and walk away with practical tools to help you build <u>genuine connections</u> .	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	320	KerriAnn Schmid / Matt Chambers
Youth Session	How NOT to Let Issues Prevent Friendships	Racism, Sexuality, Abortion, Social Justice, Gender, Religion. Hot-button issues are forcing people to take sides and breaking up friendships. How do we deal with the pressure to agree with views we find uncomfortable or that go against our faith? If I'm supposed to love my enemies, how do I do that? Learn how to engage with others who believe differently from you by using tools developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries to help you have more productive and loving spiritual conversations.	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	330	Chad Lakies
Youth Session	Candles, Crystals, and Chakras: Thinking about Mystical Spiritualities.	We live in times when people may follow a variety of mystical practices or "spiritualities" that come from many different sources. What should we think about these alternative spiritualities and mystical ideas. We'll look at the sources of some popular ideas, consider what they really are, and explore what God's word has to say about them.	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	342	Steve Mueller
Youth Session	Permission to be on Mission?!	No cappin! We don't need to wait to be on mission! God has already given us permission! Be empowered to live out being the missionary God has called each of us to be!	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	351	Seth Kunze

Youth Session	Leadership: Coffee Pot Mentality	Let's face it, anybody who has assumed a leadership role throughout the past couple years has been tested and tried by a host of unexpected scenarios and events. Gone are the days that stepping up as a leader at school, in your community, or even in your family was simple and easy. We have all seen staple leaders in our society both fail miserably and bloom with success through recent trials, but we have also seen many new and upcoming leaders emerge and take the world by storm. We will discuss leadership styles that have been successful recently, as well as look at the tried and true principles of leadership that have withstood the test of time. "In All Things" we should be prepared to lead. Come and find out just what a coffeepot mentality has to do with leading well. BOOM!	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	360	Trevor Kunze
Youth Session	In Christ Alone I Live!!!	My life journey from Matala, Sri Lanka, to Gbarnga/Monrovia Liberia, and back to Colombo Sri Lanka	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	362	Kanagasabai UmaShankar
Youth Session	TikTok Heretic- Confronting False Teachings Prevalent in Our Culture With Biblical Truth	Have you ever heard someone say, "What goes around, comes around" and wondered if that's really true? Using examples from TikTok videos and memes, this session will examine some of the most common false teachings (heresies) that permeate today's culture. Students will identify why these beliefs are in opposition to what Scripture teaches and help them to respond with a Biblical worldview.	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	371	Ryan Hansen
Adult Session	Warmth, Challenge and Grace	As a church body devoted to the spiritual cultivation of children and youth, this session will provide opportunity to explore the ways your church can grow faith in youth. Do you have an environment of welcome and warmth? Is there an atmosphere for questions and doubts, joys and fears, truth and grace? The focus will be on the next best steps you can take as you lead in your ministry area to invite, engage and develop disciples of Jesus in the youth of your church and community.	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	352D	Cheri Selander

Adult Session	Unique Vocation: It's not What You Do, it's Who You Serve	Generation Z is a Generation of Action. They don't want to sit on the sidelines and wait for change to happen, they want to make it happen! In this session, we will discuss the healthy practice, "Live out Their Unique Vocation," and explore beyond defining vocation, but dive deeper into how understanding vocation in a youth ministry context can not only provide direction for mentorship & guidance for youth leaders, but give peace of mind, encouragement, and confidence to a generation ready to change the world. This session is designed for those unfamiliar with vocation and those in need of encouragement for leading Gen Z.	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	352E	Maddie Gong
Adult Session	Finding, Writing and Evaluating Curriculum	Are you in a rut with your lessons and Bible study planning? Do you feel like you teach the same thing every week? What is even out there to use? It can be overwhelming when it comes to picking a curriculum not to mention the cost. If you're at a loss for where to even begin, then this session is for you. Join Laura as she gives some practical ways she has found in writing, finding, and evaluating curriculum and studies.	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	352F	Laura Kuegele
Youth Session	What's In Your Hand	What has God placed into your hands? What opportunities has God given you to serve? What has God called you to do? Hear from a former MLB pitcher about how God put a baseball in his hand to serve as well as a cup of water through Water Mission.	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom AB	Scott Linebrink
Youth Session	Bigger. Faster. Stronger. Calling All Athletes!	To be early is to be on time! Practice how you play! Dig deeper! 2nd place is the first loser! These are some of the mantras ingrained in Pastor Billy's mind from his time in competition: Football, Track, Diving, Swimming, Baseball, Cross Country, Basketball, and Cycling. As athletes, you work hard to be better all of the time. When you really think about it, your job is to learn how to suffer physically in such a way that you can still focus longer, run faster, maintain precision, and of course win! What happens when the suffering is mental, emotional, and spiritual? When you aren't good enough in competition, are you good enough at all? Spoiler Alert: Christ is in all things...especially the suffering! Pastor Billy wrestles with the impact of our faith in athletics, taking a look at the one who knows how to suffer the best.	7/11/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom C	Billy Newell

Youth Session	Interested in Lutheran church and school ministry?	Have you ever wondered what it might be like to work for a Lutheran church or school? Are you curious about the different roles in Lutheran ministry? Come listen to and chat with awesome people who are currently serving as pastors, teachers, DCE's, and other church work professions.	7/11/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	361	Leon Jameson
Youth Session	FutureSex/LoveProblems: Sex, Love, and Christian Identity in the Digital Age	God's first command was to be fruitful and multiply. Yet many "nice" Christians avoid talking about sex for fear of shame or embarrassment. This session will take an honest and open look at sex in the Digital Age, including emerging technologies that make human sexuality a difficult terrain to navigate. Conversational and informative, the session will draw on scriptural and theological insights that remind us of our purpose as creatures of the Creator and the unique gift of sexuality--a gift that requires discernment, care, and ultimately, faith. This session is not for the type of student who can't handle mature topics and/or giggles uncontrollably in health class.	7/11/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	370	Joel Oesch
Youth Session	Who Even Are You?	You are a unique combination of traits that have come together to make the only version of you in this universe. THE ONLY YOU. Why do we spend so much time trying to fit in? What do we do when we feel different from everyone else? How do we balance being a part of the crowd with our friends with honoring our own uniqueness? Discover how identity can empower you.	7/11/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	372	Michelle Thompson
Youth Session	What Do I Do? Simple Steps for Tough Decisions	It's the moment we often dread. It's time to make the decision. So, what do you do? And, how do you know if this decision is the right one, especially given the many voices that seek to influence our decision-making process? This session will give you practical and simple steps for making tough and difficult decisions, and you will walk away with greater clarity regarding a Biblical approach to the decisions you will face.	7/11/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	350DEF	Ryan Peterson

Youth Session	But like...what if there is no God?	Atheists and agnostics, apatheists and "nones," the spiritual-but-not religious and...Christian atheists?! How do we make sense of the dizzying complexity of non-religious options out there these days? For that matter, what do we do with the doubts we have and the skepticism we sometimes feel toward organized religion? Simply defined, atheism is a lack of belief in the existence of God or gods. But there's way more to it than that. In this session, we'll explore where atheism came from in the first place, understand the different forms of nonbelief, and wrestle with why so many people choose to be non-religious. Along the way, we'll tackle tough questions about life, death, and the ultimate meaning of all things.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	310	Ken Chitwood
Youth Session	(For Guys Only) "Forged in the Fire -- Having a Faith of Iron and a Heart of Gold: Finding Strength for our Relationships	This is truth: The best thing in life are good relationships. Unfortunately as guys get older, their friendships can be fewer and weaker than when they're little. Family relationships get fractured and falter. Their dating/romantic relationships seem to be a hit or miss. Many young men end up feeling empty, left out or just out of sorts. God never intended this to be true for guys. Jesus demonstrated an incredible skill in His relationships. With an ironclad faith in His person and purpose as well as demonstrating his friendship/fellowship from His heart of gold, we can tap into His resources. Let's join the adventure of securing healthy, happy and holy relationships.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	320	William Yonker
Youth Session	The Power of Friends	There is deep power in walking with people and connecting face to face. The outdoor ministries know this truth well. Over the recent years there have been some deep wounds to our connections and our youth (if not all of us) are seeing the effects. In this session we will dive into the value of teaching friendship as the greatest love (based on John 15:13) to our youth and young adults. We will also be talking about how to create a safe and connected church culture built on this love.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	330	Celine Newman
Youth Session	LGBTQ+ and the Love of Jesus	What does the Bible say about LGBTQ+ people? How do I share Jesus and His love with my LGBTQ+ friends? This session will give you a biblical framework to navigate relationships with imperfect people (including cisgender straight people) and a game plan to share Jesus and His love with everyone in your life.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	342	Mark Pulliam

Youth Session	2 Weeks to Slow the Spread...Living in a divided world.	Things aren't the same as they were B.C. (before Covid). Gather with other teens to discuss your story of before, during and after the pandemic. Be encouraged by what we have learned and how Christ continues to shine in you, even in the darkest times.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	351	Rebecca Duport
Youth Session	Porn to Love: Talking About the Dirty Little Secret	Pornography affects so many, even those within the church, and we need to talk about it. In our world, porn is a cheap alternative to the beautiful gift of sexuality that God intended it to be. Come to this session to hear stories, understand the reality of how porn affects your brain, and hear practical ways of fighting the dangerous drug of pornography.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	360	Grant Carey
Youth Session	Hope When Your Heart Breaks: Getting Through Bad News, Break-ups, and Bitter Times	How do you keep going when life falls apart? What's the secret to coping with and growing through difficult times and heartbreaking losses? How can you help your friends travel through their grief? Join Pastor Michael Newman to hear about life-giving gifts from God that mend and sustain broken hearts.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	362	Michael Newman
Youth Session	How Will You Be Remembered? A Conversation on Personal and Ethical Leadership	For what do you want to be remembered? How will people describe you long after you leave school? Both WHAT you do and WHO you are is important, especially in today's world of social media. This session will help you think about your personal leadership and what you can start doing RIGHT NOW to make a difference and leave an impression that can last a lifetime. Focusing on ethics and leadership development, Dr. Christian will challenge you to think and act in a manner that is more Christ-like and congruent with your own faith life.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	371	Donald Christian
Adult Session	Youth Ministry 101	Are you new to youth ministry? Or perhaps found yourself now in this area of ministry and not quite sure where to start? Do you feel unqualified because you're not a full-time church worker? If you answered yes to any of those questions fear not! The fact that you're investing in the lives of youth and looking for ways to help them grow in their faith means you're already on the right track! For both the volunteer and professional church worker alike, come and learn about the foundational elements of youth ministry and leave with resources for mission trip opportunities, book recommendations, websites you should have bookmarked, accounts to follow, and suggestions on things you can implement once you get home.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	352D	Sina Williams

Adult Session	Can I Still Lead Even When I'm Not in Charge?	So you aren't the one in the top leadership position at church, at your place of employment, or maybe anywhere, and yet you are still in a position of leadership. When you are in a position of leadership but aren't the top leader you are known as a second chair leader. In their book, <i>Leading From the Second Chair</i> , Mike Bonem and Roger Patterson define a second chair leader as "a person in a subordinate role whose influence with others adds value throughout the entire organization." In this session we will spend some time in discussion about the power and influence you have as a second chair leader. We will also talk about your relationship with your first chair (the leader at the top) and how to build a better team by being a reliable, honoring, and competent second chair leader. This session is for anyone who sits in a second chair position, whether that be as a volunteer, in the secular work world, or as a professional church worker.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	352E	Lisa Hellyer
Adult Session	Take Time for YOUR Well-being	As you pour out to serve others, it's important for you to care for yourself, too. Come and review with me five wellness steps to care for our health as we strive to be good stewards of the bodies entrusted to our care.	7/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	352F	Steve Gruenwald
Concert	Remedy Drive	Remedy Drive is an American alternative rock band founded in Lincoln, Nebraska. They are now based on Nashville, Tennessee. Lead singer and guitarist David Zach works with The Exodus Road in Southeast Asia to deliver impoverished youth from child slavery.	7/11/2022	1:50:00 PM	2:10:00 PM	Marriott Marquis Texas Ballroom	Remedy Drive
Adult Afinity Groups	LCMS Servant Events	The LCMS servant event team will be present to discuss opportunities for teens to serve across the country every summer	7/11/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:30:00 PM	352B	Adult Leader Resource Team
Concert	Apollo LTD	Apollo LTD's alternative-pop anthems blur the horizon between organic music and electronic	7/11/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:50:00 PM	General Assembly	Apollo LTD

<p>Youth Session</p>	<p>In All Things Marvel</p>	<p>Marvel fans, assemble! The Marvel Cinematic Universe accomplished in 23 films what I consider to be nothing short of incredible. Over the course of 23 movies (approximately 3000 minutes of film, created over the span of ten years) the MCU told one, unified story--a story that moved enough people in this world that eight of those twenty-three movies are in the top twenty-five highest grossing movies of all time. Y'all that's impressive! But how could one story accomplish something so monumental? Because along the way it was reflecting the greatest story ever told: God's story of all things. Join us as we break down how the first three phases of the Marvel Cinematic Universe reflect the ultimate story of what God has accomplished for us in Jesus. We'll make mention of key things throughout all movies from the first three phases, especially each Avengers, but we will end with a particular focus on "Avengers: Infinity War" and "Avengers: Endgame" to wrap up our time together (because that's where the best stuff is!).</p>	<p>7/11/2022</p>	<p>2:00:00 PM</p>	<p>2:50:00 PM</p>	<p>Grand Ballroom AB</p>	<p>Lee Hopf</p>
<p>Youth Session</p>	<p>Hey... You Matter.</p>	<p>Get ready to have a life-changing, eye-opening experience with National Youth Coach, Heather Ruesch, and the You Matter Tour™ School Assemblies! In this session, Heather not only explains why your life matters, but how to live with a dignity for human life that changes the way you see and approach your physical worth, your mental/emotional health, your relationships with others, and God's role in all of it! Teens across the country tell us that developing skills for self-awareness and self-care after hearing a YMT™ presentation were exactly what they needed to begin embracing life again. "This is the first time I've ever been told that I matter and how to love myself."- HS Student. Come ready to have a blast, your life matters! Heather's energy and love for teens, paired with student participation and powerful visuals make this session hard to forget but easy to put into practice!</p>	<p>7/11/2022</p>	<p>2:00:00 PM</p>	<p>2:50:00 PM</p>	<p>Grand Ballroom C</p>	<p>Heather Ruesch</p>

Performer	You Had to Be There! It Was Stinking Funny!	When is the last time you laughed? I mean....face hurts, ribs are tight and you need a nap kind of laugh? God created comedy. The world, like everything God creates, abused it. This session is designed for people who have had a difficult year, month.... heck, maybe a day. David will refresh the hearts of the saints through clean, observational humor. He tackles family, siblings, dating...even the church. He'll look for ya in the front row!	7/11/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:50:00 PM	Marriott Marquis Texas Ballroom	David Dean
Youth Session	Denomination Domination: Communion edition (Why Oreos and Chocolate milk won't cut it)	While Oreos and chocolate milk are delicious, they aren't a means of grace. Why would bread and wine be different? What does communion have to do with animal sacrifice, the Ark of the Covenant and even why we divide the Bible into the Old and New Testament? Why did Jesus have to die on a cross and not some other way? It was all part of God's plan that comes together on that last Passover meal Jesus has with his disciples. Lets put together the pieces to make a picture you may not have ever seen before.	7/11/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	361	Clint Colwell
Youth Session	Robust Love: Race Relations and Our Shared Faith	Bring your cup and come for the tea! Session attendees will walk away with a way to frame the interactions between race, culture and the church. We will discuss and critically think through common issues together and understand what Scripture has to say with this age old issue.	7/11/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	370	Janine Bolling
Youth Session	Christ In All Things...Even Addiction!	It's a sobering reality to come to, pun intended. In some way, we are all addicts! Some use drugs, some use alcohol, some use screens...The list goes on. When addiction impacts your life, you will inevitably come to this question, "God, where are you?" With a brother, three father figures, and a mom who all struggled with addiction, Pastor Billy shares how God has worked...in all things...to draw him into the love of Jesus Christ.	7/11/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	372	Billy Newell
Youth Session	Oh the Places You'll Go	What is your church body doing to share the Gospel around the world? How could you partner with global missions? Join the conversation and ask your questions.	7/11/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	350DEF	Krista Young

Youth Session	Mosaic Initiative: Justice. Mercy. Humility... In All Things?	The prophet Micah tells us to “do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.” Sadly, we’ve seen how not doing those things continues to impact people just because they look different or come from different backgrounds. In this interactive session, we’re going to explore the complex realities of justice, mercy, and humility as we strive to uplift all people. Join us for some conversations that are covered by the grace of Jesus, as we follow his lead to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly, In All Things.	7/11/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	352A	Nicholas Gonzalez
Youth Session	Religion, religions, religious?	You've got your Buddhist neighbor and your Jewish friend, your Muslim teammate and your spiritual-but-not-religious cousin. Maybe you've wondered to yourself: what do they actually believe? What do they do when they go to the temple, synagogue, mosque, or meditation center? How do I have a meaningful spiritual conversation with people who claim a different religious identity than me? In this session, we'll explore why there is such a wide range of religious belief and practice, what that means for Christians worldwide, and how you can navigate the shift from Christian privilege to spiritual plurality in your everyday life.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	310	Ken Chitwood
Youth Session	Problem Parents or Parent's Problem?	Ever have a problem with your parents? Come and discover strategies for how to have a better understanding of and relationship with your parents and care givers.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	320	Bill Harmon
Youth Session	Lutheran Early Response Teams: Engaging Your Youth in Love to the Neighbor	"God does not need your good works: but your neighbor does" - Martin Luther. This session will discuss the benefits/challenges of engaging your youth in regular works of service, particularly in partnership with Lutheran Early Response Teams(LERT). This cross generational model of service to the neighbor has just opened up to youth (14+) and seeks to encourage a lifetime of service, connected to your congregation and performed in the Name of Jesus.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	330	Michael Meyer

Youth Session	Anxiety Interrupted	Anxiety. You know it. You see it. You feel it. It creeps in and takes over. It can seem paralyzing. Whatever anxiety looks like in your life, this session will interrupt the way you see it as we explore Scripture and recognize the calming presence of God and His promises that can help us cope. If you or a friend you know or students in your youth group struggle with anxiety, come discover how, in all things, we have peace in Christ — even in the midst of our worry.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	342	Leon Jameson
Adult Session	LHM & Barna: Building Households of Faith	Working with youth means you're a part of the network of believers passing faith on to the next generation. Join us for this sectional based on research from Lutheran Hour Ministries and Barna to learn how you can nurture a vibrant faith in your own household and help others learn how to nurture it in theirs. We'll learn how going back to the basics can help propel us forward.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	351	Ashley Bayless / Jason Broge
Youth Session	Who am I in Christ?	Being different for Jesus' sake is not always easy. We may face trials, opposition, and rejection by others because of our faith in Jesus and who we are in Him. The Holy Spirit strengthens us for our earthly walk with Jesus and makes us saints of the church, called to be different in this world. This is a session from the 2020 YouthLead curriculum focused on helping youth understand their Baptismal identity and how it impacts their everyday faith.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	360	LCMS YouthLead Executive Team
Youth Session	Can I Overcome Loneliness?	Does anyone get me? Does God know I'm lonely? What can I do if I feel all alone? These are questions that many high school students are asking these days. In this session we will explore what leads to feelings of loneliness. We will also uncover how loneliness is not forever. Together, we will talk about the pain of feeling lonely and discover the hope we have in Jesus who is faithful to His promise to never leave us.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	362	Lisa Hellyer

Youth Session	The Hope of the Gospel: Refugees and Immigration	Days of having to travel abroad to engage with the world are over, the world is now practically at our doorstep and we need to engage with it. The stories and lives of refugees is one of isolation, but the joy and hope of the gospel is inclusive, creating room for everyone at the table and leaving no one left out. Refugee ministry can seem intimidating causing us to shy away from engaging the refugee community in our midst, thus missing out on the opportunity to proclaim the inclusive saving Gospel of Christ and to build relationships. Christ is in all things and that includes our lives and that of the refugee community. This session will share practical insights and tactics for creating room at the table of the Lord for the refugee community by sharing the gospel and partnering with them in ministry.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	371	Kanagasabai UmaShankar
Adult Afinity Groups	Serving Military Communities	If your ministry is impacted by serving a military community, come and talk with other professional and lay leaders about how to best serve your teens.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:30:00 PM	352B	Adult Leader Resource Team
Adult Session	Gathered and Scattered: Witness and Outreach in Today's Contexts	Are you mostly gathered or mostly scattered? Not in your thoughts, organization, or housekeeping, but in your approach to carrying out the work of the Great Commission. We are both gathered and scattered. We are the Church Gathered when we assemble for worship, study God's Word together, and carry out various ministries and activities as a congregation. We are the Church Scattered when we go our separate ways into the mission fields of our everyday lives. Witness and outreach are works of the Church Gathered and the Church Scattered. Knowing which is which can make a significant difference in how plan and conduct witness and outreach in our context. We'll look at how witness and outreach are different, how being gathered and scattered shapes our witness and outreach, and, most importantly, how we can integrate witness and outreach to share the Gospel with more people in our community.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	352D	Mark Wood

Adult Session	Finsta, Vibing, and being the Main Character: What's really behind popular slang	TikTok, Instagram, and other social media apps abound in slang. While these sayings may just seem like trending jargon, there is actually much more to these popular phrases. This session will explore the philosophical and ideological foundations behind several popular youth phrases and phenomena. These popular phrases are manifestations of much larger cultural trends and shifts -- many of which have left us confused and not sure where to turn. This session will also explore how the cultivation of Christian virtues can provide a path forward through all this contemporary confusion.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	352E	Trevor Sutton
Adult Session	Growing Young	Based on national research from the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI), Growing Young explored how your congregation can address the trend toward aging congregations and Grow Young by better connecting, retaining, and attracting young people in the life of your ministry. This session provides an overview of the 6 Core Commitments from the DYI research and explores how your district, circuit, or congregation can do more to Grow Young together.	7/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	352F	Dave Rueter
Concert	Apollo LTD	Apollo LTD's alternative-pop anthems blur the horizon between organic music and electronic	7/11/2022	3:50:00 PM	4:10:00 PM	General Assembly	Apollo LTD
Concert	Remedy Drive	Remedy Drive is an American alternative rock band founded in Lincoln, Nebraska. They are now based on Nashville, Tennessee. Lead singer and guitarist David Zach works with The Exodus Road in Southeast Asia to deliver impoverished youth from child slavery.	7/11/2022	3:50:00 PM	4:10:00 PM	Marriott Marquis Texas Ballroom	Remedy Drive
Youth Session	Living with Disabilities	Doesn't seem fair! I was living my dream of working with youth and being a missionary. Then at the age of 30, I became deaf. I lost everything in my life. The job I loved, my friends, and my life were changed and gone. I prayed every night for God to take me home to heaven. He didn't. After 3 months, I realized that God wanted and needed me to do His work. I had the choice to be sad and deaf or be happy and deaf. My choice wasn't being deaf but how I responded. God has now led me to a unique ministry in the Lutheran church. I am the only rostered DCE and am leading the only deaf youth program we have. American Sign Language is the primary language in my home (do you want to learn some?).	7/11/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	361	Denise Pulfer

Youth Session	Who Is My Neighbor?	<p>We are living in a very divided nation. In this session we will discuss our own contributions to the racial problem in our country. We will recognize our tendency to lay out sides of “us” against “them.” We narrow our definition of “neighbor” to the people who are like us. But Jesus wants to expand our definition of neighbor to every human—the only real “them” is Satan and his angels.</p> <p>This session will be challenging because it asks us to examine our own deep-rooted prejudices, fears, and cold-heartedness. Only through repentance and faith can Christ prepare us to reach beyond the wall dividing us and embrace both sides of the racial division in America.</p>	7/11/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	370	Keith Haney
Youth Session	Help, I Can't See You In Anything God!: Helping those struggling with Self-Harm and Suicide	<p>This world can at times feel dark and overwhelming. There are many moments when it doesn't feel like God is present in anything even though we know He promises to be with us IN ALL THINGS. What do we do with the pain we feel? How do we cope when our brain tricks us into believing that this world would be better without us? Suicide and self-harm can be scary for us as we experience it and for those that love people going through it. In this session Megan will discuss why suicide and self-harm are increasing, what we can do to help those struggling in this way and how to experience God's love when we feel unworthy of experiencing anything good.</p>	7/11/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	372	Megan Miessler
Youth Session	Sex, Abortion, and Culture	<p>Are people around you talking about sex? Do you ever hear mention of abortion, or maybe reproductive rights and choices? How are Lutherans to live and move in a culture that emphasizes personal independence and choice above all? Join Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor, director of LCMS Life Ministry for an interactive discussion about sex, abortion and life in the American culture. Our conversation will be grounded in God's Word with a focus on our baptismal identity in Christ.</p>	7/11/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	350DEF	Tiffany Manor
Adult Afinity Groups	New to Youth Ministry	<p>If this is one of your first experiences as a youth leader, come discuss how to start off on the right foot</p>	7/11/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:30:00 PM	352B	Adult Leader Resource Team

Youth Session	The Work of His Hands	The Psalmist declares, “Great are the works of Yahweh; They are studied by all who delight in them.” (111:2) Those works declared great include the provisioning of creation and sustaining that creation in unfolding providence leading toward the ultimate purpose of redemption and consummation in Christ. Psalm 111, sometimes called the scientist’s psalm, characterizes a believer as one who delights in those works and characterizes the works of God as studied works. In that sense, all believers are scientists. This session will take you to the vantage point of off-the-planet, consider the view while looking through the lens of Scripture, and challenge you with the implications of the truth of the Word – Christ in all things – in answering your calling in life.	7/11/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	General Assembly	Jeffrey Williams
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Adult Session	Engaging Students with Opportunities to Serve and Lead	Do you prefer to sit on the bench or be in the game? If we are honest, we have an intrinsic desire to use our gifts and abilities for a common good. Through our Baptism God does not just partially put us on the team but "In All Things" he calls us to fully use our gifts and abilities to love and serve others. When we engage students in meaningful opportunities to serve and lead, we are affirming their God given place on the team (The Church). Research affirms this crucial step in both the retention of students post confirmation and into young adulthood. Learn more about practical steps congregations can take in providing meaningful opportunities for youth to serve as well as strategies to train and equip them for Christ-like servant leadership.	7/11/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	352E	Peter Hiller
Adult Session	4 Essential Types of Resilience: Helping Youth Develop a Resilient Identity in Christ in All Things	The world is a hard place to live many days even when it also holds so much goodness. Our identity in Christ reminds us that we are not alone in this world and that this world is not all there is. Resilience is a gift from God that helps us meet the harder parts of life with our identity in Christ intact and grounded confidence about our place in this world. How can we better share this gift of God daily with our youth in all things?	7/11/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	352F	Heidi Goehmann
Youth Session	Religion, religions, religious?	You've got your Buddhist neighbor and your Jewish friend, your Muslim teammate and your spiritual-but-not-religious cousin. Maybe you've wondered to yourself: what do they actually believe? What do they do when they go to the temple, synagogue, mosque, or meditation center? How do I have a meaningful spiritual conversation with people who claim a different religious identity than me? In this session, we'll explore why there is such a wide range of religious belief and practice, what that means for Christians worldwide, and how you can navigate the shift from Christian privilege to spiritual plurality in your everyday life.	7/12/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	310	Ken Chitwood
Youth Session	Problem Parents or Parent's Problem?	Ever have a problem with your parents? Come and discover strategies for how to have a better understanding of and relationship with your parents and care givers.	7/12/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	320	Bill Harmon

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Youth Session	Anxiety Interrupted	Anxiety. You know it. You see it. You feel it. It creeps in and takes over. It can seem paralyzing. Whatever anxiety looks like in your life, this session will interrupt the way you see it as we explore Scripture and recognize the calming presence of God and His promises that can help us cope. If you or a friend you know or students in your youth group struggle with anxiety, come discover how, in all things, we have peace in Christ — even in the midst of our worry.	7/12/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	342	Leon Jameson
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Youth Session	Who am I in Christ?	Being different for Jesus' sake is not always easy. We may face trials, opposition, and rejection by others because of our faith in Jesus and who we are in Him. The Holy Spirit strengthens us for our earthly walk with Jesus and makes us saints of the church, called to be different in this world. This is a session from the 2020 YouthLead curriculum focused on helping youth understand their Baptismal identity and how it impacts their everyday faith.	7/12/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	360	LCMS YouthLead Executive Team

Youth Session	Can I Overcome Loneliness?	Does anyone get me? Does God know I'm lonely? What can I do if I feel all alone? These are questions that many high school students are asking these days. In this session we will explore what leads to feelings of loneliness. We will also uncover how loneliness is not forever. Together, we will talk about the pain of feeling lonely and discover the hope we have in Jesus who is faithful to His promise to never leave us.	7/12/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	362	Lisa Hellyer
Youth Session	The Hope of the Gospel: Refugees and Immigration	Days of having to travel abroad to engage with the world are over, the world is now practically at our doorstep and we need to engage with it. The stories and lives of refugees is one of isolation, but the joy and hope of the gospel is inclusive, creating room for everyone at the table and leaving no one left out. Refugee ministry can seem intimidating causing us to shy away from engaging the refugee community in our midst, thus missing out on the opportunity to proclaim the inclusive saving Gospel of Christ and to build relationships. Christ is in all things and that includes our lives and that of the refugee community. This session will share practical insights and tactics for creating room at the table of the Lord for the refugee community by sharing the gospel and partnering with them in ministry.	7/12/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	371	Kanagasabai UmaShankar
Adult Session	Gathered and Scattered: Witness and Outreach in Today's Contexts	Are you mostly gathered or mostly scattered? Not in your thoughts, organization, or housekeeping, but in your approach to carrying out the work of the Great Commission. We are both gathered and scattered. We are the Church Gathered when we assemble for worship, study God's Word together, and carry out various ministries and activities as a congregation. We are the Church Scattered when we go our separate ways into the mission fields of our everyday lives. Witness and outreach are works of the Church Gathered and the Church Scattered. Knowing which is which can make a significant difference in how plan and conduct witness and outreach in our context. We'll look at how witness and outreach are different, how being gathered and scattered shapes our witness and outreach, and, most importantly, how we can integrate witness and outreach to share the Gospel with more people in our community.	7/12/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	352D	Mark Wood

Adult Session	Finsta, Vibing, and being the Main Character: What's really behind popular slang	TikTok, Instagram, and other social media apps abound in slang. While these sayings may just seem like trending jargon, there is actually much more to these popular phrases. This session will explore the philosophical and ideological foundations behind several popular youth phrases and phenomena. These popular phrases are manifestations of much larger cultural trends and shifts -- many of which have left us confused and not sure where to turn. This session will also explore how the cultivation of Christian virtues can provide a path forward through all this contemporary confusion.	7/12/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	352E	Trevor Sutton
Adult Session	Discovering, Creating, and Leading Games for Youth	Since the dawn of creation, games have always played an integral role in youth ministry. Games can strengthen relationships, foster cooperation and teamwork, teach valuable life skills, and so much more. They can also just be for fun! In this session, we will discover a variety of games you can use in your ministry. We will talk about the do's and don'ts of youth games. We will also discuss how you can create new games. You will have an opportunity to share your favorite games with one another and play a game together!	7/12/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	352F	David Johnson
Youth Session	Bigger. Faster. Stronger. Calling All Athletes!	To be early is to be on time! Practice how you play! Dig deeper! 2nd place is the first loser! These are some of the mantras ingrained in Pastor Billy's mind from his time in competition: Football, Track, Diving, Swimming, Baseball, Cross Country, Basketball, and Cycling. As athletes, you work hard to be better all of the time. When you really think about it, your job is to learn how to suffer physically in such a way that you can still focus longer, run faster, maintain precision, and of course win! What happens when the suffering is mental, emotional, and spiritual? When you aren't good enough in competition, are you good enough at all? Spoiler Alert: Christ is in all things...especially the suffering! Pastor Billy wrestles with the impact of our faith in athletics, taking a look at the one who knows how to suffer the best.	7/12/2022	10:30:00 AM	11:20:00 AM	Grand Ballroom C	Billy Newell

Youth Session	Living with Disabilities	Doesn't seem fair! I was living my dream of working with youth and being a missionary. Then at the age of 30, I became deaf. I lost everything in my life. The job I loved, my friends, and my life were changed and gone. I prayed every night for God to take me home to heaven. He didn't. After 3 months, I realized that God wanted and needed me to do His work. I had the choice to be sad and deaf or be happy and deaf. My choice wasn't being deaf but how I responded. God has now led me to a unique ministry in the Lutheran church. I am the only rostered DCE and am leading the only deaf youth program we have. American Sign Language is the primary language in my home (do you want to learn some?).	7/12/2022	11:30:00 AM	12:20:00 PM	361	Denise Pulfer
Youth Session	Who Is My Neighbor?	We are living in a very divided nation. In this session we will discuss our own contributions to the racial problem in our country. We will recognize our tendency to lay out sides of "us" against "them." We narrow our definition of "neighbor" to the people who are like us. But Jesus wants to expand our definition of neighbor to every human—the only real "them" is Satan and his angels. This session will be challenging because it asks us to examine our own deep-rooted prejudices, fears, and cold-heartedness. Only through repentance and faith can Christ prepare us to reach beyond the wall dividing us and embrace both sides of the racial division in America.	7/12/2022	11:30:00 AM	12:20:00 PM	370	Keith Haney
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Adult Session	Youth Ministry 101	Are you new to youth ministry? Or perhaps found yourself now in this area of ministry and not quite sure where to start? Do you feel unqualified because you're not a full-time church worker? If you answered yes to any of those questions fear not! The fact that you're investing in the lives of youth and looking for ways to help them grow in their faith means you're already on the right track! For both the volunteer and professional church worker alike, come and learn about the foundational elements of youth ministry and leave with resources for mission trip opportunities, book recommendations, websites you should have bookmarked, accounts to follow, and suggestions on things you can implement once you get home.	7/12/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	352E	Sina Williams
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Youth Session	S.H.A.R.E. Sexual Health and Relationship Education	Each one of us was created in God's image. We are created on purpose and with purpose. Sex is amazing, but God placed it within the context of a covenant, marriage, in order to protect us and future generations. The beauty of God's design is lost on a culture that treats sex as a recreational sport and treats others as objects to be used and discarded. This workshop will discuss the consequences of a disordered view of our bodies and God's design for sexuality and relationships.	7/12/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom AB	Pam Stenzel

Youth Session	Worth Dying For: A New Model for Dating and Relationships	We focus so much on dating and relationships in today's world and yet it is such an area of struggle and heartache for so many. Perhaps we need a new model for relationships-dating from your value rather than for your value. Come learn how being "worth dying for" changes not only your relationships, but your whole life!	7/12/2022	12:00:00 PM	12:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom C	Brandon Metcalf
Youth Session	"In All Things" Includes ALL Things. Seriously.	The theme for this Youth Gathering makes a profound claim: Jesus is Lord "In All Things." He is Lord over the good and the bad. His reign stretches from beginning to end. He holds together all aspects of all our lives. But this raises some serious questions. In this session, one of the theological advisors for this Gathering will help participants take a detailed and in-depth look at the biblical and theological foundations behind the Gathering theme. Consider it a behind-the-scenes look at the theology of the Gathering. It will address some tough questions, clarify some basic Christian teachings, and prepare participants to live and believe that Jesus is Lord "In All Things."	7/12/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	370	Peter Nafzger
Youth Session	The Sacred Way: A practitioners guide to more joy, less stress and living a life of purpose	So many of us spend our lives in pursuit of contentment but never find it. There is a difference between being filled and fulfilled. So what is the key to contentment? Where is this full, satisfying and joy filled life to be found? This inspirational talk will show us the real secret to contentment and utilize real life examples to show us how to live in it.	7/12/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	372	Ben Griffin
Youth Session	How God Used Me For Good- A Redemption Story	Alyssa Portz shares what it was like to be at the lowest point in her life and how God is in all things, even in our difficulties and how He used her situation for good. Alyssa was involved in a senior prank that went terribly wrong. At 17 years old, Alyssa was sentenced to 14 days in jail, 200 hours of community service, and 2 years of probation. She shares what it was like to go through everything that she has been through, how she drew on her foundation of faith and how she turned her life around.	7/12/2022	1:00:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	350DEF	Alyssa Portz

Youth Session	All Work is Church Work	Not everyone goes into professional Church Work, and that's okay! Yet, you might wonder how to serve the church wherever you end up in life. In this session, we will dive into identity, who we are as Christians, and how that impacts every single thing we do. You don't have to be a church worker to do work for the church. In this session, we will learn more about who we are, and how our identity changes us to see Christ in all things, including our work.	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	310	Caleb Weight
Youth Session	"Called To Be A Masterpiece But Sometimes I Look Like A Disaster-piece: How Do I Get It Right Since I feel Skilled At Getting It Wrong?"	Everyone from TV commercials and sports stars to your teachers and family say that you're meant to be special with a special plan that God has for you. Yet, the failures of the past, the frustrations of the present and the insecurities of the future can tackle you, pin you down and make you feel suffocated. Jesus came to us and for us, not just to give us heaven (which He does!) but also to help you see that you are incredible as He has made you and called you. He aches for you to be fully who you are made to be and to walk with you along your life's path. We become most who we are the more we see ourselves through His eyes and by His Spirit.	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	320	William Yonker
Youth Session	<i>Predicando la Palabra</i> in Ponce, Puerto Rico	<i>Predicando la Palabra</i> means Preach the Word. Pastor Adam Lehman will be speaking about the work that a missionary pastor does, especially in the Latin America and Caribbean region. He will especially focus on how a missionary spreads the Gospel, plants Lutheran churches, and shows mercy to the church's neighbors.	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	330	Adam Lehman
Youth Session	Human Trafficking: What it is, How to Help Victims, and How to Outsmart Traffickers	I will discuss the definition of human trafficking, who is at risk, where it happens, why it happens, how to help victims, and how to avoid becoming a victim.	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	342	Michelle Reuter
Youth Session	Permission to be on Mission?!	No cappin! We don't need to wait to be on mission! God has already given us permission! Be empowered to live out being the missionary God has called each of us to be!	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	351	Seth Kunze

Youth Session	Bruised but not Broken	It isn't a nice and pretty story from the outside, but it is my story. The "good" Christian girl who stepped into a relationship that wasn't good at all; it was, in fact, dangerous. And during that relationship, I stepped away from God. Thank goodness He doesn't ever give up on me. "A bruised reed He will not break..." Isaiah says. I am living proof of that. And maybe you've been there. Your story will be different than mine. Divorce. Sickness. Abuse. Death. The list can go on and will bruise us. But God will not allow us to be broken. That's why Jesus came - to be broken for me and for you. My story is full of sin - who's isn't? My story of full of healing, restoration and redemption - which is the story of every person Jesus touches. Could you use some healing? Please join me to see how God weaves this all together.	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	360	Amy Hubach
Youth Session	Body Image— Looking in all the wrong places	Beau suffered from an eating disorder for 3 years but has recovered by the grace of God. Join him as he shares his testimony and offers insight in how God plays a HUGE part in overcoming the body image issues that are affecting so many people today.	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	362	Beau Jacobson
Youth Session	Walking in Each Other's Shoes	Stories teach us about many things. Our stories teach us about who we are. They also reveal who others are, both the stories they tell and the ones we tell about them. If we are open to hearing another person's story, we may find we identify with each other in ways we hadn't imagined. To understand the story of refugees we need to enter into it through empathy by extending a heart, ear and hand. All these things requires us to be present, engaging with the stories and experiences of others making them our own.	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	371	Dawit Bokre
Adult Session	It Takes a Village: Encouraging Volunteers in Youth Ministry	Do you struggle to find and retain volunteers for your group? No professional leader works in isolation. Youth ministry relies on the prayers and assistance of outside helpers, but keeping and encouraging quality volunteers can be a challenge. Youth leaders are responsible for recruiting and inspiring others who will have a profound impact on the students they serve. Join in conversation with others to discuss strategies for building up volunteers, and gain insight into how to encourage them as important components of God's story within your ministry. Walk away equipped with tools to value and motivate your volunteers in all things!	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	352D	Kristin Schmidt

Adult Session	7 Practices: Deeply Understanding Baptismal Faith	Helping youth to deeply understand their baptismal faith may seem simple, but it's far from easy. In Baptism, young people are given forgiveness of sins, new life and eternal life. A deep understanding of their baptismal faith is far more than a onetime event. It is central for a lifelong discipleship as teens experience new learning, expanding freedom, struggle and doubt. In this session we will cover how we can help youth to be more deeply rooted in their identity while living in a world that seeks to uproot them from the faith.	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	352E	Ben Meyer
Adult Session	LGBTQ+ and the Love of Jesus (for Mentors & Parents)	What does the Bible say about LGBTQ+ people? How do I share Jesus and His love with my LGBTQ+ friends and students? This session will give you a biblical framework to navigate relationships with imperfect people (including cisgender straight people) and a game plan to share Jesus and His love with everyone in your life.	7/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	2:20:00 PM	352F	Mark Pulliam
Adult Afinity Groups	Leading Large Groups	Come and network with other professional and lay youth leaders who serve youth groups of 60 or more.	7/12/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:30:00 PM	352B	Adult Leader Resource Team
Concert	Apollo LTD	Apollo LTD's alternative-pop anthems blur the horizon between organic music and electronic	7/12/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:50:00 PM	General Assembly	Apollo LTD
Youth Session	In All Things Marvel	Marvel fans, assemble! The Marvel Cinematic Universe accomplished in 23 films what I consider to be nothing short of incredible. Over the course of 23 movies (approximately 3000 minutes of film, created over the span of ten years) the MCU told one, unified story--a story that moved enough people in this world that eight of those twenty-three movies are in the top twenty-five highest grossing movies of all time. Y'all that's impressive! But how could one story accomplish something so monumental? Because along the way it was reflecting the greatest story ever told: God's story of all things. Join us as we break down how the first three phases of the Marvel Cinematic Universe reflect the ultimate story of what God has accomplished for us in Jesus. We'll make mention of key things throughout all movies from the first three phases, especially each Avengers, but we will end with a particular focus on "Avengers: Infinity War" and "Avengers: Endgame" to wrap up our time together (because that's where the best stuff is!).	7/12/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom AB	Lee Hopf

Youth Session	Hey... You Matter.	Get ready to have a life-changing, eye-opening experience with National Youth Coach, Heather Ruesch, and the You Matter Tour™ School Assemblies! In this session, Heather not only explains why your life matters, but how to live with a dignity for human life that changes the way you see and approach your physical worth, your mental/emotional health, your relationships with others, and God's role in all of it! Teens across the country tell us that developing skills for self-awareness and self-care after hearing a YMT™ presentation were exactly what they needed to begin embracing life again. "This is the first time I've ever been told that I matter and how to love myself."- HS Student. Come ready to have a blast, your life matters! Heather's energy and love for teens, paired with student participation and powerful visuals make this session hard to forget but easy to put into practice!	7/12/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom C	Heather Ruesch
Concert	Remedy Drive	Remedy Drive is an American alternative rock band founded in Lincoln, Nebraska. They are now based on Nashville, Tennessee. Lead singer and guitarist David Zach works with The Exodus Road in Southeast Asia to deliver impoverished youth from child slavery.	7/12/2022	2:00:00 PM	2:50:00 PM	Marriott Marquis Texas Ballroom	Remedy Drive
Youth Session	Interested in Lutheran church and school ministry?	Have you ever wondered what it might be like to work for a Lutheran church or school? Are you curious about the different roles in Lutheran ministry? Come listen to and chat with awesome people who are currently serving as pastors, teachers, DCE's, and other church work professions.	7/12/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	361	Leon Jameson
Youth Session	FutureSex/LoveProblems: Sex, Love, and Christian Identity in the Digital Age	God's first command was to be fruitful and multiply. Yet many "nice" Christians avoid talking about sex for fear of shame or embarrassment. This session will take an honest and open look at sex in the Digital Age, including emerging technologies that make human sexuality a difficult terrain to navigate. Conversational and informative, the session will draw on scriptural and theological insights that remind us of our purpose as creatures of the Creator and the unique gift of sexuality--a gift that requires discernment, care, and ultimately, faith. This session is not for the type of student who can't handle mature topics and/or giggles uncontrollably in health class.	7/12/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	370	Joel Oesch

Youth Session	Who Even Are You?	You are a unique combination of traits that have come together to make the only version of you in this universe. THE ONLY YOU. Why do we spend so much time trying to fit in? What do we do when we feel different from everyone else? How do we balance being a part of the crowd with our friends with honoring our own uniqueness? Discover how identity can empower you.	7/12/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	372	Michelle Thompson
Youth Session	What Do I Do? Simple Steps for Tough Decisions	It's the moment we often dread. It's time to make the decision. So, what do you do? And, how do you know if this decision is the right one, especially given the many voices that seek to influence our decision-making process? This session will give you practical and simple steps for making tough and difficult decisions, and you will walk away with greater clarity regarding a Biblical approach to the decisions you will face.	7/12/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	350DEF	Ryan Peterson
Youth Session	Mosaic Initiative: Justice. Mercy. Humility... In All Things?	The prophet Micah tells us to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God." Sadly, we've seen how not doing those things continues to impact people just because they look different or come from different backgrounds. In this interactive session, we're going to explore the complex realities of justice, mercy, and humility as we strive to uplift all people. Join us for some conversations that are covered by the grace of Jesus, as we follow his lead to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly, In All Things.	7/12/2022	2:30:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	352A	Nicholas Gonzalez
Youth Session	Why is sharing Jesus with others so hard (but necessary)?	Join Pastor Dawit as he walks you through his struggles and God's grace as he was sharing the message of Jesus over the last decade in one of the most diverse places in the nation in the San Francisco Bay area.	7/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	310	Dawit Bokre
Youth Session	Face to Face- Unfiltered Connection	Do you ever feel lonely? Disconnected? Do you find the only way you talk to people is through a screen? Filtered? You were made for more. You were made to be fully known and fully loved. Come be reminded of why the screen can never satisfy and walk away with practical tools to help you build genuine connections.	7/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	320	KerriAnn Schmid / Matt Chambers
Youth Session	Missionary Snapshots: Reaching Refugees and the Lost in the Land of Luther	Millions have come to Germany seeking refuge, opening the door to sharing the certain refuge of Christ with them. Hear stories of how God is at work bringing people out of lands of darkness, to places where they can walk in His Light. Find some inspiration and encouragement to step out in faith to reach those in need near you!	7/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	330	Kim Bueltmann

Youth Session	Candles, Crystals, and Chakras: Thinking about Mystical Spiritualities.	We live in times when people may follow a variety of mystical practices or "spiritualities" that come from many different sources. What should we think about these alternative spiritualities and mystical ideas. We'll look at the sources of some popular ideas, consider what they really are, and explore what God's word has to say about them.	7/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	342	Steve Mueller
Adult Session	LHM & Barna: The (Lost) Art of Hospitality	Research conducted by Lutheran Hour Ministries and Barna, has shown a decline of hospitality in homes across the U.S., and sadly, it's not because of a global pandemic. Hospitality matters and this research revealed a surprising connection between hospitality and faith being nurtured. Opening our doors to others is an integral piece of a spiritually vibrant household, and it gives us opportunities to show love and share peace with our youth and in our communities. Join us to learn how hospitality can nurture your faith and the faith of those you invite in.	7/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	351	Ashley Bayless / Jason Broge
Youth Session	Porn to Love: Talking About the Dirty Little Secret	Pornography affects so many, even those within the church, and we need to talk about it. In our world, porn is a cheap alternative to the beautiful gift of sexuality that God intended it to be. Come to this session to hear stories, understand the reality of how porn affects your brain, and hear practical ways of fighting the dangerous drug of pornography.	7/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	360	Grant Carey
Youth Session	In Christ Alone I Live!!!	My life journey from Matala, Sri Lanka, to Gbarnga/Monrovia Liberia, and back to Colombo Sri Lanka	7/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	362	Kanagasabai UmaShankar
Youth Session	TikTok Heretic- Confronting False Teachings Prevalent in Our Culture With Biblical Truth	Have you ever heard someone say, "What goes around, comes around" and wondered if that's really true? Using examples from TikTok videos and memes, this session will examine some of the most common false teachings (heresies) that permeate today's culture. Students will identify why these beliefs are in opposition to what Scripture teaches and help them to respond with a Biblical worldview.	7/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	371	Ryan Hansen
Adult Afinity Groups	Youth Groups Effectuated by Suicide	If your ministry has been directly impacted by suicide or trauma, come talk about how you support your teens with others who have had similar experiences.	7/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:30:00 PM	352B	Adult Leader Resource Team

<p>Adult Session</p>	<p>Discipleship in the Midst of Crisis</p>	<p>According to a recent Barna study, 82% of Generation Z has experienced at least one event they would define as traumatic. Nearly 30% have experienced 4 or more. Daily our feeds are filled with anxiety-producing and devastating news. Suicide and mental illness are on the rise. Knowing how to disciple our students in the midst of such tragedy, trauma, and crisis is critical!</p> <p>In this session we'll discuss how crisis and trauma impact our students and congregations and how we can best navigate those situations in ways that lead to faith growth and resiliency. Even when everything feels like it's falling apart, Jesus promises that "in Him, all things hold together" Colossians 1:17. Let's uncover together some of the practical ways He holds us together in the hardest moments of ministry.</p> <p>Adult leaders who attend this session will also receive resources to take home to use in a variety of crisis situations that may occur (e.g. death of a student, community-wide natural disaster, etc.). These resources will include conversation guides for student groups, parent resources, email/text templates, and tips for ministry leaders to care for themselves as they care for others.</p>	<p>7/12/2022</p>	<p>3:00:00 PM</p>	<p>3:50:00 PM</p>	<p>352D</p>	<p>Rebekah Freed</p>
<p>Adult Session</p>	<p>Discipling Gen Z in a Digital World</p>	<p>Generation Z is in our youth ministries and starting to join the work force, but is the church ready for this Generation? Data is highlighting the unique gifts and challenges of these young people. If we are meeting this generation where they are at, how can we uniquely support the faith of young people in this increasingly digital world.</p>	<p>7/12/2022</p>	<p>3:00:00 PM</p>	<p>3:50:00 PM</p>	<p>352E</p>	<p>Julianna Shults</p>

Adult Session	Peer Ministry: We need it now more than ever.	Gun Violence. Suicide. Bullying. Depression. Anxiety. Racism. What do all of these have in common? Isolation on some level. Covid is not the only pandemic the world has been dealing with. Scripture makes clear that these evils will always exist in this fallen creation. There is only one answer, "For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to himself all thing, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross." (Col. 1:19-20) Jesus is the answer today and the complete healing to come! Jesus has called us to go into the world and declare His victory! Peer ministry is a powerful way to do that. Equipping youth to bring love, hope, peace, strength, and joy to other youth. Helping youth reach out a hand and let another youth know that they are important, loved and valued. Come and join in an important conversation as we explore easy ways to impact the immense hurt in the world today.	7/12/2022	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	352F	Michael Harvey
Concert	Remedy Drive	Remedy Drive is an American alternative rock band founded in Lincoln, Nebraska. They are now based on Nashville, Tennessee. Lead singer and guitarist David Zach works with The Exodus Road in Southeast Asia to deliver impoverished youth from child slavery.	7/12/2022	3:50:00 PM	4:10:00 PM	Marriott Marquis Texas Ballroom	Remedy Drive
Youth Session	Denomination Domination: Communion edition (Why Oreos and Chocolate milk won't cut it)	While Oreos and chocolate milk are delicious, they aren't a means of grace. Why would bread and wine be different? What does communion have to do with animal sacrifice, the Ark of the Covenant and even why we divide the Bible into the Old and New Testament? Why did Jesus have to die on a cross and not some other way? It was all part of God's plan that comes together on that last Passover meal Jesus has with his disciples. Lets put together the pieces to make a picture you may not have ever seen before.	7/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	361	Clint Colwell
Youth Session	Robust Love: Race Relations and Our Shared Faith	Bring your cup and come for the tea! Session attendees will walk away with a way to frame the interactions between race, culture and the church. We will discuss and critically think through common issues together and understand what Scripture has to say with this age old issue.	7/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	370	Janine Bolling

Youth Session	Christ In All Things...Even Addiction!	It's a sobering reality to come to, pun intended. In some way, we are all addicts! Some use drugs, some use alcohol, some use screens...The list goes on. When addiction impacts your life, you will inevitably come to this question, "God, where are you?" With a brother, three father figures, and a mom who all struggled with addiction, Pastor Billy shares how God has worked...in all things...to draw him into the love of Jesus Christ.	7/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	372	Billy Newell
Youth Session	Oh the Places You'll Go	What is your church body doing to share the Gospel around the world? How could you partner with global missions? Join the conversation and ask your questions.	7/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	350DEF	Krista Young
Adult Afinity Groups	Multi-Congregation Ministry	If your ministry is combining with other nearby churches to do youth ministry together, come discuss how your partnerships function with other professional and lay leaders serving in similar ways.	7/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:30:00 PM	352B	Adult Leader Resource Team
Youth Session	The Work of His Hands	The Psalmist declares, "Great are the works of Yahweh; They are studied by all who delight in them." (111:2) Those works declared great include the provisioning of creation and sustaining that creation in unfolding providence leading toward the ultimate purpose of redemption and consummation in Christ. Psalm 111, sometimes called the scientist's psalm, characterizes a believer as one who delights in those works and characterizes the works of God as studied works. In that sense, all believers are scientists. This session will take you to the vantage point of off-the-planet, consider the view while looking through the lens of Scripture, and challenge you with the implications of the truth of the Word – Christ in all things – in answering your calling in life.	7/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	General Assembly	Jeffrey Williams
Performer	You Had to Be There! It Was Stinking Funny!	When is the last time you laughed? I mean....face hurts, ribs are tight and you need a nap kind of laugh? God created comedy. The world, like everything God creates, abused it. This session is designed for people who have had a difficult year, month.... heck, maybe a day. David will refresh the hearts of the saints through clean, observational humor. He tackles family, siblings, dating...even the church. He'll look for ya in the front row!	7/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom AB	David Dean

Youth Session	Healthy Relationships for Girls	It is more important to BE the right person than to FIND the right person. Opposites might attract when it comes to personality, they never attract when it comes to character. Most young people have embraced an unhealthy view of relationships and pursue relationships for their own self interest. Instead of asking how can I be the person that a partner would need, we try to find someone who will make us feel good, desired and fulfill our needs. This is the opposite of selfless, unconditional love and embraces the world's view of relationships that focuses on selfish desires.	7/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	Grand Ballroom C	Pam Stenzel
Performer	Zak Mirz Illusionist	Illusionist Zak Mirz shares a message of wonder and hope as he weaves his unique journey of faith into his show.	7/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	4:50:00 PM	Marriott Marquis Texas Ballroom	Zak Mirz
Youth Session	But like...what if there is no God?	Atheists and agnostics, apatheists and "nones," the spiritual-but-not religious and...Christian atheists?! How do we make sense of the dizzying complexity of non-religious options out there these days? For that matter, what do we do with the doubts we have and the skepticism we sometimes feel toward organized religion? Simply defined, atheism is a lack of belief in the existence of God or gods. But there's way more to it than that. In this session, we'll explore where atheism came from in the first place, understand the different forms of nonbelief, and wrestle with why so many people choose to be non-religious. Along the way, we'll tackle tough questions about life, death, and the ultimate meaning of all things.	7/12/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	310	Ken Chitwood
Youth Session	(For Guys Only) "Forged in the Fire -- Having a Faith of Iron and a Heart of Gold: Finding Strength for our Relationships	This is truth: The best thing in life are good relationships. Unfortunately as guys get older, their friendships can be fewer and weaker than when they're little. Family relationships get fractured and falter. Their dating/romantic relationships seem to be a hit or miss. Many young men end up feeling empty, left out or just out of sorts. God never intended this to be true for guys. Jesus demonstrated an incredible skill in His relationships. With an ironclad faith in His person and purpose as well as demonstrating his friendship/fellowship from His heart of gold, we can tap into His resources. Let's join the adventure of securing healthy, happy and holy relationships.	7/12/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	320	William Yonker

Youth Session	Set Apart to Serve - LCMS Church Work Recruitment Initiative	This session will introduce you to Set Apart to Serve. This will include SAS goals, Synod collaboration, need for church workers, resources, and steps forward. It will help pastors, parents, youth workers, and congregations form, identify, encourage, and support the youth in our congregations consider and pursue a full-time church work vocation. This session will talk about the upcoming Pilot Projects in every district, resources being developed through Concordia Publishing House, and Church Worker Appreciation Month. Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). Come and hear how you and your congregation be a part of Set Apart to Serve!	7/12/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	330	James Baneck
Youth Session	LGBTQ+ and the Love of Jesus	What does the Bible say about LGBTQ+ people? How do I share Jesus and His love with my LGBTQ+ friends? This session will give you a biblical framework to navigate relationships with imperfect people (including cisgender straight people) and a game plan to share Jesus and His love with everyone in your life.	7/12/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	342	Mark Pulliam
Youth Session	2 Weeks to Slow the Spread...Living in a divided world.	Things aren't the same as they were B.C. (before Covid). Gather with other teens to discuss your story of before, during and after the pandemic. Be encouraged by what we have learned and how Christ continues to shine in you, even in the darkest times.	7/12/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	351	Rebecca Duport
Youth Session	Leadership: Coffee Pot Mentality	Let's face it, anybody who has assumed a leadership role throughout the past couple years has been tested and tried by a host of unexpected scenarios and events. Gone are the days that stepping up as a leader at school, in your community, or even in your family was simple and easy. We have all seen staple leaders in our society both fail miserably and bloom with success through recent trials, but we have also seen many new and upcoming leaders emerge and take the world by storm. We will discuss leadership styles that have been successful recently, as well as look at the tried and true principles of leadership that have withstood the test of time. "In All Things" we should be prepared to lead. Come and find out just what a coffeepot mentality has to do with leading well. BOOM!	7/12/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	360	Trevor Kunze

Youth Session	Hope When Your Heart Breaks: Getting Through Bad News, Break-ups, and Bitter Times	How do you keep going when life falls apart? What's the secret to coping with and growing through difficult times and heartbreaking losses? How can you help your friends travel through their grief? Join Pastor Michael Newman to hear about life-giving gifts from God that mend and sustain broken hearts.	7/12/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	362	Michael Newman
Youth Session	How Will You Be Remembered? A Conversation on Personal and Ethical Leadership	For what do you want to be remembered? How will people describe you long after you leave school? Both WHAT you do and WHO you are is important, especially in today's world of social media. This session will help you think about your personal leadership and what you can start doing RIGHT NOW to make a difference and leave an impression that can last a lifetime. Focusing on ethics and leadership development, Dr. Christian will challenge you to think and act in a manner that is more Christ-like and congruent with your own faith life.	7/12/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	371	Donald Christian
Adult Session	Engaged Parents	Looking for ways to engage (or reengage) parents? Having a hard time communicating the importance of engaged parents to your congregation? Join Blake as he shares Biblical truth & Synodical research on why having engaged parents is key for Youth Ministry. Blake will also share 5 tips & pointers on how to engage parents in ministry. This session will also have time for discussion and brainstorming as we walk together to the end goal of having engaged parents in ministry!	7/12/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	352D	Blake Brockman
Adult Session	Helping Youth Ride the Waves of Loss and Trauma	As this world continues to change so does the role of an adult leader in the lives of youth. Our youth are navigating a world that is so different then the one we grew up and they seem to have so much more on their plate. Not only do we get to hear crazy stories of their risky and silly behavior but we have also become a place where they share their deep grief and trauma. As Adults we can feel lost at how to respond to youth or what action we should take when they share things that are upsetting and at times disturbing. In this session Megan will give you, as adult leaders, tools to use when navigating the difficult waves of life that youth experience and often share with you. You will walk away with important language to use with youth and warning signs that you should look for when working with youth that are struggling in a variety of ways.	7/12/2022	4:30:00 PM	5:20:00 PM	352E	Megan Miessler

<p>Adult Session</p>	<p>Finding, Writing and Evaluating Curriculum</p>	<p>Are you in a rut with your lessons and Bible study planning? Do you feel like you teach the same thing every week? What is even out there to use? It can be overwhelming when it comes to picking a curriculum not to mention the cost. If you're at a loss for where to even begin, then this session is for you. Join Laura as she gives some practical ways she has found in writing, finding, and evaluating curriculum and studies.</p>	<p>7/12/2022</p>	<p>4:30:00 PM</p>	<p>5:20:00 PM</p>	<p>352F</p>	<p>Laura Kuegele</p>
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