



2006 WLSTC Program Let the Light of Jesus Shine!

Thursday Professional Growth Keynote Address

Don't Forget the FUNdamentals of Reading! Motivating ALL Readers

How do we create students who not only can read but do read? Let's look at the research on motivating readers and remind ourselves why strengthening affective knowledge can help with improved performance and scores as well. We will examine seven key profiles of readers and talk about practical insights and ideas for motivating each one.

MICHAEL P. FORD is the Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. He has spent the past eighteen years working on reading issues and ideas with both preservice and inservice teachers throughout the world. His work with the international school associations has taken him to Africa, Europe and the Middle East. He is a former first grade and Title I Reading teacher who took personal leave from his college position to teach first grade full-time during the 1997-1998 school year.



*He is the co-author of *Reaching Readers* and *Where Have All the Bluebirds Gone* both published by Heinemann. He has also written over forty professional articles for the publications like *The Reading Teacher*, *Reading Today*, *Language Arts*, and *The Learning Disabilities Forum*. He is the former president of the Wisconsin State Reading Association and its current Advocacy Chairperson. He is the father of two boys who inform his thinking about literacy programs on a daily basis.*

Thursday Sectionals

Thursday A1 (single sectional presented once)

Turn up the Heat!

Intensifying Your Classroom Routines in Primary Reading Programs

Audience: primary teachers

Let's look at how you can get more mileage out of your typical classroom routines in primary reading programs like shared reading, morning message and words walls. A systematic day by day approach will be shared with practical ideas for helping your students with basic reading strategies.



*Please see the biographical information on **MIKE FORD** on the previous page.*

Thursday B1 (single sectional presented once)

Turn Up the Heat!

Intensifying Your Classroom Instruction for Intermediate and Middle Grade Readers

Audience: intermediate/middle grade teachers



So how can we add some power to our reading lessons? Let's look at some practical ideas to strengthen vocabulary instruction, comprehension strategies, and small group work.

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Thursday A3 & B3 (single sectional offered twice)

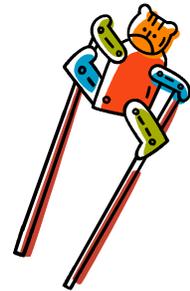
Enhance Your Class with Puppets!

Audience: K-8



Students love puppets and puppets enhance learning like nothing else. Discover how you can incorporate puppetry in a wide variety of classroom settings. Boost your students' creativity and ability to express themselves. Experienced puppeteers Dave and Cassie Payne will demonstrate techniques and provide a detailed handout with hands-on ways that any teacher can bring puppetry to life in their classroom.

DAVE AND CASSIE PAYNE have performed many styles of Christian puppetry for groups of all ages during the last 15 years. Dave has taught for the past 25 years at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton and Cassie recently graduated from WLC -- she now owns and operates Hands 2 Grow Puppet Productions.

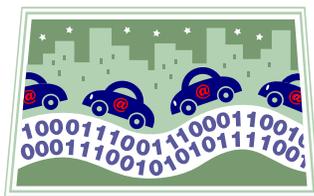


Thursday A5 & B5 (single sectional offered twice)

PowerSchool

Audience: Technology coordinators, administrators

PowerSchool, a web-based student information system (SIS) from Apple Computer, simplifies data-driven decision making by providing real-time information to all stakeholders over the Internet. Administrators get the most accurate information to make more effective decisions teachers gain timesaving administrative tools, parents gain immediate access to their children's grades, and students can track



their own progress. PowerSchool enhances communication between school and home by posting progress reports and school news. Learn how teachers, parents and students at WELS schools are using PowerSchool and how you can become a part of the WELS PowerSchool program.

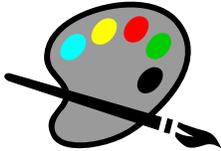
JEFF SPIASER teaches science at Illinois Lutheran High School, Crete, IL, and serves as technology coordinator for the K-12 Lutheran system there as well.

Thursday A7-B7 (double length sectional)

Watercolor Ideas for the Classroom

Audience: grades K-3

You will gain some fresh ideas for yourselves and your classroom through demonstration and hands-on activities to enhance creative thinking while having fun.



KARL A. YLVISAKER is a Wisconsin artist. Karl has taught private and semi-private art classes to elementary age children for several years. His main focus has been on commissioned work. He works in watercolors, oils, acrylics. To view his work, just 'Google' karl a. ylvisaker.

Thursday A9 & B9 (single sectional offered twice)

The Complete Idiot's Guide to PI-34:

Wisconsin Licensure for WELS Teachers

Audience: all teachers in the state of Wisconsin

How do the new Wisconsin licensure requirements affect WELS teachers? A helpful session for principals seeking to guide their teachers through the licensure process, teachers interesting in attaining or renewing a license, and recent MLC graduates wondering where they fit ... or anyone who doesn't know a PDP from an IHE.

ALAN BITTER serves as principal and 7th & 8th grade teacher at St. John's, Manitowoc (Newtonburg). He received Professional Development Plan review team training from Cardinal Stritch University and the Department of Public Instruction, and serves as an Institution of Higher Education reviewer through Cardinal Stritch and WLC.



Thursday A11 & B11 (single sectional offered twice)

God Owns Everything: A Christian Perspective on Financial Health

All too often it seems that budgeting is viewed unnecessary or just too difficult to maintain in these times of unlimited credit card offers. This session will outline ten financial danger signs, discuss ways to establish a budget that works and talk about how to establish a plan for the future.



KEN SMITH has over 25 years of experience in the consumer credit field and is currently the Director of Credit Counseling Center of La Crosse. He is a member at St. Paul in Onalaska, WI.

Thursday A13 & B13 (single sectional offered twice)

Homework Wars

Audience: Grades 1-8

It used to be that all the discussion on homework centered on the school role and parent role. Today the researchers can't even agree on what is what! This sectional will present some of the latest research on homework, where the disagreements fall, and how all of this might apply to our WELS schools.

JIM MOELLER currently serves as administrator of the Trinity-St. Luke's Lutheran School in Watertown. A frequent sectional presenter at WLSTC, his educational background includes two post-graduate degrees, classes for a third, and teacher and administrative licensure through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Married to Linda (the song writer) and father of five who are at all levels of educational life, he has assigned, corrected, and assisted with a lot of homework in the past 31 years!



Thursday A15-B15 (double length sectional)

Slam Dunk:

Not the Only Game in Town, but Worth the Price of Admission

Audience: any grade level

"WebQuests are great, but I just can't give up all the class time." Be a student today and experience the streamlined learning strategy appropriately titled the "Slam Dunk", made popular by its developer, Jamie McKenzie. Connect your curricular content with technology and deliver challenging lessons that will encourage your students to think. Join us to find out what all the excitement is about!



GAIL POTRATZ is a seventh-grade language arts and social studies teacher and the technology coordinator at Emanuel, New London, WI. She puts her master's degree in educational technology to good use as an adjunct professor at Wisconsin Lutheran College teaching instructional technology and having served on the task force for PK-12 State of WI Technology Plan Revision in 2000.

Thursday A17 & B17 (single sectional offered twice)

WANTED: Kinder Kids for the Next School Year! It's Round-Up Time!

Audience: Preschool and Kindergarten teachers

Summary: Inviting parents and pre-kindergarteners to a kindergarten round-up 6 months before school opens can noticeably reduce the first-day jitters—for everyone. The Round-up's activities bring families to school to see classrooms, meet teachers, principals, pastors and experience the fun of a kindergarten day. Come to learn some new ideas on this popular orientation program including: a Bible story focus—"Let the little children come", organizational tips, school readiness checklists/screenings, art ideas, helpful websites and much more!

DANA LEYRER has been teaching Kindergarten at St. John's in Wauwatosa since 2000. She believes a successful Kindergarten Roundup is the first step in partnering with parents in the Christian education of their children. It can essentially lay the groundwork and a firm foundation for the up-coming school year for students, parents, and teachers.



Thursday A19-B19 (double length sectional)

Excite Learning through unitedstreaming Digital Media for K-12 Classroom: a basic overview

Discovery Educator Network Wisconsin Field Manager, Jan Wee, will present an overview on the use of unitedstreaming's video-on-demand clips, images, and tools to develop digital media infused lessons that enrich instruction and learning. You will learn how to perform advanced searches, create your own playlists, and utilize the learning tools (images, calendar, clip art, lesson plans, and other educator resources) available via unitedstreaming. (www.unitedstreaming.com)

Attendees will also learn about the Discovery Educator Network professional development initiative and how to apply to become a Wisconsin DEN member. DEN members participate in sharing unitedstreaming-based lesson plan resources, collaborating, serving as Beta testers, and attend free DEN only workshops focused on technology integration.



Please be sure that you have noted your unitedstreaming username and password if you have one. Non-unitedstreaming subscribers will use a temporary login for the day's workshop so that they can utilize the resources. Building level trial accounts are available via contact with District Sales Director, Katie Condon, via katie_condon@discovery.com

JAN WEE is the Wisconsin Field Manager for Discovery Education. In addition to her educational degrees, she has been an educator for 30 years in Wisconsin as well as serving 3 years as CESA #4 Technology Services Director. Discovery Educator Network just finished its first year in August.

Thursday A21 & B21 (single sectional presented twice)

"Thank-you, God, For Making Me, Me":

Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom

Audience: All (most beneficial for 3-8 as this happens more naturally in PK-2)

Come explore how applying multiple intelligences to classroom instruction helps the teacher make vital connections necessary for retained learning. Above all discover how consideration for multiple intelligences helps teachers nurture the God-given talents and abilities of each child we are instructing. This is a guided, hands-on exploration with fellow teachers, not a lecture; something to take back to your classroom and use.



ANNA BARTSCH has been privileged to serve the Lord in WELS, US public and International schools. She has had opportunities to study at DMLC, US public and private universities, and international conferences and seminars. Anna has also been blessed with experience in teaching all grades, preschool through 8, and special education.

Thursday A23 & B23 (single sectional presented twice)

Bible Background Series: Matthew

Living a Blessed Life

Audience: everyone!

Jesus didn't say, "Become the light of the world." He says, "You ARE the light of the world." This study takes a look at the Beatitudes to gain a deeper appreciation for the blessings we possess as Christians and the light we have to shine.



PASTOR JOHN STELLICK has served 32 years in the parish ministry in Minnesota and Illinois. He currently serves our Lord at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crete, IL.

Thursday A25 & B25 (single sectional presented twice)

SMARTBoards - Transform Your Classroom or School with the SMARTBoard Interactive Whiteboard

Audience: all teachers in grades 1-8, technology

Come and meet the SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard and hear about the ways the SMARTboard interactive whiteboard is transforming classrooms across the state, the country and the world. This is an overview of the hardware and software now being used in front of more than 1 million K-12 and university students across the world.

JOE HAUPT, Area Sales Manager for SMART Technologies, Calgary, AB, is a former educator, having taught in the Milwaukee area for 7 years in an elementary classroom. Joe will show the basics of the SMART Board and some of the imaginative uses of the SMARTBoard in K-12 classrooms.



Friday Spiritual Growth Keynote Presentation

Luther and Religious Education

Dr. Mark Lenz



The foundation of Christian education is the message of Christ crucified. This presentation will consider Luther's arguments for religious education and his ideas about the basis of and the objectives for such education.

MARK LENZ has taught courses in religion and history at DMLC/MLC since 1981. He presently serves as chair of the religion division and is a member of the worship committee and the curriculum oversight committee. He has written a number of publications for Northwestern Publishing House, has served as a contributing editor for Forward in Christ, and holds a PhD in historical theology.

Friday Early Childhood Mini-Keynote

Friday C02-D02 (double length sectional)

Make Every Moment Count: Building a Strong Foundation with Good Early Childhood Practices

Audience: pre-K, kindergarten, and grade 1 - anyone who wants to learn more about ECE practices



Let's celebrate being an early childhood educator and advocate what's best for our young children! This hands-on interactive presentation will explore some vital components of early childhood practices that are necessary to build a strong foundation of literacy learning. You will walk away with ideas and activities that you can use in your classroom Monday morning!

TAWNYA POWERS comes to us from Staff Development for Educators. She began her career in education as a classroom teacher in the elementary grades and continues her educational expertise as an early childhood trainer and district ECE coordinator. Tawnya has developed six training videos on a wide variety of topics. Additionally, she is the co-author of the home/school literacy backpack program. Tawnya's enjoyment in conducting workshops for school districts and state and national conventions makes her sessions informative and exciting for all participants.



Friday General Session Mini-Keynote

Friday C04-D04 (double length sectional)

Instructional Strategies That REALLY Work!

Audience: grades K through post high school



You will have the opportunity to explore multiple strategies that help students learn more and teachers work less. All based on research and experience, these activities will cause your students to become even more engaged in their learning.

KATHERINE A. RUH is the Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction in the East Maine School District 63, Des Plaines, Illinois. She is a former high school and elementary school teacher; elementary and middle school principal; and national professional developer for Just Ask Publications and Professional Development.

FRIDAY C06 & D06 (single sectional presented twice)

Passion, Power and Praise:

A Hands-on Intro to Afro Latin Percussion.

Audience: all levels

In this exciting workshop you will put your hands on conga drums, scrapers, shakers and more. Learn some Christian Caribbean songs to incorporate into your worship or school activities. This workshop will be useful and fun for people of all levels of musical ability.



ABE CÁ CERES (AKA "Dr. Abe") holds a Ph.D. in Ethnomusicology from Indiana University. Fulbright Scholar, pianist, organist, composer, and percussionist, he offers cross-cultural music workshops and presentations for schools, churches, and seminaries from coast to coast. He is the leader of "Kyros," an ensemble based in Milwaukee which specializes in Christian World Music. His website is www.worldhousemusic.com

Friday C08 & D08 (single sectional presented twice)

So You're a Christian With Stress: Now What?

Audience: those who need stress relief or just want to laugh



This humorous look at stress will offer a lot more than the usual tips and tactics for managing stress. Lasting relief requires more than the distraction of coping techniques that, at best, address only symptoms of the problem. Laugh, learn and rediscover the cure!

MR. TOM WELCH has served in the teaching ministry since 1985. He has degrees from DMLC, Eastern Michigan University and UW-Oshkosh as well as being a nationally certified counselor (NCC) and a nationally certified school counselor (NCSC). Presently he serves as the Guidance Director at FVL where he also teaches psychology. Mr. Welch has presented a variety of topics to parents and professionals. He and his family are members of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Appleton.



Friday C10 & D10 (single sectional presented twice)

CPS - At Your Service:

Alternative Funding Q & A



Do you have a question about the new Commission on Parish Schools (CPS) supplemental support program? We've got answers! Bring your questions to this sectional and ask the CPS administrators specific questions about the program and its implementation.

*Administrators **JIM BRANDT** and **JEFF INNIGER** bring almost fifty years of educational experience to the CPS office. Jim served as teacher and principal in Wisconsin, Illinois, and California before taking a call to the Parish Schools office; Jeff's service includes teacher and principal in Minnesota and Wisconsin.*



Friday C12 & D12 (single sectional presented twice)

ShopWELS: Saving Money Together

Audience: Whoever makes purchasing decision or is directly responsible for purchases in the areas of technology, office products or communications.

Earlier this year WELS launched a Synod-wide purchasing program called ShopWELS. Through it churches, schools and even individual WELS members can purchase products at discounted prices. Those products include computer hardware, software and peripherals, office products, copiers, and telecommunication products like phones, phone cards and phone systems. Learn how to take advantage of these and some of the discounts possible.



***MARTIN SPRIGGS**, WELS Chief Technology Officer and a former pastor, sets the technical direction of WELS and ensures that the introduction and use of technology meets ministry needs. His parish pastor experience and formal education together with twelve years spent in the internet consulting industry help him understand where ministry can meet technology for the good of the kingdom.*



Friday C14 & D14 (single sectional presented twice)

Why Art is Important

Audience: Classroom Teachers who Teach Art (and might not have an art background)

Arts Attack: The Award-Winning Video-Based Art Curriculum for the Elementary and Middle Schools offers 24 lessons per grade level and is an entire developmentally sequential art program based on the teaching of art elements and principals. Come and learn more about how this comprehensive and teacher-friendly art program, specifically designed to meet the needs of teachers with no background, little background, or extensive art experience, can be utilized in your setting.



MARK BLOCK is the Arts Attack Midwest Regional Sales Manager.

Friday C16 & D16 (single sectional presented twice)

Enhancing Writing Activities with Children's Literature

Audience: grades 2-6

Need a hook for your writing activities? Try children's literature! Books will be presented to enhance mechanics of writing, pattern writing, 6 traits, and more. The handout will include bibliography of all presented books.

SUE RATZBURG has been teaching for over 25 years and currently serves as the fourth grade teacher at Bethlehem in Menomonee Falls/Germantown. She has a Wisconsin Teacher's License, a master's degree since 1997, and is currently working on her doctoral studies through Walden University. Her hobby seems to be "perpetual student"!



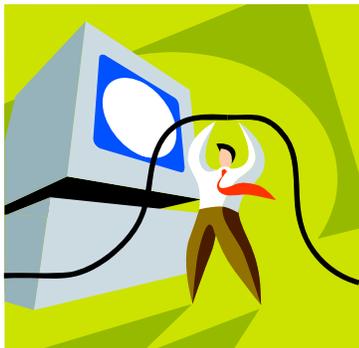
PAM LEIFER is the 3rd and 4th grade teacher at Bethany in Hustisford. She served 19 years in Schofield, WI, and is beginning her 9th year at Bethany. She earned her Wisconsin Teacher's License in 1995 and a master's degree in 1997.

Friday C18-D18 (double length sectional)

"Extreme Makeover: Classroom Edition" using Discovery Education's unitedstreaming Digital Media!

Discovery Educator Network WI Field Manager, Jan Wee, will share sample unitedstreaming integration lessons and demonstrate how to download video clips, embed and hyperlink these files into PowerPoint slide shows, Word documents, and Inspiration concept maps and meet differentiated instructional needs of students. You will develop your own basic digital media infused lesson in PowerPoint or Word. Please identify a lesson which could benefit from an "extreme makeover" and be prepared to engage your students with your new instructional approach!

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Friday C20 & D20 (single sectional presented twice)

Educational Therapy-the Answer to My Prayers

This sectional will introduce you to educational therapy, an effective way to help students with learning disabilities overcome those disabilities. We will give you a little history of how this amazing set of techniques came about, describe their effects and outcomes, and demonstrate some of them. We'll also take a look at some encouraging things for teachers to help those special needs students.

TERRI KRUEGER is a former WELS classroom teacher with 27 years of classroom experience who decided to pursue helping learning challenged students on a fulltime basis. She is a level 1 educational therapist working with students in three schools in the Madison area.



Friday C22-D22 (double length sectional)

Walk Away with a Web Site

If you've been thinking about creating a Web site for your ministry, this is the class for you. We'll walk you through step-by-step to help build a clean, professional and dynamic web presence. You'll select a Web site template and learn how to use the WELS Web Hosting content management toolset. These intuitive tools will allow you to add, edit and manage your Web site content all from a Web browser. Create menus and pages instantly with simple "point-and-click" actions. Incorporate new technologies like blogs, RSS feeds, podcasts and video into your pages. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss! Build a Web site in class and walk away with a web presence for your ministry - and no programming experience or HTML knowledge is required!



JULIE DURAN is the manager of WELS Web Services.

SALLIE DRAPER is the WELS Training Coordinator.

Both are headquartered at the Synod Administration Offices, Milwaukee, WI.

Friday C24-D24 (double length sectional)

Watercolor Ideas for the Classroom: Grades 4-8

Audience: grades 4-8

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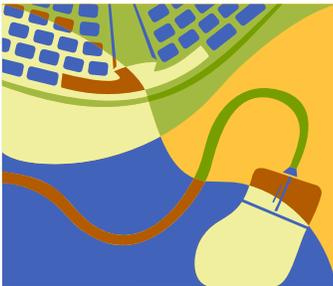


Friday C26 & D26 (single sectional offered twice)

Writing Inspirations: The Wiki Walk-through and Blogging Basics

Audience: all levels

Are you looking for new ways to inspire your students to write and share their Christian living? These two popular Internet applications can be great on-line publishing tools. By looking at real writing projects, you'll discover what Wiki is as well as its first cousin Web logging (blogging).



Rich Janke taught at a one-room school in rural Iron Ridge, WI, called Zum Kripplein Christi Lutheran Elementary where his classroom really became a school without walls.