



Encouraging, equipping and connecting staff and volunteers in our congregations through practical presentations, partnerships, and networking. There is no cost to attend, but please register online by [clicking here](#).

## Schedule

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Welcome: President Lee Hagan
9:15-10:00 a.m.	Session A
10:00-10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15-11:00 a.m.	Session B
11:00-11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15-12:00 p.m.	Session C
12:00-12:15 p.m.	Closing thoughts

## Session Choices

### 9:15-10:00 a.m. Session A

Session A	Who should attend?
<b>A1: Congregational Structure Options</b> We will review models of church governance with strengths and weaknesses of each and discuss ways that leaders can organize their churches to get the same ministry done with fewer leaders and less stress on leadership teams.	Pastors, elders, church councils, members interested in more workable church structures.
<b>A2: Intergenerational Faith Formation</b> God's role for parents and grandparents is to share the Gospel and their faith with their children so that as a family they grow in faith and live Christ-centered lives throughout their lifespan. This session will explore practices of family discipleship and simple ways like habits, routines, and rituals to engage children and grandchildren in Christ-centered lives.	Parents, grandparents, elders, Sunday School teachers, youth counselors and anyone who is passionate about the church assisting families to pass down the faith to the next generation.
<b>A3: Welcoming/Hospitality/Website</b> To be welcoming and friendly is a value in almost all our congregations. Learn simple steps and behaviors we can take to make our congregations more welcoming to visitors and to have a better public profile.	Elders, evangelism and mission team members and anyone who wants to help their congregation witness better in their communities.
<b>A4: Understanding Your Community (Demographics)</b> LCEF makes community demographic information available for free to Missouri congregations. Learn how congregations have been using this information to discern community needs and develop targeted community engagement.	Elders, evangelism and mission team members and anyone who wants to help their congregation witness better in their communities.

**10:15 – 11:00 a.m.****Session B**

<b>Session B</b>	<b>Who should attend?</b>
<b>B1: Church Worker Recruitment</b> The lack of church workers is at a crisis stage as vacancies increase and schools are forced to add non-Lutheran staff. Learn about steps members, District and Synod can take to address the crisis and recruit more church workers for the future.	Parents, grandparents, Lutheran school teachers, Sunday School teachers, pastors, youth workers, and others who have influence on our congregation children and youth.
<b>B2: Shared Ministry Steps</b> Rev. Geis will lead this presentation on Shared Ministry models. How can church leaders from congregations of all sizes and all settings consider how to work with other congregations for the sake of enhancing ministry to children, youth, families and outreach to our communities.	Pastors, elders, church leaders and anyone interested in learning how congregations can work better together.
<b>B3: Stewardship Resources/Ask Thank Tell</b> Most congregations struggle to have adequate resources for facilities, ministry, and staffing. Yet we struggle to know how to talk about church finances. This session focuses on simple stewardship strategies to address the financial challenges with a wholistic approach to stewardship talk.	Church councils, stewardship chairs and board members, treasurers, financial secretaries, members concerned about having adequate finances for our churches.
<b>B4: Reaching/Engaging Your Community</b> Fears about witnessing and talking about our faith stop us from engaging our communities. This session will present simple models for engaging our communities with the Gospel and helping our neighbors engage with the church.	Elders, evangelism and mission team members and anyone who wants to help their congregation witness better in their communities.

**11:15 – 12:00 p.m.****Session C**

<b>Session C</b>	<b>Who should attend?</b>
<b>C1: Congregational Assessment/Congregational Health Modules</b> Want to increase the health of your congregation? Assessment guidelines, processes, support systems for making change possible, procedures will be discussed in this workshop session.	Elders, church councils, pastors, members concerned about congregational health, strategic planning, effective ministry.
<b>C2: Shared Youth Ministry Ideas</b> Many congregations struggle to recruit and retain children and youth. This session focuses on strategies to encourage youth ministry shared among smaller congregations and regional events.	Elders, Sunday School teachers, youth counselors and anyone who is passionate about the church reaching and engaging youth.
<b>C3: Family Discipleship</b> Want a process to encourage and empower families as they build Christ-centered homes? The Missouri District has trained coaches throughout the District in strategies for pastors and congregations to equip families as they share the Gospel and teach the faith in the home. This session shares this time-tested process.	Elders and other church leaders, teachers of children in Sunday School, Lutheran school, etc; DCEs, youth counselors; parents, grandparents; and anyone who is passionate about the “telling the next generation” in the home.
<b>C4: Serving Your Community</b> Dealing with the everyday problems of people brought Jesus into ministry opportunities. This session engages in discussion about how to identify needs in our communities and strategizes how churches can reach out to meet those needs.	Elders, evangelism and social ministry team members and anyone who wants to help their congregation engage with their communities.



## **E2 Conference 2024 Dates & Locations**

All conferences are Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Registration is 8:30-9:00 a.m.

- Saturday, January 20: St. Matthew, Lee's Summit
- Saturday, January 27: Saxony High School, Jackson
- Saturday, February 3: St. John's, Arnold
- Saturday, March 2: Calvary High School, Jefferson City
- Saturday, March 9: Faith, Springfield