

DON'T WORRY – BE HAPPY!

Philippians 4:6-7

2021 LCMS Kansas District

Summer Early Childhood Conference

Saturday, July 24, 2021 – IN PERSON

Faith Lutheran Church - 1716 SW Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66604 - 785.272.4214



Schedule: 8:30am – 4:30pm Cost: \$50.00 Light Breakfast and lunch included. Register by **July 16**. Earn 6 KDHE Clock Hours (**2 Safety Hours offered**) We will fill on a first-come, first-served basis. **PLEASE WEAR A MASK!** Fee is non-refundable, alternate person may attend in your place. **Please return forms to: Attn: ECE Conf, LCMS Kansas District, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604.**

*Session and speaker descriptions on back of flyer

**This is a professional conference – no childcare will be provided.

Registration Form: Please Print Clearly

Preschool Facility: _____ Work Address: _____

Email: _____ Work Phone: _____

1. Name: _____ Work Position _____

Email Address: _____

2. Name: _____ Work Position _____

Email Address: _____

3. Name: _____ Work Position _____

Email Address: _____

4. Name: _____ Work Position _____

Email Address: _____

5. Name: _____ Work Position _____

Email Address: _____

6. Name: _____ Work Position _____

Email Address: _____

(If registering more than 6 employees, feel free to copy form and attach to this)

Number Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: (Number attending x \$50) _____

Checks should be made out to the **LCMS Kansas District** with ECE Conf in the memo line.

More info will be emailed at a later date.

Any questions? Contact Janet Powell: 785-357-4441, ext. 2001, janet@kslcms.org





KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Kim Marxhausen enjoys a ministry of supporting Lutheran educators and parents. She uses her doctorate in Educational Psychology to help people see their work and God's support in a new way. She presents at conferences all over the country, writes a parenting newsletter for LCMS School Ministry called Parent Pages, and is the author of three books, including *Weary Joy: The Caregiver's Journey*. She and a friend are working on a book to assist teachers and other church workers in ministry with children on the autism spectrum. You are welcome to check out her parenting blog, devotional blog, and ministry resources at <http://faithparent.marxhausen.net/>

BUILDING STRONGER BRAINS WITH THE ARTS: SESSIONS I AND II

Teachers must fit much more into each school day with high expectations for both academic and soft skills learning than what time allows. In this environment, music and art become essential tools for reaching many different goals. Let's look at ways to integrate arts into teaching, explain benefits to parents, and try new techniques for the classroom. Music, movement, and visual arts aren't just fun; they are essential to healthy brain development.

THE BEST OF EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERATURE — BREAKOUT SESSION

JoAnn Emerson is the Director at Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool in Shawnee, Kansas. Participants will receive a list of 20 plus early childhood books published in 2020 and 2021. Each book will be summarized, matched with Kansas Early Learning Standards, and come with suggested learning activities. Participants will leave with NEW book ideas they can incorporate into their program. Thousands of picture books are published every year but who has time to read ALL of them? This curated list of books includes award winners, favorite authors, new authors, and stories that celebrate differences and explore big emotions.

CONSCIENTIOUS CHILD-CARE - BREAKOUT SESSION

Taught by Susan Drewelow, participants will explore common chemicals and toxins found in foods, household cleaners and even toys that can negatively impact the health of children in child-care. Strategies will be shared for small, easy to implement changes providers can make in their child-care environment to make things healthier and more environmentally friendly for everyone!

