



**2025 Lay Leadership Summit
Walther Christian Academy
900 Chicago Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160**

August 23, 2025

Agenda

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Arrive, register, and fellowship (light breakfast available)
9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.	Opening Devotions – Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President
9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Keynote Speaker – Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, Vice President of Ministry Engagement, Lutheran Hour Ministries
10:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Transition to Sectional I
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Sectional I Workshops
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch, fellowship, and visit Recognized Service Organizations (RSO) in vendor area
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Demographics Presentation – Rev. Kris Whitby, LCMS Northern Illinois District Assistant to the President – Mission and Ministry, and Joe Willmann, LCEF District Vice President, LCMS Northern Illinois District
12:45 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.	Transition to Sectional II
12:55 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Sectional II Workshops
1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Sectional III Workshops
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Sending Blessing

RSOs will be available to visit following the Blessing until approximately 3:45 p.m.