



**2026 Lay Leadership Summit
Walther Christian Academy
900 Chicago Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160**

August 22, 2026

Lay Leadership Summit Agenda — August 22, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Arrive, Check in, and Fellowship (light breakfast available)
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. Opening Devotions (gym) – Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. Keynote Speaker (gym) – Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Professor of Theology & Ministry, Director of The Center for Biblical Studies at Concordia St. Paul
- 10:25 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. Transition to Breakout Sectional 1
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Sectional 1 Workshops
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch, Fellowship, and visit Vendors (box lunches available in the cafeteria or on the 2nd floor for “grab and go.” Please find seating in the cafeteria or the gym.)
- 12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Discussion questions (gym)
- 12:45 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. Transition to Breakout Sectional 2
- 12:50 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. Sectional 2 Workshops
- 1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Transition to Breakout Sectional 3
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sectional 3 Workshops
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Sending Blessing (gym)

Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) and other vendors from the LCMS Northern Illinois District will be set up throughout the day to interact/engage with attendees. Please take time during morning fellowship, at lunch, or at the end of the day to stop by their tables to meet these representatives and find out more!