



## Early Childhood Leadership Seminar



### **AN INVITATION TO:**

All Northwest District **Early Childhood Directors** of free standing preschools and child care centers and **Directors** or **Lead Teachers** of the preschools or child care centers of our elementary schools.

This leadership seminar is sponsored by the Early Childhood Department of the Northwest District LCMS. Our purpose is to continue to equip early childhood directors as leaders in ministry, and to link early childhood educators with one another as leaders within their congregation, schools and early childhood centers.

### **Schedule:**

#### **Tuesday Evening, October 18, 2011:**

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.      Hospitality at Dick and Martha Weniger's room at the Rivertide Hotel

#### **Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.      Welcome

9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.      Drew Gerdes and Julie Klopke, presenters



# Registration

Early Childhood Leadership Seminar  
Seaside Convention Center  
Seaside, Oregon  
October 19, 2011



**Please return this registration form by September 9, 2011.**

Name of Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Your title (*to use on nametags*): \_\_\_\_\_

School or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone or Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost **for the leadership seminar** is \$20.00 which includes lunch. You are responsible for a Tuesday night stay in Seaside. Special rates at Seaside area hotels have been negotiated by the District Teachers Conference Planning Committee. Hotel rates and information can be found in the 2011 Northwest District All Workers Conference Information packet that was mailed to you separately.

Please email ([MarthaW@nowlcms.org](mailto:MarthaW@nowlcms.org)) or mail your registration along with \$20.00 to:



**Martha Weniger, Children's Ministry Consultant**

**Northwest District LCMS Office**

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### **Drew Gerdes, Presenter**

Early Childhood Director/Coordinator of Recruitment, Marketing and Development,  
Redeemer Lutheran School, Springfield, MO

Drew D. Gerdes has been an early childhood educator at Redeemer in Springfield, Missouri, for over 10 years. He recently “graduated” from kindergarten and is teaching 3-year old Preschool. He serves as Early Childhood Director for Redeemer as well as coordinator of recruitment, marketing, and development for the school. He is a graduate of Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota, and he holds a MEd. from Missouri State University. Drew serves the Missouri District in a variety of capacities as well as the Lutheran Education Association (LEA)



### **Julie Klopke, Presenter**

Early Childhood Director/Assistant Principal,  
St. Peter Lutheran School, Arlington Heights, IL

Julie is the early childhood director and assistant principal of St. Peter Lutheran School in Arlington Heights, IL. She graduated from Concordia University Chicago with undergraduate and master's degrees in early childhood education, elementary education and school leadership. She presently serves as the chairperson for the Northern Illinois District Teachers Conference, on the Early Childhood Leadership Team for LEA and as the Early Childhood Consultant for the NID. She is married to Rev. Paul Klopke and blessed with two children, Jillian Klopke, a nursing student at Concordia, Wisconsin and Philip Klopke, a student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO.

About the Seminar-

### **“Don’t be Good...BE GREAT!”**

Lutheran schools are changing. They are not the same they were 5 or 10 years ago. Competition exists for our early childhood programs, and we need to strive to be the best program possible. It is important to be known as the “early childhood center of choice in the community.” Throughout this day-long workshop, we will look specifically at what it takes to move not only your early childhood program, but also yourself, from GOOD to GREAT! Join us as we take a deeper look at mission/vision, facilities, programs, curriculum, staffing, finances, and licensing/accreditation.

This workshop is being brought to you by the Early Childhood Network of the Lutheran Education Association.