

Early Childhood Conference  
North Wisconsin District – LCMS

---

# ***BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS***

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

*Joshua 1:9*

---

8:15am-3:15pm  
Friday, August 4, 2017  
St. Paul Lutheran Church and School  
Bonduel, Wisconsin

The early childhood conference will feature keynote speaker Kim Marxhausen and several meaningful breakout sessions, including a session for directors. We will have an ingathering of non-perishable food items for the Bonduel Area Food Pantry. We hope your team considers closing the center for the day to attend. Come to be encouraged, networked and equipped for ministry!

## **Keynotes by Kim Marxhausen**

### **Break-Out Session Topics**

- Directors' Meeting
- Kim Marxhausen: *We Must Play*
- Emily Schwartz: *Planning healthy meals & snacks without losing your mind*
- Samantha George: *Behavior Management-Expanding our Bag of Tricks!*
- Chrissy Belau: *What Happens When Our Interventions Aren't Enough?*
- Nancy Schultz: *Power Struggles in Preschoolers*
- Nancy Schultz: *Child in the Middle*

**Registration: \$60** (early registration cost of \$55 before July 15)



**North Wisconsin District—LCMS**  
**Early Childhood Conference**  
St. Paul Lutheran School - Bonduel, Wisconsin

---

**BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*  
*Joshua 1:9*

8:15-8:30am                      **Registration and Coffee. Food Pantry Drop-off.**

8:30-9:00am                      **Welcome and Opening Devotions**

9:00-10:15am                      **Keynote Address 1 — Kim Marxhausen**

10:15-10:30am                      **Break (Fellowship Hall)**

10:30-11:45am                      **Break Out Session 1**

- A. Directors Meeting
- B. Kim Marxhausen: We Must Play
- C. Emily Schwartz: Planning healthy meals & snacks without losing your mind
- D. Samantha George: Behavior Management-Expanding our Bag of Tricks!
- E. Chrissy Belau: What Happens When Our Interventions Aren't Enough
- F. Nancy Schultz: Power Struggles in Preschoolers (AM Only)

11:45-12:45pm                      **Lunch and cluster meetings by age level**

12:45-2:00pm                      **Break Out Session 2**

- A. Kim Marxhausen: We Must Play
- B. Emily Schwartz: Planning healthy meals & snacks without losing your mind
- C. Samantha George: Behavior Management-Expanding our Bag of Tricks!
- D. Chrissy Belau: What Happens When Our Interventions Aren't Enough
- E. Nancy Schultz: Child in the Middle (PM Only)

2:00-2:15pm                      **Break**

2:15-3:00pm                      **Keynote Address 2 — Kim Marxhausen**

3:00-3:15pm                      **Closing**

## Meet Our Keynote – Kim Marxhausen

BS in Education CUNE

MEd in Literacy Instruction CUNE

Ph.D. in Educational Psychology University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Kim has taught in LCMS Lutheran schools for more than 25 years, until God led her to begin a PhD program in Educational Psychology. Currently she is teaching and learning at the University of Nebraska/Lincoln and at Concordia University/Nebraska.

Kim's ministry involves supporting teachers and parents. She often speaks on issues of faith and emotional literacy and effecting change in the learning community. She has written a parenting newsletter for many years and has published teacher resource books on science and art.

Kim's website is <http://kim.marxhausen.net/>

### Work Experience

- 26 years in Lutheran Schools, mostly K/1
- Undergraduate and Graduate level teaching for close to 20 years, including CUNE, CUW, Selma, Wesleyan University, and UNL
- Currently designing a class for CNY
- Presented for many districts including Nebraska, Iowa West, Iowa East, Kansas, Rocky Mountain, Pacific Southwest, Northwest, Florida Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, Southeast, Illinois
- Writing for Synod for many years, Parent Pages for School Ministry
- Published two teacher resource books through CPH
- Written for My Devotions and Happy Times
- Contributed two chapters to *Pedagogy of Faith* edited by Bernard Bull
- Written extensively for Lutheran Education Association, including Parenting Matters

# Meet the Presenters

## Kim Marxhausen

### **Keynote 1: Seeking the Faith Quotient**

Faith is vitally important for learning. Socio-emotional skills such as self-regulation and empathy are showing themselves to be more important than IQ for learning. Participants will gain understanding of aspects of teaching the faith and how that supports socio-emotional learning, which in turn supports learning, which in turn affects children in our centers and schools.

### **Keynote 2: Resilience**

Perhaps when God tells us to be strong and courageous He is referring to the characteristic of resilience. Children with resilience can weather struggle and disappointment. They can learn from mistakes and build a social network to make them even stronger. When we teach the faith we support the character of resilience and this reaps benefits for children over their lifetime. Let's talk about God's plan for creating a resilience-nurturing environment for the precious learners in our classrooms. Participants will be able to develop action plans for centers and schools and help in engaging others in reflective practice. This will ultimately aid students in greater resilience through participation in better environments.

### **Breakout Session 1 and 2: We MUST Play**

It was bad enough when kindergarten was declared the "new first grade." Now we find this academic push has reached pre-school. Parents are worried that their children will not learn soon enough or fast enough. What they need to understand is that replacing play with inappropriate academic learning, now, will create problems for children, later. We will discuss how to answer parent concerns with good research and how to teach parents to value play at home and at school. Participants will gain understanding of the building blocks for learning developed through play which will benefit all families in their centers.

## Emily Schwartz

### **Plan Healthy Meals and Snacks without Losing Your Mind!**

Come get healthy meal and snack ideas that kids will actually like! Learn about some quick, healthy snacks you can make in your classroom or child care center that will not break the bank. Many of the children eat the major of their daily food while in childcare. It is essential that you understand their dietary needs including, food groups, serving sizes and nutritional guidelines. Find out some creative ways to have children happily eating healthy foods. What you choose to serve them now will have an effect on their choices and attitudes about food throughout their life.

Emily Schwartz is a Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Shawano Community High School. She earned her Bachelors of Science from University of Stevens Point, Masters of Science in Education from Concordia University with additional licenses in reading, food services and childcare services. More importantly, she is a wife and mother of two. She hopes to share her knowledge with others so they may lead healthier, happier lives.

## **Samantha George**

### **Behavior Management: Expanding our Bag of Tricks!**

Think about behavior as a developmental process shaped by life experiences that impacts an individual's beliefs and expectation of themselves, the adults whom care for them and the world. Looking at situations through the lens of child development and life experiences allows us to be proactive vs. reactive when managing behavior. Punishment doesn't consider a child's life experiences, social, emotional, and developmental needs. Identifying what the child is struggling to handle allows us to respond in a way that helps teach children how to self-regulate and respond more appropriately as they grow and mature. In this session, we will identify reasons why children act out as well as share some strategies for preventing and de-escalating challenging behavior. We also will consider how life experiences and trauma play in the developmental process. This session will provide you with a different way to think about behavior as well as provide a variety of techniques to use in your classroom. We can never have enough good "tools" to help us manage behavior!

Samantha George is a special education teacher at Hortonville Middle School. She has earned a Bachelors of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Stout and Masters of Science in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. In addition to her degrees she has participated in and presented trainings on trauma and the impact that it has on children. Samantha is also a wife and the mother of two. She hopes to share information that will provide you with insight and positive behavior approaches.

## **Chrissy Belau**

### **What Happens When Our Interventions Aren't Enough?**

Participants will have many tools and ideas to take back to centers and classrooms to assist in making learning easier, appropriate and meaningful for children. Chrissy is especially appreciative to be here with you today to briefly share regarding:

- *I'm worried about this little one!* Addressing concerns with parents
- *Grow your bag-o-tricks!* Implementing strategies and tools for kiddos with unique sensory needs or challenging behaviors
- *What happens when our interventions aren't enough?* Connecting with the school district: resource, referral and IEPs

Chrissy Belau graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a Bachelors in Early Childhood and Masters in Special Education. After teaching Integrated Four-Year-Old Kindergarten for five years, she moved to Hortonville where she is beginning her ninth year serving as the district's Early Childhood: Special Education teacher. She has a passion for making personal connections with kiddos, creative and appropriate inclusion and fun (cheap 😊) sensory integration. Chrissy lives in Greenville where she enjoys time with her husband, Dave, Emma the artistic fifth grader, Kaylee the gymnast first grader, Lukas the monster-truck crazed three-year-old and a variety of furry loved ones.

## **Nancy Schultz**

### **Power Struggles and Preschoolers (AM Only)**

This program will take a look at the adult's and the child's beliefs that create power struggles. Learn the skills needed to prevent power struggles. Gain the skills needed to get out of power struggles once you're in them. Learn how to heal once a power struggle has occurred.

Nancy is currently the Family Living Educator for the Shawano County UW-Extension office. She is actively involved with many community projects. She teaches many parenting programs in Shawano County, including Raising a Thinking Child, I Can Problem Solve, Co-Parenting and Strengthening Families. In her spare time, she loves gardening, cooking, and taking long walks with friends and family.

### **Child in the Middle (PM Only)**

Do you struggle with children of families that are stuck in the middle of a messy divorce? When a family goes through divorce, separation, or custody change, it can be difficult to adjust. You will learn a deeper understanding about the family transition during divorce and how it effects children. How loss and grief impact children during the divorce. You will gain strategies to help parents and their children during these family transitions.

# Online Registration

Use the below to prepare for online registration.

Registration is accepted online only at:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=sbmwjycab&oeidk=a07ee6c6peaa22f0c65>

## Early Childhood Conference

North Wisconsin District - LCMS

St. Paul Lutheran School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

August 4, 2017

Your Center/School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Center/School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Center/School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Names of attendees

You **must** pre-register for the break-out sessions. Choose A, B, C, etc...

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

## Cost: \$60

(Early Registration before July 15, \$55 per person)

Fee includes lunch and refreshments, and is non-refundable, but may be transferred.

\*Please indicate if special diet is required for health reasons \_\_\_\_\_

Register online at:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=sbmwjycab&oeidk=a07ee6c6peaa22f0c65>

Conference information can also be found online at [www.nwdlcms.org](http://www.nwdlcms.org)

## **Hotels and Accommodations**

### **Borders**

Hwy 29 & Hwy 22  
W7393 River Bend Road  
715-524-9090

### **Country Inn & Suites**

104 Airport Rd.  
Shawano, WI 54166  
715-526-2044

### **Shawano Super 8**

211 Waukechon St.  
Shawano, WI 54166  
715-526-6688

### **Cecil Fireside Inn**

400 N. Lake Dr.  
Cecil, WI 54111  
715-745-6444

### **MapQuest location for the conference:**

St. Paul Lutheran School  
240 E. Green Bay St.  
Bonduel, WI

Ph. 715-758-8559

### **Contact for questions regarding the conference:**

DJ Schult  
[DJ@nwdlcms.org](mailto:DJ@nwdlcms.org)  
715-845-8241 ext. 101