



# Minnesota District Spring Conference '24



Saint Louis, Missouri  
Pear Tree Inn near Union Station  
April 9-11, 2024

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Dear Brothers of the Minnesota District,

We will gather at the Pear Tree Inn near Union Station in St. Louis, Missouri for our Spring Conference. The Pear Tree Inn Union Station is at 2211 Market Street, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63103. All our meals will be at the hotel. Reserve your room by registering for the conference. Do not call the hotel to book your room.

If you decide to fly, you will need to arrange transport to the hotel. Besides car rental, Uber, or taxi, St. Louis has a light rail system. The hotel does not have its own shuttle.

**Our theme** is “Only the Gospel Regenerates Hearts.” Many people have recognized a widespread shift in moral standards happening in American culture. Not only do people not know the way of the Lord, they actively reject it. This raises a question of how we can maintain an evangelical approach to ministry now that we recognize this shift has begun.

**Opening worship** will take place at Martin Luther Lutheran Church (10151 Sappington Road, Saint Louis, Missouri 63128). We will have transportation or ride sharing available to get to the church and back.

**Registration** and payment will take place at [www.welsmn.org/#registration](http://www.welsmn.org/#registration). You will have an option to choose a roommate in order to reduce your cost. Please talk to this person before putting their name down. Payment will be by electronic funds transfer (e-check). Have your checkbook nearby when starting the registration.

**Retired** pastors are invited to attend as guests of the district without charge. Please indicate your retiree status in the registration form at [welsmn.org/#registration](http://welsmn.org/#registration).

**Base cost** for the conference will be \$220. This pays for our meals, outside speakers, and fellowship expenses. Your total cost will depend on the room options you choose at registration.

**Early arrival** can be accommodated. If you need a room for Monday night, there will be a place to indicate this on the registration form.

**Non-attendance** fee of \$100 will be charged. While we understand the difficulties of travel to St. Louis, we need this event to be financially viable for those who do attend.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Eugene DeVries  
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**St. Louis, MO**  
**"Only the Gospel Regenerates Hearts."**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>April 9</b>	
<b>3:00–5:00 PM</b>	Registration at Hotel	
<b>5:00–6:30 PM</b>	Dinner at Conference Center	
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Opening Service with Communion at Martin Luther, St. Louis, MO Text: Romans 8:14—"Be Led by the Spirit"	Secretary: Rev. Eugene DeVries
<b>8:30 PM</b>	Fellowship at Hotel	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>April 10</b>	
<b>7:30–8:15 AM</b>	Breakfast	
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Devotion:	
<b>8:45 AM</b>	Call to order by the District President	
<b>9:00–10:30 AM</b>	Isagogical: Jeremiah: A Prophet Proclaims Peace Amid Calamity	Rev. Dr. Kenneth Cherney
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Break	
<b>10:45 AM</b>	Campus Ministry Report	Rev. Daniel Lindner
<b>11:15 AM</b>	Reports	
<b>12:00 – 1:15 PM</b>	Lunch	
<b>1:15 PM</b>	Devotion:	
<b>1:30-3:00 PM</b>	Exegetical: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6 (or 1-13)	Rev. Aaron Jensen
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Break	
<b>3:15-4:45 PM</b>	Historical/Doctrinal: Walther Thesis 23	Rev. Jeffrey Bovee
<b>5:00 – 6:00 PM</b>	Dinner	
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Fellowship	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>April 11</b>	
<b>7:00-8:15 AM</b>	Breakfast	
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Devotion:	
<b>8:45 AM</b>	Call to order by District President	
<b>9:00-10:30 AM</b>	Practical: Lutheran evangelical focus in post-Christian culture Distinctive Lutheran Ethics	Rev. Dr. Wade Johnston
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Reports	
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Closing Devotion:	
<b>11:15 AM</b>	Lunch on your own	