

Fifty-fourth Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District
“From Cross to Calling: Christ Through Us.”

Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN

June 9-10, 2026

Tuesday Morning, June 9th, Session 1, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM		
8:00 AM	Registration	
9:00 AM	Opening Devotion	Pastor Gary Bode
9:15 AM	Organization of Convention	
	• Committee # 1: Credentials & Membership	Pastor Marques Nelson
	• Greetings from Martin Luther College	President Rich Gurgel
	• Additional Greetings	
	• Committee # 15: Housing	Pastor Jeffrey Schone
	• Committee # 14: Convention Steering	Pastor Nate Scharf
	• Committee # 6: Media Relations	Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
	• Committee # 13: Copy Review	Pastor Matthew Pfeifer
	• Committee # 3: Nominations Committee	Pastor James Panning
9:45 AM	President’s Report	President Dennis Klatt
10:15 AM	Committee #5 Elections	Pastor Adam Manian - chair Pastor Peter Sternberg - sec.
10:20	Break	
10:35 AM	Report: WELS report	Pastor Joel Voss WELS First Vice President
10:50 AM	Report: MLC report	President Richard Gurgel
11:05 AM	Report: Board for Ministerial Education	President Richard Gurgel MRC Pastor David Russow
11:20 AM	Committee #5: Elections	Pastor Adam Manian - chair Pastor Peter Sternberg - sec.
11:25 AM	Report: Home Missions	Pastor Matt Brown
11:40 AM	Report: WLS report	Mr. Sean Young
11:55 AM	Committee #5: Elections Announcements	Pastor Adam Manian - chair Pastor Peter Sternberg - sec.
12:00 PM	LUNCH	
Tuesday Afternoon, June 9th, Session 2, 1:15 PM - 5:30 PM		
1:15 PM	Devotion # 2	Pastor Brian Schmidt
1:30 PM	Session 1 Minutes	Secretary Eugene DeVries

	Committee # 5: Elections	Pastor Adam Manian
1:40 PM	Presentation:	Professor Luke Thompson
3:00 PM	Break	
3:15 PM	Reports from District Commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Missions • Parish Schools • Discipleship • Evangelism • Special Ministries/CCCW • Worship • Legislation • Constitution 	Pastor Stephen Schmiel Teacher David Gartner Pastor Ryan Wolfe Pastor Stephen Meyer Pastor Patrick Feldhus Professor Joel Gawrisch Pastor Martin Bentz Pastor Jesse DeDeyne
4:10 PM	Report: Kingdom Workers	Pastor Gerald Geiger
4:20 PM	Grace in Action	Mr. Todd Russ
4:30 PM	Committee # 5 Elections	Pastor Adam Manian - chair Pastor Peter Sternberg – sec.
4:35 PM	Committee #3: Nominations Committee	Pastor James Panning
4:50 PM	Announcements Closing Prayer	
5:00 PM	Committee Meetings/Conference elections	
5:30 PM	SUPPER	
Tuesday Evening, June 9th, 6:30 PM - TBD		
6:30 PM	Worship Service/Installation of Officers Chapel of the Christ	Pastor Dennis Klatt
8:00 PM	Biennial Meeting of LIMA (Lutheran Institutional Ministry Association)	
8:30 PM	Committee Meetings	
Wednesday Morning, June 10th, Session 3, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM		
8:00 AM	Devotion # 3:	Pastor Martin Weigand
8:15 AM	Session 2 Minutes Committee # 5: Elections	Secretary Eugene DeVries Pastor Adam Manian
8:25 AM	Report: Ministry of Christian Giving	Pastor Steve Schmeling
8:40 AM	Report: LIMA report	Pastor Brian Kom
8:55 AM	Report: Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School	
9:05 AM	Report: St. Croix Lutheran Academy	
9:15 AM	Report: West Lutheran High School	
9:25 AM	WELS Campus Ministry	Pastor Noah Hartmann
9:35AM	Break	

9:45 AM	Report: Northwestern Publishing House	Video Presentation
9:55 AM	Report: Wisconsin Lutheran College	Pastor Wayne Shevey
10:05 AM	Synodical Council Report	Mr. Kurt Sames
10:20 AM	Committee # 5: Elections	Pastor Adam Manian
10:25 AM	Committee # 12 Ministry Support	Pastor Scott Oelhafen
10:45 AM	Break	
10:55 AM	Recruitment Presentation	Pastor Joel Thomford
11:15 AM	Reports from affiliate ministries: Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti CFS LMSG	Becki Lonquist Mark Krause 4- Minute Video
11:45 AM	Announcements Closing Prayer	
12:00 PM	LUNCH	
Wednesday Afternoon, June 10th, Session 4, 1:15 PM - 5:00 PM		
1:15 PM	Devotion #4:	Pastor Dustin Sievert
1:30 PM	Session 3 Minutes	Secretary Eugene DeVries
1:35 PM	Report: World Missions	Pastor Larry Schlomer – Board for World Missions Administrator
1:50 PM	Committee # 7: Home Missions	Pastor Jonathan Bourman
2:05 PM	Committee # 8: World Missions	Pastor Dave Barkow
2:20 PM	Committee # 9: Ministerial Education	Pastor Jesse DeDeyne
2:35 PM	Committee #10: Congregational & District Ministries	Pastor Brian Krueger
3:00 PM	Break	
3:15 PM	Committee # 1: Membership	Pastor Marques Nelson
3:20 PM	Committee # 4: Resolutions and President's Report	Pastor Dan Walters
3:30PM	Committee #2: Registration Committee #11: Excuses	Mr. Dave Gartner Pastor Jeremy Glowicki
3:35 PM	Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting the date for the 2028 Convention • Session 4 Minutes • President's Closing Remarks • Adjournment 	
4:00 PM	Closing Service Chapel of the Christ	Pastor David Russow
5:00 PM	SUPPER	

2026 Floor Committee	Chairman
#01 Credentials and Membership	Pastor Marques Nelson
#02 Registration	Mr. Dave Gartner
#03 Nominations	Pastor James Panning
#04 Resolutions	Pastor Daniel Walters
#05 Elections	Pastor Adam Manian
#06 Media Relations	Pastor Jeffrey Bovee
#07 Home Missions	Pastor Jonathan Bourman
#08 World Missions	Pastor Dave Barkow
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