

May 30, 2026

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from the members of the WELS South Central District. May God's grace and peace be with you as you gather for worship, discussion, and fellowship at your respective district conventions in the coming weeks. Although we are not able to be together with you, we give thanks for the unity we have with you that God has brought about through the truth of his Word.

The 22nd Biennial Convention of the WELS South Central District will take place at Calvary Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas, on June 1-2, 2026.

King David was inspired by the Holy Spirit and mused about mankind in Psalm 8 when he said, "What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" His words are the source of no small consideration given the intimate connection between Christ—the God made flesh—and humanity.

Pastor Jon Bauer will lead the delegates through Scripture under the theme "A Futuristic Biblical Anthropology." Life in our modern world has people asking these questions like never before. What's next for humanity? What does its future in our universe look like? Does humanity even have a future in our universe? Whether the issue at hand is artificial intelligence, colonizing Mars, or gestating designer babies in synthetic wombs, questions about humanity's future require a clear understanding of what humanity is. This presentation will explore how a biblical anthropology not only helps us understand who we are but gives us a set of lenses through which we can face our future with both realism and hope.

God's blessings at your convention on the decisions you make and the work you accomplish for the good of the kingdom and our synod. We look forward to hearing about the blessing and opportunities the Lord has poured into your laps.

We are forgiven!



South Central District Secretary