

2026 Minnesota District Convention
Martin Luther College
1995 Luther Court, New Ulm MN 56073
June 9-10, 2026

Convention Information

Check In

All convention materials will be given to delegates at the registration tables located **in the lobby outside of the Luther Student Center Gymnasium**. Check in time for all delegates is Monday evening 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Tuesday from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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All retired pastors, teachers, and professors are invited to observe the District Convention as guests of the Minnesota District.

Parking

There is plenty of parking on campus to accommodate all our delegates. A campus parking map is provided to assist with parking options. The following is recommended:

- **Those 60+ years of age:** Park outside Augustana/Concord dorms; enter parking lot off of Highland Ave.
- **Those coming & going throughout conference:** Chapel lot just outside the gymnasium; enter parking lots off of Summit Ave.
- **All others:** Lot by the football bowl; enter parking lot off of Highland Ave.

Convention Worship

The opening worship service will be held on Tuesday morning, June 9, **at 9:00 am** in MLC's Chapel of the Christ. After worship, the opening session will begin right away in the MLC gymnasium.

Paperless Convention

Since elections will be conducted electronically, we ask you to **bring your own device** to access the

internet. A cell phone, tablet, or laptop computer will work.

Election Information and Biographies

Ballot and Biography information will be posted at WELSMN.ORG prior to the convention. Please visit this site in order to gain access to the materials

New Members of the District

Pastors, teachers, and staff ministers who are new to the Minnesota District, and lay delegates from newly received congregations, should sign the District Constitution at the secretary's desk sometime during the convention sessions.

Displays

Committees, organizations, or commissions desiring space for display purposes are asked to fill out the Google Form that can be found at: [Display Table Sign Up](#). Event Coordinator Beth Scharf will use that information to make sure you have a space reserved. **Please honor the May 25 date for requests.**

Health Services

MLC's on-staff registered nurse, Kelsey Horn, will be available to help delegates with health care needs. Her office is in the Luther Student Center. She can also be reached at 507-441-1372.

If there is a medical emergency, please call 911.

Phones

Incoming phone calls can be made between 8 AM - 4 PM to the MLC switchboard at: (507) 354-8221.

Convention Meals

Delegates will be served meals in the MLC Dining Hall.

Meals will feature several entrée selections as well as a variety of salads and desserts. **The first full meal served will be Tuesday, June 9 at noon for lunch.** *Continental breakfast will be served on Tuesday only for those arriving on Monday, June 8.*

Refreshments

Beverages will be available during the convention sessions, but no snack bar will be operated. Refreshments will also be available Tuesday evening in the Dining Hall.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed within any of the buildings on the MLC campus, **including the dormitories**. If you choose to smoke, you may only do so in a parking lot!

Convention Housing

Housing during the convention will be provided in the MLC dormitories unless delegates are commuting from home or have made their own housing arrangements.

Delegates will need to supply their own linens, pillows, and towels.

Delegates staying in the dorm may also wish to bring items such as hangers, an alarm clock, and other personal items. The dorms at MLC are not air-conditioned, and delegates are encouraged to bring their own fans.

If your spouse plans to travel and stay with you, please look into other housing options, as the dorms are not co-ed.

Special Needs

Special health or physical needs should be communicated to the Housing Committee Chairman, Jeff Schone, via the online registration process.

Local Motels

Delegates may arrange housing at local motels. Costs for motel accommodations are the responsibility of the delegate and will not be paid

by the district. If you choose to stay in a motel, you are asked to make your own reservation.

We will not be able to provide accommodations for RV parking on campus.

However, Flandrau State Park does have camping sites and washroom facilities. In addition, this State Park is within walking distance of the MLC campus.

LIMA

Lutheran Institutional Ministries Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday evening in the convention hall.

Questions or changes?

If you have questions or there are changes in the information you have sent, direct correspondence to:

Beth Scharf, Event Coordinator

Email: events@mlc-wels.edu

Cell phone: 920-757-5606 (text or call)

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Internet Access

There will be wireless access on the convention floor and throughout campus, including the dorms. Instructions will be given at your seat and on the screens.