

Minnesota District Spring Conference
The Lodge at Brainerd Lakes
Baxter, Minnesota
Tuesday to Thursday
April 14-16, 2026

Dear Brothers in Ministry,

Our Spring Conference in 2026 will meet under the theme “Engaging All of God’s People in Ministry.” The Crow River Conference will be our host for fellowship and worship.

Location

We will gather at the Lodge at Brainerd Lakes in Baxter, Minnesota. (6967 Lake Forest Road, Baxter, MN).

Cost

The base registration fee will be \$200. This includes lunch on Tuesday, all meals on Wednesday, and buffet breakfast on Thursday.

The hotel room will cost \$110 per night including tax. You will have the option to share a room with a roommate to share the cost. Please confirm with your roommate before putting their name down.

We ask all non-attenders to pay \$100 to keep the conference financially viable.

Retirees

Retired pastors of the Minnesota District are invited to attend as our guests free of charge. Please indicate your retiree status in the registration form at welsmn.org

Registration

Register for the conference at welsmn.org/spring_conf. Your registration includes your hotel stay. You will not have to call the hotel.

Worship

Conference worship with Holy Communion will take place at Christ Lutheran Church (13815 Cherrywood Dr, Baxter). Tuesday supper will also be at the church prior to the service.

Fellowship

Tuesday night fellowship will be held at Jack Pine Brewery. It is situated right next to the resort and is owned by a WELS member of Christ Lutheran, Baxter. Wednesday night fellowship will be at the resort.

Families

The Lodge has a waterpark attached to the resort.

Yours in Christ,
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