

MN District - WELS
District Convention June 14-16, 2016

CONTINUING EDUCATION

WHAT DO WE DO?

We offer Seminary continuing education courses for Pastors. Examples include courses on Martin Luther, preaching and exegetical courses.

This year's course—**LORD'S SUPPER: a sacrament that strengthens and unites**
A study of the importance of the Lord's Supper for Christian life and action. Why are Christian freedom and thanksgiving the two main ingredients of this celebration? How "holy things serve holy people" to strengthen and confirm their faith and, simultaneously, unite believers in the fellowship of faith. How does the Old Covenant (*berith*) become the New Testament (*diatheke*)? why and how does this communion set Christians apart from an unbelieving world to interact freely and joyfully in service to it? How does the real presence of Jesus in the Sacrament strengthen the Christian church's confession of faith? This course of study on Lord's Supper provides Bible material for BIC and Bible classes. It is based on NPH People's Bible Teaching Series—*Lord's Supper: The Lamb's High Feast*.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

DELEGATES

- 1) Please encourage your pastor(s) to take a course whether it is online or on site such as Martin Luther College.
- 2) Does your congregation provide time and funding to enable your pastor to take a course? These are vital. Many professions want and require their people to take continuing education. Even curators at museums have to take classes. It is true that the Bible doesn't change. But our world does. Classes provide the fuel pastors need to share the good news.

PASTORS

- 1) Consider taking a class. It is easier than ever. Online courses are available. We regularly have courses at MLC during a week in July. What a great way to take a break and get refreshed in God's Word!
- 2) You have probably heard the phrase, "you are what you eat." That is especially true of spiritual food. Good Biblical food is vital. What better way to feed your faith and your work than to sit at the feet of a Seminary Prof!

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STUDY CLUB

WHY GO?

They say we are what we eat when it comes to food. So good nutrition and eating plenty of fruits and vegetables is important. This is even more true theologically. We need to be in God's Word and growing in our work and capabilities. We can't do anything more important than growth in the Word!

STRUCTURE

It works well for Study Clubs to start at 11 AM, Noon and 1 PM also work well. At 11, there is a chance for some study and then an opportunity to eat. Eating together allows for sharing and discussion of casuistry questions. This is a vital topic for Study Clubs to have. We all need to sharpen one another. We can learn that others are facing the same issues we are.

ITEMS TO STUDY

"Treasures Old and New" by Prof Jeske brings us back to Hebrew, Greek and the Confessions. A sermon study on the basis of the original has obvious value. Someone might lead a study of a book like "Jesus + Nothing = Everything," or "Dangerous Calling."

RESOURCES

"Treasures Old and New" by Prof J. Jeske
Greek New Testament
Grow in Grace website at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
"Jesus + Nothing = Everything"
Deutschlander books
"Dangerous Calling"
suggestions others might have