# District Council / Circuit Pastor Workshop

## Minnesota District
## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
## November 2,3, 2026

**9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

**AT: St. Paul's, New Ulm, MN**

**Attendees:** Presidium, Circuit Pastors, Committee/Commission Chairmen

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| **9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.** | **Devotion** | Pastor Dennis Klatt |
| **9:15 – 9:45 AM** | **District President's Report** | Pastor Dennis Klatt |
| **9:45 AM – Noon**<br>All reports should be submitted in writing to the president and secretary by October 24th.<br>Time at our meeting should be used for brainstorming future work especially. Ask questions of the body, or let them respond by giving suggestions. | **Committee Reports** | |
| | Lutheran Schools | Teacher David Gartner |
| | Synodical Council Rep | Mr. Kurt Sames |
| | District Mission Board | Pastor Stephen Schmiel |
| | Evangelism Committee | Pastor Stephen Meyer |
| | Worship Committee | Pastor Joel Gawrisch |
| | Discipleship | Pastor Ryan Wolf |
| | Special Ministries | Pastor |
| | Nominating Committee/Dist. Reporter | Pastor James Panning |
| | Ministry of Christian Giving | Pastor Roger Rockhoff |
| | Legislation Committee | Pastor Martin Bentz |
| | Constitution Committee | Pastor Jesse DeDeyne |
| **Noon – 12: 45 PM** | **Dinner for All at MLC Cafeteria** | |

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## SESSION I – November 2, 2025

**Circuit Pastors in MLC Library Conference Room**

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| **1:00 – 1:10 PM** | **Opening Devotion –** |
| **1:10 – 1:50 PM** | **Pastoral Leadership Training Module (Brian Kom/Gary Strong)** |
| **1:50 – 2:00 PM** | **Break** |
| **2:00 – 2:50 PM** | **Pastoral Leadership Training Module (Brian Kom/Gary Strong)** |
| **2:50 – 3:00 PM** | **Break** |
| **3:00 – 3:30 PM** | **Address & MLC Update by President Richard Gurgel** |
| **3:30 – 4:15 PM** | **Bible Study - David Endorf** |
| **4:15 – 4:25 PM** | **Break** |
| **4:25 – 5:30 PM** | **Appropriate Use of AI in Gospel Ministry** |
| **5:30 – 6:00 PM** | **Evening meal** |

## SESSION II – November 3, 2025

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| **8:30 – 9:15 AM** | **Bible Study - David Endorf** |
| **9:15 – 10:05 AM** | **CAPE – Nate Scharf** |
| **10:05 – 10:25** | **Review Presidium VTO (Dennis Klatt)** |
| **10:25 – 11:00 AM** | **Chapel** |
| **11:00 – 11:30 AM** | **Casuistry Review** |
| **11:30-11:45 AM** | **CP Online Activity Log Review**<br>**Next CP Meeting & Agenda Suggestions** |
| **11:45 – Noon** | **Closing Devotion – Dennis Klatt** |
| **Noon** | **Lunch – Return Home** |