



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
**2023 CONVENTION AGENDA**  
July 31–August 3, 2023  
Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich.

*The Steering Committee may revise the agenda at any time.*

**MONDAY—July 31, 2023**

- 4:00 p.m. Delegate orientation in the gymnasium  
*Rev. Mark Luetzow, Michigan Lutheran Seminary president*  
*Rev. Joel Voss, WELS second vice president*  
*Mr. Martin Spriggs, WELS chief technology officer*  
*Mr. Lee Hitter, WELS communications director*
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Shuttle to opening service at St. Paul Lutheran Church
- 6:30 p.m. Opening service with communion at St. Paul Lutheran Church—Rev. 1:4-8  
*Presiding minister: Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*  
*Preacher: Rev. James Huebner, WELS first vice president*
- 8:00 p.m. Floor committees meet to organize and plan  
Fellowship and refreshments
- 10:00 p.m. Shuttles available to take delegates from MLS to hotels

**TUESDAY MORNING—August 1, 2023**

- 6:30-7:45 a.m. Breakfast
- 6:45 a.m. Shuttles available to take delegates from hotels to MLS
- 8:00 a.m. Lutheran Women's Missionary Society presentation of the flags
- 8:20 a.m. Opening  
Call to order  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*

Morning devotion—Rev. 5:6-14

*Rev. Aaron Boehm, Shepherd of the Hills, La Mesa, Calif.*

- 8:50 a.m. Welcome  
*Rev. Mark Luetzow, Michigan Lutheran Seminary president*
- 8:55 a.m. Floor Committee #19 (Elections)  
Nominating ballot for synod president
- 9:00 a.m. Introduction of special guests and observers  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*  
Rev. Glenn Obenberger, president, Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
Rev. Michael Wilke, president, Church of the Lutheran Confession  
Rev. Tonny Quintero, *Iglesia Cristo WELS Internacional*. Hosted by Rev. Larry W. Schlomer,  
Watertown, Wis.
- 9:02 a.m. Financial results  
*Mr. Kyle Egan, WELS chief financial officer*
- 9:15 a.m. Floor Committee #19 (Elections)  
Election for synod president  
Result of the election for synod president
- 9:25 a.m. President's report  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*
- 9:45 a.m. Floor Committee #19 (Elections)  
Result of the election for synod president  
Nomination for second vice president
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:20 a.m. Floor Committee #19 (Elections)  
Election for second vice president
- 10:30 a.m. Ministry Financial Plan (2023–2025 budget)  
*Mr. Kyle Egan, WELS chief financial officer*
- 11:00 a.m. Floor Committee #19 (Elections)  
Results for second vice president
- 11:05 a.m. Fraternal greetings  
*Rev. Glenn Obenberger, Evangelical Lutheran Synod president*
- 11:10 a.m. Wisconsin Lutheran College  
*Rev. Gregory Lyon, campus pastor*
- 11:17 a.m. 175th anniversary of the synod  
*Prof. Joel Otto, 175th anniversary committee chairman*

12:00 noon      Lunch

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON—August 1, 2023**

1:15 p.m.      Afternoon devotion—Rev. 7:9-17  
*Rev. Paul Horn, national civilian chaplain*

1:35 p.m.      Essay  
*Rev. Philip Hirsch, Nebraska District president*

3:30 p.m.      Break

3:45 p.m.      WELS 2022 Statistical Summary and Analysis  
*Rev. Jonathan Hein, Congregational Services coordinator*

5:00 p.m.      Dinner

## **TUESDAY EVENING—August 1, 2023**

6:15 p.m.      Floor committee meeting time

7:00 p.m.      World Missions presentations in the gymnasium  
*Missionary Matthew Behmer, One Latin America Team, Quito, Ecuador*  
*Missionary Luke Wolfgramm, Europe Team, Leipzig, Germany*  
*Missionary Guy Marquardt, Asia One Team, Thailand*

8:00 p.m.      Floor committee meeting time (if needed)  
Fellowship and refreshments

8:30 p.m.      Shuttles available to take delegates from MLS to hotels

10:30 p.m.      Shuttles available to take delegates from MLS to hotels

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING—August 2, 2023**

6:30-7:45 a.m.      Breakfast

6:45 a.m.      Shuttles available to take delegates from hotels to MLS

8:00 a.m.      Morning devotion—Rev. 12:7-12  
*Rev. Brian Hackmann, Grace, Milwaukee, Wis.*

8:20 a.m.      Floor Committee #19 (Elections)  
Final election results for all other positions

8:30 a.m.      Commission on Inter-Church Relations  
*Prof. James Danell, chairman*

Introduction of representatives  
*Rev. Makisimu Musa, president, Obadiah Lutheran Synod of Uganda*  
*Rev. Tonny Quintero, Iglesia Cristo WELS Internacional*  
Floor Committee #3 (Inter-Church Relations)

9:55 a.m. World Missions  
*Rev. Larry Schlomer, administrator*  
*Rev. Jonathan Schroeder, chairman*

10:20 a.m. Break

10:35 a.m. Home Missions  
*Rev. Mark Gabb, chairman*

11:00 a.m. Ministerial Education  
*Rev. Paul Prange, administrator*  
*Rev. Duane Rodewald, chairman*  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary  
*President Earle Treptow*  
Martin Luther College  
*President Richard Gurgel*  
Luther Preparatory School  
*President Matthew Crass*  
Michigan Lutheran Seminary  
*President Mark Luetzow*

12:00 noon Lunch

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—August 2, 2023**

1:15 p.m. Afternoon devotion—Rev. 14:6-7  
*Rev. Timothy Spiegelberg, Carbon Valley, Firestone, Colo.*

1:35 p.m. Congregational Services  
*Rev. Jonathan Hein, coordinator*

2:30 p.m. Northwestern Publishing House  
*Mr. Jeremy Angle, president*

2:45 p.m. Christian Aid and Relief  
*Rev. Daniel Sims, director*

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Ministry of Christian Giving  
*Rev. Kurt Lueneburg, director*

3:30 p.m. Lutheran Military Support Group  
*Mr. Brad Price, president/CEO*

- 3:45 p.m. Floor committee reports or committee time (if needed)
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING—August 2, 2023**

- 6:30 p.m. Home Missions presentations in the gymnasium  
*Rev. Paul Biedenbender, Christ, Denver, Colo.*  
*Rev. David Koelpin, Foundation, Folsom, Calif.*  
*Rev. Timothy Spiegelberg, Carbon Valley, Firestone, Colo.*
- 8:15 p.m. Floor committee meeting time (if needed)  
 Fellowship and refreshments
- 8:30 p.m. Shuttles available to take delegates from MLS to hotels
- 10:30 p.m. Shuttles available to take delegates from MLS to hotels

### **THURSDAY MORNING—August 3, 2023**

- 6:30-7:45 a.m. Breakfast
- 6:45 a.m. Shuttle picks up delegates at hotels
- 8:00 a.m. Morning devotion—Rev. 19:1-9  
*Rev. Aaron Mueller, St. Paul, Howards Grove, Wis.*
- 8:20 a.m. Floor committee reports
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Floor committee reports
- 10:50 a.m. Closing remarks  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*
- 11:00 a.m. Closing service and installation of officers in the chapel—Rev. 22:12-21  
*Presiding minister: Rev. Mark Luetzow, Michigan Lutheran Seminary president*  
*Preacher: Rev. Joel Zank, Northern Wisconsin District president*
- 12:00 noon Lunch to go
- 1:00 p.m. Airport shuttles to DTW and FNT depart
- 3:00 p.m. Airport shuttle to MBS departs