



# CHRIST THROUGH US

SYNOD CONVENTION 2025

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
**2025 CONVENTION AGENDA**

July 21–24, 2025  
Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.

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

## MONDAY AFTERNOON—July 21, 2025

- 2:30 p.m. Optional campus tour for those arriving early—meet in front of the Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Delegate orientation in the gymnasium  
*Rev. Joel Voss, WELS second vice president*  
*Mr. Martin Spriggs, WELS chief technology officer*  
*Mr. Dan Nommensen, WELS communications director*
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Opening service with communion in the Chapel of the Christ  
Presiding minister: *Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*  
Preacher: *Rev. Mark Gabb, WELS Home Missions administrator*
- 8:00 p.m. Floor committees meet to organize and plan
- 9:00 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments

## TUESDAY MORNING—July 22, 2025

- 6:30-7:45 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Lutheran Women's Missionary Society presentation of the flags  
*Mrs. Paula Windschitl and Mrs. Jackie Hieb, LWMS Minnesota Valley Circuit*
- 8:20 a.m. Call to order  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*  
Devotion  
*Rev. Robert Guenther, St. John's, New Ulm, Minn.*
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome  
*Rev. Richard Gurgel, Martin Luther College president*
- 8:50 a.m. Synod president's report  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*

- 9:20 a.m. Recognition of Rev. James Huebner for 16 years as first vice president and Rev. Robert Pasbrig for 20 years as recording secretary
- 9:30 a.m. Floor Committee #18 (Elections)  
Nominating ballot for first vice president
- 9:40 a.m. Introduction of special guests and observers  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*
- Rev. Karl Gurgel, Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod former president  
Rev. Glenn Obenberger, Evangelical Lutheran Synod president  
Dr. Matthew Harrison, Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod president  
Rev. James Krikava, Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod  
Rev. Joseph Naumann, Church of the Lutheran Confession vice president  
Rev. Makisimu Musa, Obadiah Lutheran Synod of Uganda president  
Rev. Baltazar Kaaya, Africa Mission Evangelism Church of Tanzania bishop  
Rev. John Braun, WELS 175th Anniversary Planning Committee member
- 9:45 a.m. Floor Committee #18 (Elections)  
Election of first vice president
- 9:50 a.m. Break
- 10:05 a.m. Financial results  
*Mr. Kyle Egan, WELS chief financial officer*
- 10:35 a.m. Floor Committee #18 (Elections)  
Election process continues
- 10:45 a.m. Ministry Financial Plan  
*Mr. Kyle Egan, WELS chief financial officer*
- 11:15 a.m. Greetings  
*Rev. Glenn Obenberger, Evangelical Lutheran Synod president*  
*Rev. Makisimu Musa, Obadiah Lutheran Synod of Uganda president*  
*Rev. Karl Gurgel, Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod former president*
- 12:00 noon Lunch  
Optional 30-minute tour of the Chapel of the Christ

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON—July 22, 2025**

- 1:15 p.m. Floor Committee #18 (Elections)  
Election process continues
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation of anniversary gift  
*Prof. Joel Otto, WELS Historical Institute board of directors chairman*  
*and WELS 175th Anniversary Planning Committee chairman*
- 1:25 p.m. Convention essay  
*Prof. Joel Otto, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary*

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| 3:00 p.m. | Break   |
| 3:15 p.m. | Long-range strategic plan—"Christ through us"<br><i>Rev. Jonathan Hein, WELS Congregational Services coordinator and WELS Long-Range Planning Task Force member</i> |
| 4:15 p.m. | Floor Committee #18 (Elections)<br>Election process continues   |
| 4:30 p.m. | Floor committee meeting time in assigned rooms  |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner  |

## **TUESDAY EVENING—July 22, 2025**

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| 6:00 p.m. | Floor committee meeting time   |
| 7:00 p.m. | Special 175th anniversary presentation: The history of Martin Luther College<br>(WCC Auditorium)<br><i>Prof. Paul Koelpin, Martin Luther College</i> |
| 8:00 p.m. | Floor committee meeting time if needed<br>Fellowship and refreshments  |

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING—July 23, 2025**

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| 6:30-7:45 a.m. | Breakfast   |
| 8:00 a.m.      | Devotion<br><i>Rev. Steven Prael, Foundation, Peyton, Colo.</i>   |
| 8:20 a.m.      | Floor Committee #18 (Elections)<br>Election process continues   |
| 8:30 a.m.      | Commission on Inter-Church Relations<br><i>Prof. James Danell, chairman</i>                             |
| 8:45 a.m.      | Floor Committee #18 (Elections)<br>Election process continues   |
| 9:00 a.m.      | World Missions<br><i>Rev. Larry Schlomer, administrator</i><br><i>Rev. Jonathan Schroeder, chairman</i> |
| 9:45 a.m.      | Break   |
| 10:00 a.m.     | Home Missions<br><i>Rev. Mark Gabb, administrator</i><br><i>Rev. Matthew Brown, chairman</i>            |

- 10:45 a.m. Floor Committee #18 (Elections)  
Election process continues
- 10:50 a.m. Congregational Services  
*Rev. Jonathan Hein, WELS Congregational Services coordinator*  
*Mr. Jim Rademan, WELS Commission on Lutheran Schools director*  
*Rev. Paul Prange, WELS Commission on Worship director*
- 11:20 a.m. Northwestern Publishing House  
*Mr. Jeremy Angle, president*
- 11:40 a.m. Ministry of Christian Giving  
*Rev. Kurt Lueneburg, director*
- 12:00 noon Lunch

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—July 23, 2025**

- 1:15 p.m. Lutheran Military Support Group  
*Mr. Bradley Price, president and CEO*
- 1:30 p.m. Ministerial Education  
*Rev. Duane Rodewald, chairman*  
*Rev. Earle Treptow, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary president*  
*Rev. Richard Gurgel, Martin Luther College president*  
*Rev. Matthew Crass, Luther Preparatory School president*  
*Rev. Mark Luetzow, Michigan Lutheran Seminary president*
- 2:15 p.m. WELS Christian Aid and Relief  
*Rev. Daniel Sims, director*
- 2:30 p.m. Wisconsin Lutheran College  
*Dr. Daniel Johnson, president*
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Floor committee reports
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING—July 23, 2025**

- 6:30 p.m. WELS Missions presentations  
World Missions:  
*Rev. Luis Acosta, Academia Cristo for Spanish ministry in the US*  
*Mr. Erik Landwehr, Native American missions*  
*Rev. Jon Bare, Asia Lutheran Seminary*  
*Rev. Howard Mohlke, One Africa Team*

Home Missions:

*Rev. Caleb Free, Risen Savior, Lakewood Ranch, Fla.*

*Rev. Mark Schroeder, Peace, Gilbert, Ariz.*

*Rev. Jonathan Bourman, Saint Mark Mankato, Mankato, Minn.*

*Rev. Steven Prah, Foundation, Peyton, Colo.*

8:30 p.m. Floor committee meetings  
Fellowship and refreshments

## **THURSDAY MORNING—July 24, 2025**

6:30-7:45 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Devotion  
*Rev. Jesse Stern, Bay Pines, Seminole, Fla.*

8:20 a.m. Floor committee reports

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Floor committee reports

10:45 a.m. Closing remarks  
*Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president*

11:00 a.m. Closing service and installation of officers in the Chapel of the Christ  
Presiding minister: *Rev. Richard Gurgel, Martin Luther College president*  
Preacher: *Rev. Douglas Free, Dakota-Montana District president*

11:30 a.m. Lunch—eat on-site or take to go