



# The Convention Daily

Michigan District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
104th Michigan District Convention

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

## Davis Re-elected as District President



Rev. David A. Davis, age 67, of Ann Arbor, Mich. was re-elected as District President on the first ballot.

In his presidential address, President Davis asked us to consider what sort of Christians we are going to be. His three points included: We are the sort of Christians who read our Bible; who love one another; and finally, who work hard for the King and His Kingdom. He said, *“Although we cannot predict what is coming in the next triennium, we can prepare for it by God’s grace and power as we commend ourselves to God to shape our character, individually and corporately as we: read, mark, and inwardly digest the Word of God, are renewed by the Spirit and in fellowship with one another, and serve diligently, working hard, even with grit, to live out Kingdom life in a needy world.”*

Davis has served in various leadership positions in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, planted congregations, developed multicultural ministry, led non-profit governance seminars, developed mentoring processes, wrote leadership development materials, and facilitated meetings and retreats. He has authored a book, *Toward Significance: A Guide For Pastoring Well*, and has a blog with the same name ([towardsignificance.com/blog](http://towardsignificance.com/blog)).

Davis and his wife Sallie have been married since 1980. They have four grown daughters and a growing entourage of grandchildren.



Michigan District 1st Vice President Rev. Darryl L. Andrzejewski; 2nd Vice President Rev. Erik K. Cloeter; 3rd Vice President Rev. Craig L. Bickel; and 4th Vice President Rev. Andrew D. Gruenhagen.

## Convention Parliamentarian



The Honorable Christopher Nuechterlein is a former federal magistrate judge for the United

States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, a position to which he was first appointed on January 10, 2000. Judge Nuechterlein retired from the federal bench effective August 12, 2016. He received his B.A. degree in political science from Valparaiso University in 1973 and his law degree from the Valparaiso University Law School in 1976. The Michigan District Convention thanks him for presiding over the proceedings.

## Convention Offering

A total of \$3,456.84 was received at the opening worship service for The Love Ypsilanti Diaper Pantry. If you would still like to donate, visit [michigandistrict.org/convention/convention-ingathering/](http://michigandistrict.org/convention/convention-ingathering/).



## Thank You!

Those who serve us today:  
 Convention **preachers and musicians**  
**Parish nurses** for tissue packets for Memorial Service  
 Thank you to the following congregations for providing meals:  
 Breakfast: Redeemer, Jackson  
 Lunch: Our Savior, Lansing  
 Take Home Bags: **St. Paul, Hillsdale**  
 Our Sponsors  
**Church Extension Fund**  
**Fellowship Development**  
**Concordia Plans** (Tuesday morning break)  
**Lutheran Benefits Group & Lutheran Trust**

## How to Share Your Faith Resources

Take your next step in discovering how to engage your community and share your faith. These three resources are available for individuals and congregations:

- **Online E-learning.** Enjoy the convenience of self-paced or live virtual sessions hearing what God says in His Word about serving and loving those in our communities through various leaders.
- **One-on-One Instruction.** Receive personalized support and tailored experiences exploring the felt unmet needs from those in your community and/or work with your District Facilitator.
- **Group Experience.** Engage together with peers experiencing a variety of community ministries, all within a few hours. Dream, share ideas, and grow together in an interactive and supportive environment. Bring a friend!

Visit [michigandistrict.org/wearenotalone](http://michigandistrict.org/wearenotalone) to learn more.

## Convention Polos

There are a few men's polos shirts available for sale in the press room for \$30.

## Your Invitation to Conversation

Please accept our invitation to conversation around how we can support your ministry through faith travel. We are offering free coffee gift cards and a fruitful conversation. Please scan the QR code below or stop by our booth to learn more.



**AUGUST 10 - 12**

Worship - Breakouts - Keynotes - Fellowship

PASTORS, MUSIC & WORSHIP LEADERS, TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATION, CHURCH STAFF, VOLUNTEERS & LEADERS



[stlorenz.org/bpmh](http://stlorenz.org/bpmh)  
[bph@stlorenz.org](mailto:bph@stlorenz.org)



## Convention Bible Study

If your congregation was not able to work through the Convention Bible study based on 1 Kings 19, please note that it will be available in the District Resource Library. Visit [michigandistrict.org](http://michigandistrict.org) to download the video and study guide. Thank you to Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III for his contribution to making the study possible.

## Lost Something?

There are several items that have been turned in. If you lost something, check in with someone in the Press Room. Items not retrieved by the end of Convention will be taken to the District Office.

## Campus Housing

Those who are staying in Campus Housing on Tuesday night need to be out by 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Please be sure to leave your room key in the envelope on the desk or dresser in your room.

## Convention 2028

The District staff is considering several locations to hold the convention in 2028. Ideas include Frankenmuth, the Macomb area, and other convention sites around Michigan. If you have ideas of locations that could serve as the convention site, please contact the President's Office.

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Advancing Mission Activity Through Resource Collaboration, Content Creation, and Leadership Formation

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## Make a Difference in Your Community

Are you looking to start a new mission to reach new people in your community but are not sure where to start? Have a vision for what might work? Contact your District Facilitator ([michigandistrict.org/facilitator](http://michigandistrict.org/facilitator)) and discuss the possibilities and opportunities for sharing the Gospel. New grant opportunities can be found at [michigandistrict.org/grants](http://michigandistrict.org/grants). StartNew Explorer or StartNew grants were developed to enable you to launch new ministries which support our common goal of creating opportunities for sharing the Gospel.

## Church Worker Care

The Michigan District, LCMS Commission on Church Worker Care offers a confidential process for church workers and their families to receive guidance when they are going through a difficult time and to help them make an informed decision about their mental and emotional health. For more information, visit <https://michigandistrict.org/churches/church-worker-care/mental-health-case-manager/>.

## Video Playlist

A video playlist will be available on the District's YouTube channel ([youtube.com/michiganlcms](https://youtube.com/michiganlcms)) in the next few weeks. This playlist consists of worship services, sermons, President Davis's Address, Essayist, Convention Recap video, and other presentations. You will be notified by email when it is available.

## Convention Evaluation

At the close of convention, you will receive an email with a link to the Convention Evaluation. Please take a few moments to complete it; your input is a valuable tool in planning future conventions.

## Commissioned Minister Caucus

The following Commissioned Ministers were elected to represent the Michigan District at the 2026 Synodical Convention:

Ron Allen	Kathryn Pearson
Hannah Coomer	Sharon Philp
Tracey Hackbarth	Pat Schultz
Amanda Jones	Shawna Spiehs
David Kusch	Amy Weston
Gilbert Livo	



## Tuesday Highlights

**Memorial Service**  
Chapel  
8:15 a.m.

**Memorial Family Brunch**  
Kreft Center Black Box  
9:20 a.m.

**Lunch**  
Manor Tent  
12:30 p.m.

**Service of Installation**  
Chapel  
1:45 p.m.

**Convention Adjournment**  
Convention Hall/Gym  
5:50 p.m.



