



68th REGULAR CONVENTION
The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

July 29-August 3, 2023
Milwaukee, WI



Welcome & Housekeeping

(Bruce)

- Thank you for serving!
- We are recording this meeting for those unable to attend. It will be posted to the ED website later this week.
- Remember to mute your microphones to reduce background noise.
- Please hold your questions until the end 😊



AGENDA (Bruce)

- **Opening Prayer- Rev. Jeff Nickel**
- **Air Transportation** (share updates /changes)
- **Hotels**
- **Meals**
- **Daily Huddle Rm #6**
- **Fellowship Opportunities**
- **Local Attractions**



PLANNING TEAM (Bruce)

- **Ruth Marzano** Assistant to the President
- **Kathy Fretthold** Education Executive
- **John Fretthold** Staff Accountant
- **Rev. Jeffrey Nickel** Pastoral Delegate
- **Bruce Sutherland** Staff Advisory Representative
- **Rev. John Pingel** President



TRANSPORTATION (Bruce)

- **Please email any flight changes** to Ruth Marzano ruthmarzano68@gmail.com.
- **Mail or email your travel itinerary (air fare receipt)** to John Fretthold (johnfretthold@gmail.com). Include your name, travel dates and amount paid.
- **If you plan to drive**, you will need to submit a mileage reimbursement form following the Convention. The maximum payout is \$500. (The reimbursement form is available on the ED website).
- **Parking fees are reimbursable** (a preferred park site will be provided).
- **Please use UBER, LYFT or a similar service** to get from the airport to our hotel. Please carpool (arrival list to be emailed).



Daily Huddles (Kathy)

- **Daily Huddles in Rm #6** (open from 7am-8am)
- The purpose is for prayer, questions, and updates, etc.
- Please arrive daily by **7:15am**
- Fresh coffee, tea and snack bags (granola bar, fruit, yogurt, etc.) will be available daily (except Tuesday)
- Please note the **Tuesday breakfast begins at promptly 7:00am**



HOTELS (Bruce)

- Our Hotel is the **Hyatt Regency Milwaukee** 333 West Kilbourn Ave. (414) 276-1234.
- If your room is not ready upon arrival - **luggage check is available.**



MEALS (Kathy)

- **A meal allowance of \$60 per day, less group meals,** results in a check for \$300 that will be mailed to you in early July.
- There is a **Synodical Delegate Dinner on Saturday** prior to Worship. It is being served inside the convention center for Voting and Advisory Delegates only.
- The **District is hosting a group dinner** on Monday 7/31 @ 7:00pm at the Oak Barrel Public House. Directions will be provided at Monday's Daily Huddle. Spouses welcome.



MEALS (Kathy)

- We will have **one group breakfast** in our Hotel sponsored by LCEF on Tuesday 8/1 @ 7am.
- The **Convention Center** has **refreshments**, snacks, and prepackaged items for sale throughout the day.
- **Snack bags** will be provided at the Daily Huddle every day other than Tuesday.
- There is a **24-hour Diner** (George Webb) 177 steps away from the hotel.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(Kathy)

- **Sunday, July 30th:** LCEF Ice Cream Social or another special event.
- **Monday, July 31st:** Eastern District Dinner, off-site @ 7:00pm
- **Tuesday August 1st:** LCEF Breakfast @ 7:00am
- **Tuesday August 1st:** Alumni Receptions @ 7:30pm
- **Wednesday, August 2nd:** Reception for the President-Elect @ 7:30pm



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS (Kathy)

- **Local Attractions:** Tourist Maps and information on local sites will be provided closer to the event



Questions?

- Contact Ruth Marzano ASAP of any changes in flight or travel plans.
- You will receive parking information for discounted lots near the Convention Center.
- A list of delegate flight arrival times will be emailed to you as soon as we have verified that all information is accurate. Please try to share a Lyft or Uber with other delegates if possible.
- Please inform Kathy (kathleenfretthold@gmail.com) if you have any dietary restrictions regarding the Monday evening Eastern District dinner. A map to the restaurant will be provided at the Monday morning Daily Huddle. It is within walking distance.
- The Convention will have an app that explains all vendors, the schedule, and many other details. It is not yet available but you will be informed when it is.
- The Eastern District will be implementing a communication tool called Flocknote. It will allow you to contact any of the Planning Team via text without texting the whole group, and will also allow the Team to pass information on to you as a group. Again, you'll hear more about that very soon.
- Concordia Plan Services is hosting an early morning walk on Monday and Tuesday from 6:15-6:45am. That information will also be forwarded to you.