



Our Great **HERITAGE** SYNOD CONVENTION 2017

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Minutes

July 31–Aug. 3, 2017

Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis.

Mon., July 31, 2017

In preparation for the 64th biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a training meeting was held for committee chairmen and secretaries at 3 p.m.

At 4 p.m., 2nd Vice President Joel Voss conducted a delegate orientation session with the assistance of Communications Director Lee Hitter. Topics included the *Book of Reports and Memorials*; worship information; meal information; introduction of the Steering Committee members; election information; introduction of the personnel on the Conference of Presidents and Synodical Council; shuttle bus information; the Help desk; the doctrinal essay; the four major topics at this convention; convention memorials and their assignments to floor committees; speaking at the microphones; daily agendas; convention floor seating; evening presentations; the display tables; the Northwestern Publishing House display; delegate responsibilities after the convention; convention streaming and publicity; delegate interviews; the 8-page convention wrap-up “Together,” WELS.net; an open house at the Center for Mission and Ministry; and finally, thank yous to sponsoring organizations. The speakers offered to answer questions—there were none. The presentation was closed at 4:29 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., the opening service with communion was held at St. Mark, Watertown, Wis. The presiding minister was Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president; the preacher was Rev. Jonathan Schroeder, pastor of Faith, Sharpsburg, Ga. The organist was Mark Davidson from Trinity, Waukesha, Wis. Daniel Moldenhauer directed the choir, and 12 instrumentalists also helped beautify the communion worship service.

Following the worship service, floor committees met on the campus to organize and plan. Fellowship followed.

Robert W. Pasbrig, recording secretary