

**MINUTES**  
**65TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE**  
**WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**  
**MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE, NEW ULM, MINNESOTA**  
**JULY 29–AUG. 1, 2019**

**Monday, July 29, 2019**

In preparation for the 65th biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a training meeting was held for committee chairmen and secretaries at 3 p.m.

At 4:00 p.m., Rev. Joel Voss, WELS second vice president, conducted a delegate orientation session with the assistance of Mr. Lee Hitter, WELS communications director, and Mr. Martin Spriggs, WELS chief technology officer. Instructions were provided for the delegates, especially electronic/internet guidance for this paperless convention.

At 6:05 p.m., Prof. Craig Hirschmann presented pre-service organ music. At 6:30 p.m., the opening service with holy communion was held in the Chapel of the Christ on the campus of Martin Luther College. WELS President Rev. Mark Schroeder served as the presiding minister. Rev. Jonathan Bauer, pastor of Good News Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb, Wis., served as the preacher. The organist was Prof. Hirschmann; pianist was Prof. Grace Hennig; and the choir director was Prof. Adrian Smith, all from Martin Luther College. An orchestra and other instrumentalists also helped beautify the worship service.

Following the service, floor committees met to organize and plan. Fellowship followed in a tent erected on the college campus for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert W. Pasbrig,  
WELS recording secretary