

## We Preach Christ Crucified

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On July 29–August 3, the LCMS will meet for its national convention in Milwaukee with “We Preach Christ Crucified” as the theme.



### The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

- Synod means “walking together” — congregations join together to form the Synod and relate to one another through it
- Confession of the LCMS: The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice; the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God
- Objectives of the LCMS:
  1. Conserve and promote the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3–6; 1 Cor. 1:10), work through its official structure toward fellowship with other Christian church bodies, and provide a united defense against schism, sectarianism (Rom. 16:17), and heresy;
  2. Strengthen congregations and their members in giving bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness into all the world;
  3. Recruit and train pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers and provide opportunity for their continuing growth;
  4. Provide opportunities through which its members may express their Christian concern, love, and compassion in meeting human needs;
  5. Aid congregations to develop processes of thorough Christian education and nurture and to establish agencies of Christian education such as elementary and secondary schools and to support synodical colleges, universities, and seminaries;
  6. Aid congregations by providing a variety of resources and opportunities for recognizing, promoting, expressing, conserving, and defending their confessional unity in the true faith;

7. Encourage congregations to strive for uniformity in church practice, but also to develop an appreciation of a variety of responsible practices and customs which are in harmony with our common profession of faith;
8. Provide evangelical supervision, counsel, and care for pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers of the Synod in the performance of their official duties;
9. Provide protection for congregations, pastors, teachers, and other church workers in the performance of their official duties and the maintenance of their rights;
10. Aid in providing for the welfare of pastors, teachers, and other church workers, and their families in the event of illness, disability, retirement, special need, or death.

### **The Convention**

- An opportunity for worship, nurture, inspiration, fellowship, and the communication of vital information, such as reports, greetings, and teaching
- Elections and resolutions