

# 2025 General Pastoral Conference

## “The Crossroads of Family in God’s Design”



**Northern Illinois District**  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

### **Monday, May 5**

5:00p Social hour hosted by Joe Willmann, LCEF

### **Tuesday, May 6**

8:00a Registration & Gathering

8:30 Opening Devotion & Welcome [Geneva Ballroom]

8:45 NID Demographics Update, Rev. Kris Whitby & Joe Willmann

9:15 Plenary Speaker session #1: Dr. Scott Keith, Executive Director of 1517

10:30 Remarks from President Buss

11:30 Divine Service @ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Delavan

12:45p Lunch / Break Time (on your own)

2:30 Plenary Speaker session #2: Dr. Scott Keith

3:30 Breakout sessions:  
[Geneva Ballroom] – Dr. Adam Francisco  
*“Proof to All People”: Basic Apologetics for All Ages*  
[Milwaukee Room] – Rev. Joel Hess  
*Deconstructing Individualism, Reconstructing Family*  
[Madison Room] – Rev. Eli Voight  
*Employing AI Tools in the Parish*

4:30 Break

6:00 Banquet @ Lake Lawn; starting w/ drinks reception [Lake Lawn Room]

6:30 Banquet, including President’s remarks and recognitions of ministry milestones

### **Wednesday, May 7**

[Please check out of your room with the resort before 11:00a]

8:30a Morning Devotion [Geneva Ballroom]

8:45 Plenary Speaker session #3: Dr. Scott Keith

9:45 Conference business  
Election of GPC 2025 slate of candidates

10:30 Speaker Q&A

11:15 Breakout sessions (See Tuesday for details)

12:15p Box lunch & fellowship time [Geneva Ballroom]  
w/ Advisory Delegate Caucus (Rev. John Prohl)

12:45 Plenary Speaker session #4: Dr. Scott Keith

1:45 Itinerarium & sending

2:00 Planning committee meets for debrief & advance planning

\*\*coffee and snacks will be available throughout the day / beverage vouchers for mornings