



*Acts 13:47: For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles [nations, ethne], that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”*

## **SELC District Convention Brochure**

January 16 - 19, 2025

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

960 Paul Hoyer Way Lake Mary, FL 32746

The 2025 SELC District Convention is being held January 16 - 19, 2025 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lake Mary, Florida. This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> regular SELC District Convention held since the SELC District began.

The Convention and worship services will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The hotel lodging will be at two locations. The two locations are Hyatt Place and Homewood Suites in Lake Mary, FL. Information on making your overnight reservations can be found with the registration materials.

You will need to register online for the Convention. The link to register is [www.selc.lcms.org/convention](http://www.selc.lcms.org/convention). You can pay using a credit card by calling the District Office or you can send a copy of your registration and a check to the District Office at the address below. If you are having difficulty registering online, please contact the District office at the telephone number or email address below.

SELC District Office  
2623 Brookside Road  
Macungie, PA 18062  
610-965-3265, please press 6  
[selc.lcms@gmail.com](mailto:selc.lcms@gmail.com)

There will be Convention fellowship following the opening worship service on Thursday evening at Holy Cross and Friday and Saturday evening following dinner at the Hyatt Place hotel.

Highlights include:

- Thursday, January 16, 2025 - 7:00 PM - Opening Worship
- Friday, January 17, 2025 - Convention proceedings
- Friday - Trip to DeLeon Springs State Park with lunch at The Old Sugar Mill
- Saturday, January 18, 2025 - Convention proceedings
- Sunday, January 19, 2025 Closing Worship and Installation of Officers

## **PASTOR'S WIVES AND NON-VOTING DELEGATE TRIP**

The Women's trip will be on Friday to DeLeon Springs State Park and Sugar Mill Restaurant. The popular Old Sugar Mill Pancake House, located in a 100-year-old replica of the original 1830s sugar mill, features cook-your-own pancakes at the table with an enhanced menu of food and beverages.

Once called Acuera, or "Healing Waters," by Mayaca Indians who inhabited the area, De Leon Springs is a place to cool off in clear waters, roam trails through a lush subtropical forest that features a massive old-growth bald cypress tree, and immerse oneself in a rich history. The spring run was once used to turn a sugar cane mill followed by a grist mill to turn corn into flour during the Civil War.

The Fountain of Youth Boat Tour will ease away from the dock to begin telling the tale of these "healing waters," named by the Mayaca Indians. Much of the story will unfold before your eyes as osprey swoop down to pluck a fish for a meal and alligators warm themselves in the sun. As you explore nature, the guide will also talk about the area's 6,000 years of history and some myths.

Lunch will be at the popular Old Sugar Mill Pancake House, located in a 100-year-old replica of the original 1830s sugar mill, features cook-your-own pancakes at the table with an enhanced menu of food and beverages. The entrance fee and boat ride are paid for, lunch is on your own.



## **HOTEL INFORMATION** – Hyatt Place and Homewood Suites

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservation. Please click the link above. There are two room rates. The Hyatt Place is \$179.00 per night and the Homewood Suites room rate is \$139.00 for a King room (1 - 2 people) and \$149 for doubles (1 - 4 people) per night plus taxes. Check-in time is 3 PM and check out is 12 PM. Reservations must be made by **December 26, 2024**.

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

The overnight rooms for out-of-town guests are located at the Hyatt Place and Homewood Suites in Lake Mary, Florida. The links to register for your room are below. Complimentary breakfast is provided at both hotels.

### **Hyatt Place**

[Hyatt Place Lake Mary](#)



### **Homewood Suites**

[Homewood Suites by Hilton Lake Mary](#)



The address and telephone number of the hotels are below.

### **Hyatt Place**

1255 South International Parkway  
Lake Mary, FL 32746  
Main Phone Number: 407-995-5555

All rooms are \$179 per night  
Complimentary breakfast  
Evening fellowship will be held here

Must reserve your room by  
**December 26, 2024**

### **Homewood Suites**

755 Currency Circle  
Lake Mary, FL 32746  
Main Phone Number: 407-805-9111

\$139 King rooms  
\$149 Double  
Complimentary breakfast

Must reserve your room by  
**December 26, 2024**

## **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

The registration fee is \$270 per person. This includes the District Convention and all meals. There is no separate pricing for each meal provided at the Convention. A reception follows the Opening Service on Thursday evening, lunch, dinner, and snacks will be provided on Friday and Saturday; brunch will be provided on Sunday following the closing service. Emeriti clergy and their spouses do not pay a registration fee. The additional full-time guest fee is \$170.

Please indicate your payment method when you register online. You may call the District office to pay your convention registration fees or you may pay by check and mail it to the SELC District Office. Please make your check payable to the SELC District.

Grants are available for congregations for whom the registration fee might be a hardship. Please contact the SELC District office if you have a request for assistance or any questions about the registration process.

## **CONVENTION WORKBOOK**

The Convention workbook will be available for you to download to your laptop or tablet following the receipt of your registration or two months prior to the start of the Convention. Limited printed copies will be available. If you would like a printed copy of the workbook, please indicate by circling yes below.

***We look forward to seeing you at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lake Mary, Florida in January 2025!***



## Conference Registration Form

<b>Name</b>	<b>Church</b>		
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
Registration Fee	\$ _____		
Additional Guest Fee	\$ _____		
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$ _____		

**WOMEN'S TRIP** I will go to DeLeon Springs. Yes No  
All expenses except the entry fee and boat ride are on my own.

### DIETARY INFORMATION for Registrant and guest(s)

Dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

### CONVENTION WORKBOOK

I would like a printed copy of the Convention workbook Yes No

### TRANSPORTATION

Will you require transportation to/from the hotel and church daily Yes No

Will you make your own arrangements for your daily transportation? Yes No

Arrival Date: Arrival Time: Airline:

Departure Date: Departure Time: Airline:

I will be renting a car Yes No

I need to have transportation to from the airport to the hotel Yes No

I will be driving to the Convention Yes No

I am willing to provide transportation to and from the convention Yes No

Please contact the District Office with any questions via email at [selc.lcms@gmail.com](mailto:selc.lcms@gmail.com) or by telephone 610-965-3265, press 6.

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