

Schedule of Events
The Lutheran Convention for Seniors
Sponsored by the OWLS

October 14-17, 2025, at the
Oshkosh Marriott Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center, 1 N. Main St. Oshkosh, WI 54901
Theme: "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me"

Tuesday, October 14

3:00 PM Registration Begins – **OCC Atrium/Lobby**
Mission Partners/ Vendors – **OCC Concourse**
Dinner on your own
6:00 – 7:00 PM Arm-Chair Tour – Steve Balza – Father's World Tours – **Paul L**
7:15 – 9:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting – **K. M. Hutchinson**

Wednesday, October 15

6:30 – 8:00 AM Breakfast – on your own
9:00 – 9:15 Bus – load for tour – **Hotel Main Entrance**
9:30 – Noon Tour of Experimental Aircraft Association Museum
9:45 – 12:15 Tour of Paine Art Center & English Style Gardens
12:00 – 1:15 PM Lunch – on your own
1:00 – 1:30 Introduction to the OWLS Convention for First Timers – **K. M. Hutchinson**
1:30 – 2:30 Opening Service – **Paul L**
3:00 – 4:00 Keynote Speaker: Jacob & Veronica Schultz
"Chain Breaker: Out of Darkness into the Light" – **Paul L**
4:15 – 5:30 Silent Auction – Viewing – Bidding – **South Breakouts (John Lynch, Lefevre, Dixie)**
Social Hour – **OCC Concourse**
5:30 – 6:45 Dinner – **Leander Choate**
7:00 – 8:00 Open Forum to discuss the future of the OWLS – **Paul L**
8:30 – 9:30 OWLS Annual Business Meeting (Voting for dues paying members) – **Paul L**

Thursday, October 16

6:30 – 8:00 AM Breakfast – on your own
8:15 – 8:45 Morning Devotion – **Paul L**
8:45 – 9:30 ZOOM meeting with Pastor Robert Weiss – **Paul L**
9:30 – 10:30 Keynote speakers: Mark Wagner – 316NOW – **Paul L**
10:45 – 11:45 First Workshop Presentation – Five Choices
12:00 – 1:15 PM Lunch – **Leander Choate**
1:30 – 2:30 Workshops Repeated – Five Choices
2:45 – 3:45 Workshops Repeated – Five Choices
4:00 – 5:30 Silent Auction Bidding (Closes at 4:45) – **South Breakouts**
Social Hour – **OCC Concourse**
5:30 – 6:45 Banquet – **Leander Choate**
7:00 – 8:30 Entertainment – Dr. Dwight Johnson – "An Evening with Dr. Martin Luther" – **Paul L**

Friday, October 17

6:30 – 8:00 AM Breakfast – on your own
8:00 – 8:30 Morning Devotion – **Paul L**
8:45 – 9:45 Business Meeting Wrap-up, Closing Devotion and
Installation of New Board Members – **Paul L**
11:00 Checkout time and Board Meeting – **Paul L**
Followed by Convention Committee Meeting – **Paul L**

October 16, 2025 - Schedule of Workshops

Session 1 10:45 – 11:45 am

Session 2 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Session 3 2:45 – 3:45 pm

Each attendee can attend only three of the five choices:

Peter Moll – Experimental Aircraft Association

Kari Lathrop Capaul – Doctor from Appleton – Power of Attorney for Health Care and Vaccines

Pastor John Hildebrant – Coins of the Bible

Randy Domer – about the city, Chief Oshkosh, Menomonie Nation, Sawdust City

Dave & Kay Wege – When Johnny Comes Marching Home – story of James E. Hanger

Keynote Speakers' Topics

Pastor Mark Wagner – 316NOW: “A Challenging Surprise for the Chinese People”

316NOW proclaims the surprising news of God’s love that John 3:16 promises for everyone. Together with our WELS partners in Asian ministries, we work urgently, as our name indicates. Why? Because more than a billion Chinese are living without Jesus; because their government is determined to restrict Christianity; because cultural and religious traditions in China are barriers to the gospel; because they need to know the love of Jesus and his followers. Pastor Mark Wagner, executive director of 316NOW will share how the Spirit continues to provide growing opportunities to share Jesus with Chinese people: Grace Bible Institute (GBI), Mentoring and Consulting Ministry (MCM), and Expatriate Ministry.

Pastor Mark Wagner became the executive director for 316NOW a little over two years ago. He oversees the four major divisions of this non-profit ministry: Education, Mentoring and Consulting Ministry, Expatriate Outreach, and Mission Advancement. Prior to retiring, he served congregations in Texas and southeastern Wisconsin for forty years as a parish pastor. During that time, he also served for twenty years in leadership for Home Missions and as the Southeastern Wisconsin District Mission Board chairman.

Jacob & Veronica Schultz – “Chain Breaker: Out of Darkness into the Light”

The powerful testimony of an Indonesian who grew up Muslim and went on to experience first-hand the love and power of Christ's salvation and redemptive power.

Jacob & Veronica (Putri) Schultz are a married couple from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. After graduating from Martin Luther College, Jacob chose to teach abroad at an International Christian school in Jakarta, Indonesia. There he met Veronica, who had been teaching at the school for several years already. After teaching together and time dating, they married in 2013 and were blessed with three sons. Now, living back in the US, they have the privilege to share another example of God's unfailing love and provision in their lives—most significantly Veronica's story which they will share with you today.

Workshop Presentations

Peter Moll – “INSIDE EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH: Planning and Executing the Annual Aerial Extravaganza” – **Breakout Room – Thistle**

As a long-time resident of Oshkosh, Peter’s fanaticism with all things aviation began when the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) moved its annual convention to Oshkosh in 1970. Along the way, Peter has acquired a wealth of knowledge of, and experience in, many aviation industry facets. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh has grown exponentially over the past 50+ years in size and scope. It started out as a simple gathering of members and their aircraft in Milwaukee, today Wittman Regional Airport and surrounding EAA-owned property transforms into a virtual city. The year-round (and future) planning and daily management of the event from both the EAA (event owner) and the airport is simultaneously fascinating and mind-boggling. It takes a tremendous amount of coordination to ensure a safe event of this magnitude; it’s stressful, satisfying, and fun all in one big “circus.”

Kari Lathrop Capaul M.D. – “How do you have a say in your medical care if you are unable to?—The importance of a Christian Advance Directive & Living Will” – **Breakout Room – Henrietta**

Kari is a family physician with Ascension Medical Group–Greenville, Wisconsin. She grew up in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, currently resides in Appleton, Wisconsin, and is a member of Riverview Lutheran Church. She has been married for 27 years to her husband, Peter Capaul, and is a proud mom of four (her older daughter is a pharmacist, her younger daughter is a research assistant at Froedert-Medical College of Wisconsin, and her two boys are busy high school students). In her free time, she enjoys reading, spending time with family/friends, and has been focusing on learning new things—more recently, learning tap dance and yoga.

Pastor John Hildebrant – “Presentation on Biblical Coins” – **Breakout Room – B.F. Carter**

What is the oldest thing that you have ever held in your hand? Have you ever held something in your hand from the time and place of the Bible—not just a replica, but an actual artifact? Now is your chance. Come to hear Pastor John Hildebrant speak on Biblical coins—not just with pictures and replicas, but with actual, physical examples that are “museum quality!”

Pastor Hildebrant was born and raised in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He has served the church in Arizona, South Dakota, Canada, India, and Wisconsin. He is currently the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Friesland and Grace Lutheran Church in Dalton, Wisconsin. Pastor Hildebrant has been collecting coins for over twenty-five years.

Randy Domer – “Yesterday in Oshkosh – My Hometown” – **Breakout Room – K. M. Hutchinson**

Local author and native Randy Domer takes us on a journey back to the days when Indigenous tribes called this wilderness home. Pioneers came and built this city on the shoulders of the lumber industry, earning the moniker of Sawdust City. Today, Oshkosh is best known internationally for work clothing (Oshkosh B’Gosh) and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). Learn about the people and events, some famous and some not, that helped shape the city as we know it today.

Oshkosh native Randy Domer has developed a passion for local history and has recently published his fifth book on the subject. His time in retirement is largely spent researching and writing stories on Oshkosh’s historic past. He writes articles on local history and pens a weekly column for the Oshkosh Herald newspaper. Randy has served on the board of directors for the Oshkosh Public Museum and recently retired as president of the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society.

Dave Wege – “When Johnny Came Marching Home” – **Breakout Room – Evelyn**

We will follow the story of James E. Hanger from a brash recruit to an enlisted Confederate at the first major land battle of the Civil War. His journey leads through a traumatic injury and his amazing rehabilitation, finally becoming a successful businessman who affected many lives. Then we move into

the story of our modern military, a traumatic injury, and how a “new normal” was achieved through prayer, focus, and rehab.

Dave Wege has been a Lutheran teacher for 45 years, 43 full-time and now two years part-time. His interest in the Civil War goes back to days spent at his grandmother's house, where a huge draw was her bookcase of history books. The middle school students he teaches take semi-annual trips to Civil War battlefields, where “walking hallowed ground” has helped them connect to the people and events of the past. Something about the heroics of the people of the time, together with connections to present-day America, has always captured Dave's attention. Kay and Dave Wege run a Civil War tour group, the Civil War Time Travelers, that is a venue for sharing their passion.