

2019 Festival of Homiletics

Tips for First Time Attendees

Welcome to the 27th Annual Festival of Homiletics.

We are excited to be headed to Minneapolis after a long hiatus.

- Spring is an ideal time to visit Minneapolis, as the weather is pleasant. However, should the weather suddenly turn bad, the Skyway System (those enclosed, second level bridges you see everywhere) connects roughly 80 city blocks without stepping a toe outdoors. Download the [Minneapolis skyway app](#) or learn more about the skyway system [here](#).
- This is a city full of history, culture and entertainment; we hope you have plenty of experiences you will not soon forget. Check out some of these “tips” sites for things to do in your free time. [Best Minneapolis-St.Paul Travel Tips](#)
- Please join us for a brief session on how to navigate your first Festival of Homiletics on Monday, May 13th at 5:30 pm at Central Lutheran Church. We hope to offer some helpful information to make the week easier and more enjoyable!
- Use the [Festival of Homiletics website](#) – it is loaded with all sorts of helpful information. It has tips on things to do in D.C, restaurants and helpful maps of the area.
- Wear comfortable shoes – the venues are located close to one another, but you will do a fair amount of walking during the week. All the Festival cities are very walkable, but have plenty of public transportation to help. Be sure to take advantage of the trains, bus systems and bike rentals!
- A morning break is served buffet style at each location. There will plenty of food and beverages for all, although there can be a bit of a rush as people leave the sanctuary. Thanks for your patience!
- Lunch is on your own unless you pre-ordered your lunches. Boxed lunches will be available each day at Central Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall at noon. We really encourage you to check out the local flavor – restaurants are located all over the area! Check out some recommendations at [Meet Minneapolis – Food and Dining Guide](#).
- A helpful stop is at the [Minneapolis Visitor Information](#), located on the corner of 5th Street and Nicollet, directly in front of the Nicollet Metro Transit light rail station. They have maps, all manner of visitor information and an especially alluring selection of locally-made crafts, gifts and souvenirs.
- Plan ahead! Use the schedules provided online and in your program to plan out your week. There is a lot going on and it will help you avoid missing your favorite speaker. Use the At-a-Glance schedules on-site and in the program to orient yourself!
- Make new friends! It may seem like everyone knows someone else, however 50% of the group is new to the conference each year. It could be the start to a beautiful friendship.
- Take a break – the week can be overwhelming. Don’t feel like you need to do everything. Relax, take an evening off – [Festival recordings](#) are available for most of the lectures, workshops and sermons.
- Questions? Come find us at the Information Desk located at the Central Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday - Friday. It is staffed from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day, Friday until 11 a.m.
- No food is allowed in the sanctuaries, however you are able to bring water in.
- Relax, take it in and enjoy – that is why you came after all!