



Rev. Benjamin T. Ball
Sixth Vice-President
Representing the Central Region

The Rev. Benjamin T. Ball is sixth vice-president and a member of the Praesidium of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). He was elected in 2019, and represents the church's Central Region.

Ball is the senior pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Hamel, Ill., where he was called in 2012. He previously served St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Dedham, Mass. (1999–2004), and St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, Brookfield, Ill. (2004–2012).

He is currently the chairman of the Synod's Committee on Nominations, has served as the second vice-president of the LCMS Southern Illinois District (2018–2019), and served several terms as a circuit visitor in both the Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois districts. Ball has been a member of the Board of Directors of Metro-East Lutheran High School of Edwardsville, Ill. (2017–2019), and was an editor of *Gottesdienst—The Journal of Lutheran Liturgy* (2016–2022). Ball has been a frequent presenter at conferences discussing preaching, liturgy, the fraternal bonds of pastors, and the pastoral task in the Lutheran school.

Originally from Richmond, Mich., he is a product of LCMS schools since kindergarten. He received a B.A. from Concordia University, River Forest, Ill., in 1995, and in 1999 was granted the M.Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. An avid outdoorsman, he resides in the church parsonage with his wife, Serena, and their five children.