



Campaign FAQs

What is the *Compelled* campaign?

The *Compelled* campaign will create a new education center with modern classrooms and small-group spaces, add a gathering hall, and renovate existing areas for a student lounge and on-site faculty offices. Together, these spaces will strengthen learning and community for students, professors, and families while providing the excellent educational environment needed to prepare more pastors to serve our synod.

Why now?

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) has been located in Mequon since 1929, with no major upgrades in more than 55 years. Designed long before small-group learning, laptops, and smart boards became part of theological education, these spaces no longer fully support the way students learn and prepare for ministry today. But this project is about more than modernizing classrooms—it is about offering our students and our Lord our best. God has entrusted his church with proclaiming the gospel, and Christ's love compels us to prepare future pastors to carry that gospel into the world (2 Corinthians 5:15).

What is the cost of the *Compelled* campaign?

The goal of this campaign is \$15 million. By God's grace, gifts and pledges have currently reached just over \$11 million. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of so many faithful supporters. As the construction continues, every additional gift will help to complete the remaining work, reduce the amount that must be funded through seminary resources, and strengthen pastoral education for generations to come.

How has construction been progressing?

Construction has made steady progress since May 2026. The education center foundations are nearly complete, with backfilling and slab preparation next, while gathering hall footings are poured and foundation walls underway. Library renovations are complete. The new fitness center framing and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work also continue. The student lounge and fitness center are expected to be finished by the end of October. Overall, the project remains on track as spaces take shape.

How can I learn more?

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