



2025 South Dakota Synod Assembly

THURSDAY – MAY 29

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Display Setup – The Hub

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM – Early Check-In

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Assembly Workshops

Conversation with ELCA Presiding Bishop

Elizabeth Eaton – *Celebrate Center*

“Early Brain Development, Faith Formation and Worship” with Dr. Dawn Rundman - *Sanctuary*

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Ministry Celebrations and Recognitions – The Gathering Space

(Dessert sponsored by Luther Seminary and Wartburg Theological Seminary)

FRIDAY – MAY 30

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Displays Open – The Hub

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM – Check-In

Check-In Closes at 9:15 AM

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM – Bishop Election and Elections Committee Meeting – OSL Conference Room

8:30 AM – 8:50 AM – New Voting Member Orientation – Chapel

8:45 AM – 9:10 AM – Worship Instructional Meeting – Celebrate Center

9:15 AM – 10:20 AM – OPENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION – CELEBRATE CENTER

Installation of Rev. Joel Pakan and Rev. Renae Boehmer

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Welcome & Introductions – Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

Credentials Report

Adoption of the Rules & Agenda

Greeting from Our Savior’s Lutheran Church

Ecumenical Greeting – Rev. Rebecca Trefz, Dakotas Conference, The United Methodist Church

Bishop Election – First Ballot

Instructions

Prayer – *Deacon Jodi Hanson, Assembly Chaplain*

Voting

Check-In Opens at 11:05 AM

State of the ELCA – Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop

Music by Jonathan Rundman

Panel 1- Lilly Grants Update

Rev. Kari Webb, Synod Director for Digital Community and Learning: Program Director, *Journeying Together in Christ*

Rev. Joel Pakan, Synod Director for Rural Ministry

Rev. Renae Boehmer, Director for the Holy Playground Initiative

Video Greeting from Portico

Table Prayer – Deacon Jodi Hanson, Assembly Chaplain

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch & Conference Caucuses

(Conferences needing to caucus must meet in designated locations before heading to lunch.)

1:00 PM – Resolutions and Nominations Deadline

(Turn-in at the temporary synod office)

1:00 PM – Deadline to Remove Sections from

Resolution #1 Resolution to Adopt Amendments to the Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the South Dakota (Form available at temporary synod office)

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Music by Jonathan Rundman

Introductions and Announcements

Credentials Committee Report

Report of the First Ballot – Bishop Election Committee

Video Greeting from Lutheran Social Services

Greeting from Lutheran Planned Generosity – Kathy McHenry

Buntrock Scholarship/Greeting from Augustana University – Rev. Ann Rosendale

Treasurer’s Report – Terry Johnson, SD Synod Treasurer

Practice Electronic Voting

Resolution #1 – Resolution to Adopt Amendments to the Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the SD Synod

Resolution #5 – Elect Synod Council Members

Nominating Ballot – Committees to be filled

Deadline to Withdraw Name for Bishop – 2:00 PM

Music by Jonathan Rundman

Election of Synod Vice President

Video Greeting from Mission Investment Fund

Companion Synods Update – *Anghy Aragon, SD Synod Missionary to the Lutheran Church, Faith and Hope, Nicaragua*

Check-In Closes at 2:30 PM

Holy Cow Award – *Synod Hunger Team*

Credentials Committee Report

Bishop Election – Second Ballot

Instructions

Prayer - *Deacon Jodi Hanson*

Voting

3:00 PM – Check-In Opens

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM BREAK

Sponsored by Lutherans Outdoors in SD

3:00 PM – Resolutions Committee Meets – Friendship Room

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM – *Lutherans Outdoors Annual Meeting – Celebrate Center*

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Music by Jonathan Rundman

Credentials Report

Resolution #3 – Protecting Medicaid Coverage

Resolution #2 – Augsburg Fortress Materials

Video Greeting from Wartburg Seminary

Video Greeting from Luther Seminary

Synod Council Report – *Dennis Thompson, SD Synod Vice President*

2026 Compensation and Guidelines Conversation

Resolution #4 –2026 Compensation and

Guidelines for Rostered Ministers and Lay Staff

Video Greeting from the Synod Coaching Network

Panel 2 – Associates to the Bishop Reports

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson

Rev. Jonathan Vehar

Bishop Election Report of Second Ballot

Announcements

Instructions & Table Prayer - *Deacon Jodi Hanson*

5:00 PM – Deadline to Submit Questions for

Bishop Candidate Q & A Session

(Forms at the temporary synod office and on Guidebook App)

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Food Service at Food Trucks

SATURDAY – MAY 31

Check-In Opens – 8:00 AM

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Displays Open – *The Hub*

8:00 AM – Worship Instructional Meeting

(worship leaders only) – Celebrate Center

8:15 AM – 9:25 AM – Morning Worship and Holy

Communion – *Celebrate Center*

Installation of Synod Council Members

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Music by Jonathan Rundman

Check-In Closes – 10:10 AM

Introduce Candidates for Bishop

Speeches (each candidate receives 5 minutes)

10 Minutes of Prayer and Self-Reflection

Credentials Report

Prayer – *Deacon Jodi Hanson, Assembly Chaplain*

Bishop Election Third Ballot

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Break

Sponsored by the South Dakota Synod Companion Synods Committee

Check-In Open 10:30 AM – 11:40 AM

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

Music by Jonathan Rundman

Q&A with Top 3 Candidates (45 min. max)

Prayer and Self Reflection

Credentials Committee Report

Prayer – *Deacon Jodi Hanson, Assembly Chaplain*

Fourth Ballot

Check-In Opens at 12:10PM

Adoption of the Mission Plan – *Terry Johnson, SD Synod Treasurer*

Discussion on Remaining Resolutions

Table Prayer - *Deacon Jodi Hanson*

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM – Lunch

Check-In Closes – 1:25 PM

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

Music by Jonathan Rundman

Credentials Committee Report

Prayer - *Deacon Jodi Hanson, Assembly Chaplain*

Fifth Ballot

Bishop Election Committee Report

CLOSING OF ASSEMBLY

Synod Council Meeting – OSL Friendship Room

***Agenda Subject to Change**

Materials and information can be found online at sdsynod.org/assembly or in the 2025 South Dakota Synod Assembly Guidebook App