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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
Opening Prayer – *Deacon Jodi Hanson, Assembly Chaplain*
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

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