

PROPOSED AGENDA



2026 SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD ASSEMBLY Our Savior's Lutheran Church Sioux Falls, SD May 29-30, 2026 **Proposed Agenda**

THURSDAY – MAY 28

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

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM – Early Check-In

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Pre-Assembly Workshops
Conversation with Dr. Ryan Cumming, ELCA
Director of Theological Ethics – *Celebrate Center*

LPGSD Will Signing Session (space is limited,
and registration is required). Register
at <https://bit.ly/4vYXSf6>. – *Friendship Room*

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Ministry Celebrations and Recognitions – The Gathering Space
(Appetizers sponsored by Luther Seminary and Wartburg Theological Seminary)

FRIDAY – MAY 29

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

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM – Check-In

8:30 AM – New Voting Member Orientation – Chapel

8:40 AM – Worship Instructional Meeting – Sacristy
(worship leaders only)

Check-In Closes at 9:15 AM

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM – OPENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION – Celebrate Center

Check-In Opens at 10:30 AM

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Music by Dakota Road
Welcome and Introductions– Bishop Constanze Hagmaier
Credentials Report
Adoption of the Rules & Agenda

Voting Practice

Greeting from Our Savior's Lutheran Church

State of the ELCA – Dr. Ryan Cumming

Presiding Bishop Video Greeting

Music by Dakota Road

Report on the ELCA Church Council – Emma Witt, ELCA Church Council Member

Video Greeting from Portico Benefit Services

Panel 1 - Associates to the Bishop Reports

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson

Rev. Jonathan Vehar

Greeting from Augustana University – Rev. Ann Rosendale

Greeting from Lutheran Planned Generosity – Kathy McHenry

Announcements

Table Prayer – Rev. Denise Broveak, Assembly Chaplain

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Break for 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 Dakota Road

Panel 2 - Lilly Grants Update

Equipping Leaders (Pasque)

Rural Ministries

Holy Playground Initiative

Video Greeting from Wartburg Seminary

Narrative Budget – Rev. Jonathan Vehar

Video Greeting from Luther Seminary

State of the Synod – Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

Video Greetings from Companion Synods –

Lutheran Church, Faith and Hope of Nicaragua and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon

2027 Compensation and Guidelines Conversation

Music by Dakota Road

Resolution #1 – Adopt Amendments to the Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the South Dakota

Resolution #3 – Elect South Dakota Synod

Council Members

ELCA Youth Gathering Update – Amanda Black

Video Greeting from ELCA Schools & Learning Centers (ELEA)

Holy Cow Award – Synod Hunger Team

Introduction to Fresh Expressions – *Rev. Jonathan Vehar*

Video Greeting from Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota

Introduction to Equipment Rooms

Table Prayer – *Rev. Denise Broveak, Assembly Chaplain*

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Break

Sponsored by Malcolm Chapman (via Thrivent Charitable)

3:00 PM – Resolutions Committee Meets –
Conference Room

EQUIPMENT ROOM BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1

3:30 PM – 4:10 PM

(choose one to attend)

Augustana University Sacred Discoveries Initiative – *Celebrate Center*
Holy Playground – *Friendship Room*
Equipping Leaders (Pasque) – *Youth Room*
Rural Ministry – *Chapel*

EQUIPMENT ROOM BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2

4:20 PM – 5:00 PM

(choose one to attend)

Fresh Expressions – *Celebrate Center*
Compensation & Guidelines – *Sanctuary*
ELCA Social Statements – *Friendship Room*
ELCA World Hunger – *Chapel*

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Evening Activities

Food Service at Food Trucks – *Parking Lot*
Nurturing Hope Video Booth – *Library*
Pickup Choir Rehearsal – *Celebrate Center*

SATURDAY – MAY 30

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Displays Open – *The Hub*

8:00 AM – Worship Instructional Meeting – *Sacristy*
(worship leaders only)

8:15 AM – 9:25 AM – Morning Worship and Holy Communion – *Celebrate Center*

Installation of Synod Council Members

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM – Lutherans Outdoors Annual Meeting – *Celebrate Center*

EQUIPMENT ROOM BREAKOUT SESSIONS #3

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

(Activities in the Gathering Space)

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
Church on the Street

St. Dymas
Campus Ministry (LuMin)

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Break

Sponsored by Lutherans Outdoors in SD

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Music by Dakota Road

Opening Prayer – *Rev. Denise Broveak, Assembly Chaplain*

Bible Study – *Augustana University Sacred Discoveries Initiative*

Video Greeting from Shepherd's Table

Credentials Report

Adoption of the 2027 Mission Plan

Nominating Ballot – Committees to be filled

Resolution #2 – 2027 Compensation and Guidelines for Rostered Ministers and Lay Staff

Discussion on Remaining Resolutions

Thank Yous, Announcements

Closing of the Assembly

Music by Dakota Road

Synod Council Meets – *Friendship Room*

***Agenda Subject to Change**

Materials and information can be found online at sdsynod.org/assembly or in the 2026 South Dakota Synod Assembly Guidebook App