



Living in God's Amazing Grace

Agenda

Nineteenth Annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

June 16-17, 2006
Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

- *Assembly Host Congregations: First Lutheran Church, Rock Island
St. James Lutheran Church, Rock Island*

- *A Prayer Chapel will be available throughout the Synod Assembly in Bergendoff Hall
(Faculty Lounge)*

Thursday ~ June 15

8:00-9:30 p.m. Early Registration: Augustana College, Centennial Hall (Please Note Location)

Friday ~ June 16

- 8:00 a.m. Registration: Ms. Nancy Corey, Registrar - Centennial Hall (Please Note Location)
9:30 a.m. Orientation for Voting Members and Youth - Bergendoff Hall (Potter Hall)
Resolutions Committee Forum: *The Reverend Pat Esker, Chairperson* - Bergendoff Hall (Larson Hall)

Plenary Session |

Centennial Hall – Auditorium

- 9:55 a.m. Gathering Hymn
10:00 a.m. Order for Opening of Assembly: *The Reverend Dr. Gary M. Wollersheim, Bishop*
Hymn
10:15 a.m. Greetings and Introductions
Report of Credentials Committee: *The Reverend Tom Otis*
Adoption of Rules of Assembly
Assembly Committee Appointments
Adoption of Agenda
Nominating Committee Report: *The Reverend Donald Knowles*
Treasurer's Report: *Ms. Jill Flickinger*
First Reading of the 2007 Proposed Budget: *Ms. Jill Flickinger*
Election Committee Report: *The Reverend Mark Oehlert*
Explanation of Balloting Process and Distribution of General Ballot
11:00 a.m. Bishop's Report
Welcome of New Rostered Leaders
11:15 a.m. Greetings: *Bishop Carol Hendrix, Lower Susquehanna Synod, Northern Illinois Synod Partner Synod*
11:25 a.m. Closing Prayer: *The Reverend Loren Nielsen*

End of Plenary Session |

➤ *The Ballot for General Elections will be collected at 6:45 p.m. tonight*

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Centennial Hall (Auditorium)

Lunch Forums

Voting Members are encouraged to attend this forum either before or after one of the two lunch times.

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Lunch I College Center (Dining Room & Wilson Faculty Lounge)

Forum: Walking Together in Christ,
Bishop Carol Hendrix – Bergendoff Hall (Larson Hall)

12:40-1:25 p.m.

Lunch II College Center (Dining Room & Wilson Faculty Lounge)

Forum: Walking Together in Christ,
Bishop Carol Hendrix – Bergendoff Hall (Larson Hall)

Friday—June 16 (Continued)

Plenary Session II

Centennial Hall – Auditorium

- 1:40 p.m. Gathering Hymn
Opening Prayer: *The Reverend Loren Nielsen*
- 1:45 p.m. Resolutions Committee: *The Reverend Pat Esker, Chairperson*
- 2:10 p.m. Bible Study: *The Reverend Dr. Paul Hill, Affiliated Faculty with Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Initiative at Luther Seminary*
- 2:40 p.m. Resolutions Committee: *The Reverend Pat Esker, Chairperson*
- 2:50 p.m. Secretary's Report: *The Reverend Gary Erickson*
Certification of 2005 Synod Assembly Minutes: *The Reverend Jennifer Beamsley*
Synod Council Report: *The Reverend Gary Erickson*
Report of Synodical Constitution Changes: *The Reverend Gary Erickson*
- 3:05 p.m. Standing Committee Reports
- 3:25 p.m. Closing Prayer: *The Reverend Loren Nielsen*

End of Plenary Session II

- 3:30 p.m. Time for Visiting Our Display Area – College Center (Snack Bar)
Refreshments during this break are sponsored by Augustana College Center for Vocational Reflection
- 3:30 p.m. Rehearsal for Friday night's Rite of Holy Communion with Ordinations: *Chancel Group, Communion Assistants, and Choir – Centennial Hall (Auditorium)*

Friday Afternoon Forums

3:40-4:30 p.m.

- Anti-Racism – College Center (*Paxton Room*)
- Budget Hearing/Synod Council – Bergendoff Hall (*Larson Hall*)
- Congregational Life – College Center (*Loft*)
- Global Mission – Bergendoff Hall (*ER Band Room*)
- Ministry Support – College Center (*Board Room*)
- Outreach – Bergendoff Hall (*Potter Hall*)
- Social Ministry – Denkmann Hall (*Wallenberg Hall*)
- Youth – Bergendoff Hall (*Room 113*)

4:40 -5:30 p.m.

- Anti-Racism – College Center (*Paxton Room*)
- Congregational Life – College Center (*Loft*)
- Global Mission – Bergendoff Hall (*ER Band Room*)
- Ministry Support – College Center (*Board Room*)
- Outreach – Bergendoff Hall (*Potter Hall*)
- Social Ministry – Denkmann Hall (*Wallenberg Hall*)
- Youth – Bergendoff Hall (*Room 113*)

5:00 p.m. Ordination Rehearsal - Centennial Hall (Auditorium)

5:45 p.m. Dinner - College Center (Dining Room and Wilson Faculty Lounge)

➤ *The General Ballot will be collected at 6:45 p.m. tonight.*

➤ *Resolutions must be in by 7:30 p.m. tonight.*

Only resolutions which are germane to discussion on floor of Assembly will be considered.

Friday—June 16 (Continued)

Plenary Session III

Centennial Hall – Auditorium

- 6:35 p.m. Gathering Hymn
Opening Prayer: *The Reverend Loren Nielsen*
- 6:45 p.m. Collection of the General Ballot
- 6:55 p.m. ELCA Representative: *The Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks, Executive Director, Multicultural Ministries*
- 7:35 p.m. Resolutions Committee: *The Reverend Pat Esker*
- 7:45 p.m. Closing Prayer: *The Reverend Loren Nielsen*

End of Plenary Session III

- 7:50 p.m. Break

8:05 p.m. Rite of Holy Communion with Ordinations

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America believes that the Holy Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith" (Small Catechism, Article III). It is the Spirit that provides the church with those persons who are enabled by God to lead the church in carrying out the ministry and mission of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- 9:45 p.m. Reception for Newly Ordained Pastors – College Center (Dining Room)
Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Saturday—June 17

7:15-8:15 a.m. Breakfast – College Center (Dining Room)

7:15-8:15 a.m. Breakfast Forum: Early Adolescent Males: Where have all the Young Men Gone? *The Reverend Dr. Paul Hill* – College Center (Wilson Center)

Plenary Session IV

Centennial Hall – Auditorium

8:30 a.m. Rite of Holy Communion and Remembrance

9:15 a.m. Break

9:30 a.m. Credentials Report: *The Reverend Tom Otis*

9:35 a.m. Election Committee Report of General Ballot (Distribute Second Ballot, if needed): *The Reverend Mark Oehlert*

9:50 a.m. Action on 2007 Proposed Budget: Ms. *Jill Flickinger*

10:00 a.m. Resolutions Committee: *The Reverend Pat Esker*

10:50 a.m. Recognition of New Congregation: *Followers of Christ Lutheran Church, Plainfield*

11:05 a.m. Second General Election Ballot Collected (if needed)

11:10 a.m. Bible Study: *The Reverend Dr. Paul Hill, Affiliated Faculty with Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Initiative at Luther Seminary*

11:45 a.m. Closing Prayer: *The Reverend Loren Nielsen*

End of Plenary Session IV

Lunch Forums

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➤ *Attention: Hunger Meal Participants - The Hunger Meal will be served in the College Center (Chicago Room)*

12:00-12:30 p.m.

Lunch I College Center (Dining Room & Wilson Faculty Lounge)

Special Interest Forums:

- Board of Pensions: Health and Benefits – College Center (Café)
- Conversation/Questions with the Bishop – College Center (Board Room)
- Diakonia Program – Bergendoff Hall (Room 163)
- Multicultural Ministry in Our Multicultural Society – Bergendoff Hall (Larson Hall)
- Outdoor Camping Ministries – College Center (Dahl Room)
 - Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center
 - Lutherdale Bible Camp
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) – Bergendoff Hall (Room 113)
- NIS Stewardship Vision and Plan – College Center (Loft)
- NIS Women of the ELCA – Bergendoff Hall (ER Band Room)
- World Hunger – College Center (Hammar skjöld)

12:45-1:15 p.m.

Lunch II College Center (Dining Room & Wilson Faculty Lounge)

Special Interest Forums:

- Bible Study Leader: Early Adolescent Males: Where have all the Young Men Gone? College Center (Board Room)
- Board of Pensions: General Benefits – College Center (Café)
- Campus Ministries – College Center (Dahl Room)
 - Northern Illinois University (NIU) Campus Ministry
 - Augustana College Campus Ministry
- Diakonia Program – Bergendoff Hall (Room 163)
- Lutheran Men in Mission – Bergendoff Hall (ER Band Room)
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) – Bergendoff Hall (Room 113)
- Multicultural Ministry in Our Multicultural Society – Bergendoff Hall (Larson Hall)
- NIS Stewardship Vision and Plan – College Center (Loft)
- World Hunger – College Center (Hammar skjöld)

Saturday—June 17(Continued)

Plenary Session V

Centennial Hall – Auditorium

- 1:30 p.m. Gathering Hymn
Opening Prayer: *The Reverend Loren Nielsen*
- 1:40 p.m. Report of Second General Ballot (if needed): *The Reverend Mark Oehlert*
- 1:45 p.m. Recognition of New Congregation: *New Creation Lutheran Church, Channahon*
- 2:00 p.m. Honor 50 year Ordination Anniversaries:
• The Reverend Lowell Albee, Jr. • The Reverend Kenneth Swanberg
• The Reverend Ralph Radloff • The Reverend Arnold Thoren, Jr.
- Honor 55 year Ordination Anniversaries:
• The Reverend Vernon Tweedt • The Reverend Norval Wigtil
• The Reverend Milton Whitney
- Honor 60 year Ordination Anniversaries:
• The Reverend Robert Edlen
- Recognition of Synod Staff: 15 years
• Ms. Nancy Corey
- Recognition of Synod Council Officer and Members Completing Their Terms:
• Secretary Gary Erickson • Ms. Johanna Larson, Youth Representative
• Ms. Natalie Andrews • Dr. Randall Mullin
• The Reverend Stacie Fidler • Mr. James Scott
- 2:35 p.m. Youth Assembly Report
- 2:40 p.m. ELCA Representative: *The Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks, Executive Director, Multicultural Ministries*
- 3:00 p.m. Retirement Recognition: *Rostered Leaders Who Have Retired in the Past Year*
Anniversary Recognition: *Rostered Leaders (Beginning with the 5th year and at 5 year intervals through 45 years)*
Anniversary Recognition: *Congregations (100 year anniversaries, and thereafter, anniversaries at “25” year intervals)*
- 100 years
• Our Savior Lutheran Church, Seneca • Trinity Lutheran Church, Galesburg
- 125 years
• First Lutheran Church, Freeport • Plattville Lutheran Church, Minooka
- 150 years
• Zion Lutheran Church, LaMoille • First Lutheran Church, Geneseo
• Trinity Lutheran Church, Elizabeth
- 3:40 p.m. Courtesy Committee Report: *Deaconess Cheryl Erdmann*
- 3:45 p.m. Closing of Synod Assembly

End of Plenary Session V

Mark your calendars:

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