

2023 Synod Assembly – *Cultivating Life-Giving Relationships*

La Crosse Area Synod, ELCA

Friday afternoon– Sunday noon, June 9-11

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Friday, June 9

Holmen Lutheran, Holmen (228 Morris St)

- Afternoon Service Project in Holmen Community & at Holmen Lutheran
- 5:00-5:45 PM Registration & Synod Choir Practice
- 6:00 PM Opening of Assembly/Plenary Session 1
 - Adoption of Agenda & Rules of Assembly
 - Report of Treasurer
 - Celebration of Pastors' & Congregational Anniversaries
 - Report of the Nomination Committee
- 6:45 PM Break
- 7:00-8:00 PM Worship (Pastor Dawn Lindberg, East Conference Dean Preaching)

Saturday, June 11

La Crosse Center, La Crosse

- 7:00 AM Registration/Pick Up Binder
- 8:00 AM Plenary Session 2
 - Orientation for Voting Members
 - Report of the ELCA
 - Report of the Bishop
 - Synod Elections
 - Report of Director for Evangelical Mission
 - Synod Resolutions
- 11:45 AM Lunch
- 12:30 PM Plenary Session 3
 - Keynote Speaker
- 2:15 PM Workshop Session 1 (Open to the Public with \$10 Registration)
- 3:30 PM Workshop Session 2 (Open to the Public with \$10 Registration)
- 4:45 PM Gathering & Reports of Elections
- 6:00 PM Close Assembly

Sunday, June 12

Riverside Park (100 State St., La Crosse - if inclement weather, Our Savior's, La Crosse)

- 9:00 AM Synod Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM Worship open to ALL (Bishop Malpica preaching)
- 11:00 AM Synod-wide picnic in the park

Please plan to attend the ENTIRE assembly.



HOW TO PREPARE FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY

- **PRAY...**for the assembly, for all our guests and all pastors and congregations
 - Written prayers can be found at:
<https://lacrosseareasynd.org/news-articles/prayers-for-the-week>
- **READ...**the assembly materials (*reports, budget, resolutions*)—posted on the synod website as they become available: <https://lacrosseareasynd.org/2023-synod-assembly>
- **PREPARE...**to share assembly information and experiences w/ your congregation
 - Invite congregational members to sign up for the weekend Assembly Choir
 - Practices will be held at 5 pm Friday, June 9th at Holmen Lutheran and 9am Sunday, June 11th at Riverside Park in the Bandstand. The choir will contribute music during the 10 am Sunday Worship service
 - Invite your congregation to make a plan to attend worship at the La Crosse Riverside Park Bandstand. There will be a video sermon from Bishop Malpica and order of service available to use in your congregation for those who cannot travel to La Crosse for Worship.
 - Encourage your congregation to collect Socks & Underwear as part of this year's tangible offering for local clothing closets
 - Consider applying for a Thrivent Action Team Grant for \$250 to collect supplies. Learn more at:
<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>
- **PROMOTE...**the upcoming assembly in your congregation
 - Watch for information coming via email and to your congregation
 - Share about the Water is Life initiative from the Synod World Hunger Committee
 - Share information about the workshops and invite individuals to sign up