

# Agenda

## Twenty-Second Annual Synod Assembly



**Northern Illinois Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**June 19-20, 2009**

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

*Assembly Host Congregation: First Lutheran Church, Geneseo*

*A Prayer Chapel will be available throughout the Synod Assembly in College Center (Hammar skjöld Room).*

*Refreshments during the Synod Assembly are sponsored by Thrivent for Lutherans.*

- 8:00 a.m. Registration: *Ms. Nancy Corey, Registrar* ..... Centennial Hall (Lobby)
- 9:30 a.m. Orientation for Voting Members and Youth..... Bergendoff Hall (Potter Hall)
- Resolutions Committee Forum: *The Reverend Tom Larsen* ... Bergendoff Hall (Larson Hall)

**Plenary Session I** **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 Laura Koppenhoefer*  
Adoption of Rules of Assembly  
Assembly Committee Appointments  
Adoption of Agenda  
Nominating Committee Report: *The Reverend Ron Voss*  
Treasurer’s Report: *Mr. Michael Brooks*  
First Reading of the 2010 Proposed Budget: *Mr. Michael Brooks*  
Election Committee Report: *Ms. Jane Atteberry*  
Explanation of Balloting Process and Distribution of the Ballot for General Elections  
*(The Ballot for General Elections will be collected at 7:50 p.m. tonight)*
- 10:45 a.m. Bishop’s Report  
Honor 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Ordination & Commissioning
  - The Reverend Brant Clements
  - Ms. Marilyn Gasbarra, Associate in Ministry
  - The Reverend Jeffrey King
  - The Reverend Lee Laaveg
  - The Reverend John A. Swanson
 Honor Retiring Vice President, Ms. Esther Prabhakar  
Installation of the Reverend Kurt Nordby, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission
- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study: *The Reverend Dr. Ralph Klein, Christ Seminary-Seminex Professor, Emeritus, of Old Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago*  
“God’s Work, our Hands, or, God’s Hands, our Work”
- 11:45 a.m. Announcements and Closing Prayer: *Ms. Jean Nelson*

**End of Plenary Session I**

- 11:50 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Bergendoff Hall (ER Band Room)  
(Note: Box lunches will be provided for the choir in the ER Band Room)

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**Photos of Rostered Leaders, Synod Council Members, and Synod Staff** will be taken in Bergendoff Hall (Room 163) Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch Forums**

► Choose one of the following two lunch/forum options:

**OPTION A**

12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch..... College Center (Dining Room & Chicago Room)

12:55 - 1:40 p.m. Forum: *The Reverend Dr. Ralph Klein*..... Centennial Hall (Auditorium)  
Genesis15: The Gospel in the Old Testament

OR

**OPTION B**

12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Forum: *The Reverend Dr. Ralph Klein*..... Centennial Hall (Auditorium)  
Genesis15: The Gospel in the Old Testament

12:55 - 1:40 p.m. Lunch ..... College Center (Dining Room & Chicago Room)

<b>Plenary Session II</b>	<b>Centennial Hall (Auditorium)</b>
1:50 p.m. Gathering Hymn	
Opening Prayer: <i>Ms. Jean Nelson</i>	
1:55 p.m. Secretary’s Report: <i>The Reverend Gary Erickson</i>	
Certification of 2008 Synod Assembly Minutes: <i>The Reverend Robert Burton</i>	
Synod Council Report: <i>The Reverend Gary Erickson</i>	
2:05 p.m. ELCA Representative: <i>The Reverend Mark S. Hanson, ELCA Presiding Bishop</i>	
3:15 p.m. Announcements and Closing Prayer: <i>Ms. Jean Nelson</i>	
	<b>End of Plenary Session II</b>

3:30 p.m. Time for Visiting Assembly Display Area ..... College Center (Snack Bar)

3:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal ..... Bergendoff Hall (ER Band Room)

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*Refreshments during this break are sponsored by Augustana College Center for Vocational Reflection*

Friday Afternoon Forums

3:40–4:30 p.m.

- Bible Study Leader – The Reverend Dr. Ralph Klein ..... Centennial Hall (Auditorium)
- Budget Hearing/Synod Council..... Bergendoff Hall (Larson Hall)
- Congregational Life ..... College Center (Dahl Room)
- ELCA Recommendations on Ministry Policies ..... Denkmann Hall (Wallenberg Hall)
- Global Missions..... College Center (Board Room)
- Ministry Support..... Evald Hall (Room 18)
- Outreach ..... Bergendoff Hall (Potter Hall)
- Racial Justice and Multicultural Committee ..... College Center (Paxton Room)
- Social Ministry ..... College Center (Chicago Room)
- Stretch & Pray ..... College Center (Loft)
- Youth..... Bergendoff Hall (Room 113)

4:40–5:30 p.m.

- Congregational Life..... College Center (Dahl Room)
- ELCA Recommendations on Ministry Policies..... Denkmann Hall (Wallenberg Hall)
- Global Missions..... College Center (Board Room)
- Lutheran Advocacy – Illinois ..... Evald Hall (Room 120)
- Ministry Support..... Evald Hall (Room 18)
- Outreach ..... Bergendoff Hall (Potter Hall)
- Racial Justice and Multicultural Committee ..... College Center (Paxton Room)
- Run, Walk, ‘n’ Roll ..... Carver Physical Education Center
- Social Ministry ..... College Center (Chicago Room)
- Youth..... Bergendoff Hall (Room 113)

4:40 p.m.   Worship Rehearsal for Friday Evening and Saturday Morning:  
 (Presiders, Assisting Ministers, and Communion Assistants) ..... Centennial Hall (Auditorium)

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

5:40 p.m.   Dinner ..... College Center (Dining Room and Wilson Faculty Center)

► The Ballot for General Elections will be collected at 7:50 p.m. tonight.

<b>Plenary Session III</b>	<b>Centennial Hall (Auditorium)</b>
6:30 p.m.   Gathering Hymn & Opening Prayer: <i>Ms. Jean Nelson</i>	
6:35 p.m.   Quasi Committee of the Whole <b>Debate ONLY (no amendments) on the four (4) Recommendations on Ministry Policies from the Task Force on the ELCA Studies on Sexuality and NIS Resolutions R-1 and R-2)</b>	
7:45 p.m.   Resolutions Committee: <i>The Reverend Tom Larsen</i>	
7:50 p.m.   Collection of the Ballot for General Elections: <i>Ms. Jane Atteberry</i>	
8:00 p.m.   Announcements and Closing Prayer: <i>Ms. Jean Nelson</i>	
	<b>End of Plenary Session III</b>

8:05 p.m.   Break

8:20 p.m.   Rite of Holy Communion with Ordinations ..... Centennial Hall (Auditorium)  
*The Synod Assembly offering is designated for the Northern Illinois Synod Youth Staff position, and the other one-half will be divided between our companion synods, The Diocese in the Arusha Region, Tanzania; and the Arcot Lutheran Church, India.*

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6:00 a.m. Run, Walk, ‘n’ Roll ..... Carver Physical Education Center

7:15 a.m. Breakfast Forum: Conversations about Churchwide Ministries  
*The Reverend Mark S. Hanson, ELCA Presiding Bishop* ..... College Center (Dining Room)  
(There will be a breakfast forum in the **dining room**. When entering, please be courteous of our speaker, Bishop Hanson.)

7:15 a.m. Breakfast..... College Center (Chicago Room & Wilson Faculty Center)  
(Please note the location for breakfast in the **Chicago Room** and **Wilson Faculty Center**.)

<b>Plenary Session IV</b>	<b>Centennial Hall (Auditorium)</b>
8:30 a.m. Rite of Holy Communion and Remembrance	
9:15 a.m. Break	
9:30 a.m. Credentials Report: <i>The Reverend Laura Koppenhoefer</i>	
9:35 a.m. Election Committee Report of General Ballot (Distribution of Second Ballot, if needed): <i>Ms. Jane Atteberry</i>	
9:50 a.m. Action on 2010 Proposed Budget: <i>Mr. Michael Brooks</i>	
10:00 a.m. Resolutions Committee: <i>The Reverend Tom Larsen</i>	
11:05 a.m. Second General Election Ballot Collected (if needed): <i>Ms. Jane Atteberry</i>	
11:10 a.m. ELCA Representative: <i>The Reverend Mark S. Hanson, ELCA Presiding Bishop</i>	
11:45 a.m. Announcements and Closing Prayer: <i>Ms. Jean Nelson</i>	
	<b>End of Plenary Session IV</b>

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► *Attention Hunger Meal Participants: The Hunger Meal will be served in Wilson Faculty Center.*

Lunch Forums

► Choose one of the following two lunch/forum options:

OPTION A

12:00–12:30 p.m. Special Interest Forum A..... (choose from Forums A list below)

12:45–1:15 p.m. Lunch..... College Center (Dining Room & Chicago Room)

or

OPTION B

12:00–12:30 p.m. Lunch ..... College Center (Dining Room & Chicago Room)

12:45–1:15 p.m. Special Interest Forum B..... (choose from Forums B list below)

Special Interest Forums A at 12:00 p.m.

- Campus Ministries ..... College Center (Dahl Room)
  - Northern Illinois University (NIU) Campus Ministry
  - Augustana College Campus Ministry
- Conversation with Dr. Klein ..... College Center (Board Room)
- Diakonia Program ..... College Center (Paxton Room)
- ELCA Board of Pensions: Overview of Pension and Other Benefits Program ..... College Center (Café)
- Lutheran Men in Mission ..... Evald Hall (Room 18)
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) ..... Bergendoff Hall (Room 113)
- Stewardship – “Make it Simple” ..... Evald Hall (Room 17)
- World Hunger ..... Evald Hall (Room 120)

Special Interest Forums B at 12:45 p.m.

- Conversation/Questions with Bishop Wollersheim ..... College Center (Board Room)
- Diakonia Program ..... College Center (Paxton Room)
- ELCA Board of Pensions: Financial Wellness ..... College Center (Café)
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) ..... Bergendoff Hall (Room 113)
- NIS Women of the ELCA ..... Evald Hall (Room 18)
- Outdoor Camping Ministries ..... College Center (Dahl Room)
  - Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center
  - Lutherdale Ministries
- Stewardship – “Make it Simple” ..... Evald Hall (Room 17)
- Stretch & Pray ..... College Center (Loft)
- World Hunger ..... Evald Hall (Room 120)

Plenary Session V

Centennial Hall (Auditorium)

- 1:30 p.m. Gathering Hymn  
Opening Prayer: *Ms. Jean Nelson*
- 1:40 p.m. Election Committee Report of Second General Ballot (if needed): *Ms. Jane Atteberry*
- 1:45 p.m. Youth Assembly Report & Installation of LYO Officers
- 2:00 p.m. Honor 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Ordination: *The Reverend Loren Nielsen*
- The Reverend Donald Lavelle
  - The Reverend C. Franklin Samuelson
- Honor 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Ordination
- The Reverend Jan Bengtson
  - The Reverend Virgil Juliot
  - The Reverend Nolan Watson
- Honor 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Ordination
- The Reverend Hubert Ahnquist
  - The Reverend William Wittig
- 2:40 p.m. Resolutions Committee: *The Reverend Tom Larsen*
- 3:00 p.m. Honor Congregational Anniversaries  
(100 year anniversaries, and thereafter, at 25-year intervals)
- 100 years: First, Sherrard
  - 125 years: Trinity, Harvard; St. John's, Peru
  - 150 years: Immanuel, Altona; Faith, Forrester; Swedona, Swedona
- 3:25 p.m. Recognition of Synod Staff for 5 & 10 Years Service
- Ms. Karin Graddy (5 years)
  - Ms. Julie Lewis (10 years)
- Recognition of Synod Council Members Completing their Terms
- Ms. Beth Nelson Chase
  - Mr. Jim Hankins
  - The Reverend Richard Meier
  - Dr. Randall Mullin
  - Mr. Kevin Rogers, Youth Representative
- 3:35 p.m. Retirement Recognitions: *Rostered Leaders who have retired in the past year*
- Pr. Mark Helge
  - Pr. James Hill
  - Pr. Susan Kent
  - Pr. David Rasmussen
- 3:40 p.m. Courtesy Committee Report: *Ms. Mary Howe*
- 3:45 p.m. Closing of Synod Assembly

End of Plenary Session V

Mark Your Calendars:  
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