

2026 Western Iowa Synod Assembly: We Are Here Agenda

Friday, April 17th

4:00 – 5:00 **Check In**

5:00 Worship

6:00 Dinner
-Check in will be open

7:15 Plenary #1
Land Acknowledgement
Credentials Report
Opening of Assembly
Approve
- Standing Rules
- 2025 Assembly Minutes
Introduction of Guests
Financial Report/Budget Presentation
Keynote Session #1-Dr. Laurie Jungling
Closing Announcements & Recess

Saturday, April 18

7:45 – 8:15 **Check in (If not done Friday)**

8:15 Opening Devotion

8:30 Plenary #2
Churchwide Rep – Pastor Norma Malfatti
Churchwide Council Rep – Mitch McCartney
Portico Rep – Jennifer Prinz
Credentials Report
VPOLL Introduction & Test – Scott Casey
Resolution #1 – Compensation Guidelines
Keynote Session #2 - Dr. Laurie Jungling
Pig Project Highlight – Ken Less

10:15 Coffee Break

10:45 Plenary #3

Budget Questions

Resolution #2 – Approval of Revised 2026 Budget

Resolution #3 – Approval of Constitutional Updates

Vice President's Report – Tracy Gayer

Synod Elections

Faith Community Nursing – Carol DeSchepper

12:00 Lunch

1:30 Plenary #4

ELCA Youth & Young Adult Ministry Network – Pastor Jami Goetz

Companion Synod Network

Staff Introductions & Reports

Anniversaries Recognition

Synod Endowment & Technology Grant Presentations

Bishop's Report

Recognition of Outgoing Officers & Council Members

Installation of New Council Members & Officers

Closing of Assembly