

AGENDA



WELCOME TO LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL! FEBRUARY 8, 2018

9:00 A.M.

Registration opens at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church, located at 511 Des Moines Street, Des Moines, IA 50309. There will be parking in the lot across the street, west of the church.

9:30 A.M.

Devotions, advocacy and issues training, keynote address

ADVOCACY BOOT CAMP: TOOLS AND TIPS FOR YEAR-ROUND IMPACT

Mark Matulka, Vice President of Government Relations, Mosaic

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: ADVOCACY AS PUBLIC WITNESS

Rev. Amy E. Reumann, Director of Advocacy, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

2018 LEGISLATIVE ISSUE BRIEFS

Funding for Child Welfare Services: Kristie Oliver, Executive Director, The Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa

Oversight of Iowa's Medicaid System: Lyle Krewson, Lobbyist, Lutheran Services in Iowa

Support for Refugee Services: Nicholas Wuertz, Director of Refugee Services, Lutheran Services in Iowa

11:00 A.M.

Depart for the four-block walk to the Capitol. Bus transportation available, if desired.

11:15 A.M.

Group photograph at the Capitol on the outside or inside steps, depending on weather conditions.

11:30 A.M.

Begin advocacy conversations with legislators. Box lunches will be available near the rotunda. You can pick one up and eat when it is convenient for you.

2:30 P.M.

Buses depart for home. Those who drive themselves are free to remain as long as they wish for advocacy conversations with legislators.

This day is supported in part through a grant from the ELCA World Hunger (Domestic Hunger grant). Thank you also to the three Iowa Synods of the ELCA for their continued partnership.





TIPS FOR HAVING A GREAT EXPERIENCE AT THE CAPITOL

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Expect “airport style” security as you enter the Capitol — plan purse and pocket items accordingly.

Enter through west or south doors only (under the big steps).

Capitol floors are labeled Ground, First, Second, and Third.

Ground level includes cafeteria and restrooms.

First level includes Governor’s office and some committee rooms.

Second level is the Legislature, Senate on the south, House on the north.

Third level gives access to the Legislative Galleries for listening to debate.

CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATORS

Approach steps to either House or Senate Chamber.

Your event packet has request slips. They’re also available at a small table by the steps. Fill out your request to see a legislator. It must include the legislator’s name and seat number, your name, date, time, and a very brief note of your interest.

Give your note to the staff at the door (in blazers), who will send it to the chamber via pages.

Wait for your legislator to appear (up to 10 minutes or so).

Your legislator will come to those steps and call your name (be listening).

If the legislator was not at his or her desk, the page will bring the note back out to you. You can then try for another legislator.

TALKING TO YOUR LEGISLATORS

Have your conversation with your legislator about the issue(s) you plan to discuss.

Pick one or two points you feel passionate about or that you want them to remember. Make your points in a clear, concise manner. You’re the expert!

Ask them to keep your conversation in mind throughout the legislative session.

When you close, ask the legislator to support your position and then stay silent, expecting the legislator to respond.

Thank the legislator for taking time to discuss the issues with you.