

AGENDA

WELCOME TO LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL

FEBRUARY 25, 2020



9:00 A.M.

Registration open at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church, 511 Des Moines Street, Des Moines, IA 50309. Parking is available in the parking ramp on the southwest corner of Des Moines Street and East 5th Street (across 5th Street from the church). Limited street parking is also available.

9:30 A.M.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

John Twardos, LSI President and CEO

DEVOTION

Bishop Lorna Halaas, Western Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Ryan P. Cumming, Program Director, Hunger Education, ELCA World Hunger

TIPS FOR TALKING TO YOUR LEGISLATOR

Amy Campbell, Partner, Iowa Advocacy Cooperative, and LSI Lobbyist

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

All attendees indicated a break-out session preference during registration. You will be directed to the designated area of the church for your break-out session.

Sustainable Funding for Iowa's Children's Mental Health System

Investing in a Strong Human Services Workforce

Support for Services that Empower Refugees and Immigrants

Why We're Called to Clean Energy Advocacy: Leadership on Climate Change

11:15 A.M.

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

11:30 A.M.

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

11:45 A.M.

Begin advocacy conversations with legislators. Box lunches will be available near the rotunda until 12:30. 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 to the three Iowa Synods of the ELCA for their continued partnership.





TIPS FOR HAVING A GREAT EXPERIENCE AT THE CAPITOL

Contact your legislator in advance and set up a specific time to meet during your visit at the Capitol. This will better your chances of being able to speak with him or her.

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 (in blazers), at the door 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 (stay near the steps to listen for your name).

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.

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.