

# 2026 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

## INFORMATION SHEET

4/12/2026



**Rocky Mountain Synod**  
the Lutheran Church, ELCA in Wyoming, Utah,  
Colorado, New Mexico and El Paso

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## GATHERING DETAILS

DATES	<a href="#">4/23/26-4/25/26</a>
LOCATION	<a href="#">Bethany Lutheran</a>
CHECK-IN BEGINS	12:00 PM – 2:00PM

## QUICK LINKS

- [WELCOME TO BETHANY \(VIDEO\)](#)
- [ASSEMBLY THEME](#)
- [ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE](#)
- [MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKERS](#)  
Get to know this year's guest speakers by listening to their conversations with Pastor Nate Preisinger on the Together4Good Podcast.
- [MEMORIALS & RESOLUTIONS](#)
  1. [Resolution on the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action](#)
- [NOMINEES FOR ELECTIONS](#)
  - [View Synod Committee & Synod Council Nominees](#)
- [WORKSHOPS](#)  
Explore this year's workshops and sign up before Assembly for the sessions you'd like to attend, helping presenters plan. [Workshop Sign-up Link](#).
- [OFFERINGS](#)  
Assembly Offerings will benefit Betela Seminary (Seeds of Hope Fund) and [Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains](#).
- [EXHIBITORS](#)
- [SING IN THE CHOIR](#)  
Let Kirk Schjodt know by Monday, April 21 if you'd like to sing in opening worship. Travel concerns should not stop you—Kirk will work with you.
- [SYNOD ART PROJECT](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **APRIL 13, 7PM (ZOOM)**  
How to participate in Synod Assembly & voting member responsibilities zoom with Parliamentarian, Kirby Glad  
  
[ZOOM LINK](#)  
Meeting ID: 494 372 9991  
Passcode: Lutheran
- **April 16, 6:30PM (ZOOM)**  
Synod Budget Zoom with Lisa Guthrie, Synod Council Treasurer, and Jon Johnson, Synod Minister for Finances & Human Resources  
  
[ZOOM LINK](#)  
Meeting ID: 494 372 9991  
Passcode: Lutheran
- **April 23, 1–1:45PM**  
New to the Synod: Are you a first time assembly attendee and voting member or new to the Synod? Join in for a session to go over the assembly agenda and important things to note.

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## ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS



### Story Gallery

Inside the Chapel



COME IN • STAY AWHILE • WATCH

SPEND TIME IN THE CHAPEL AND EXPERIENCE STORIES FROM ACROSS THE SYNOD. DISCOVER HOW PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE LIVING LIFE IN CHRIST, SERVING GOD, AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE. THE CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN THE ENTIRE ASSEMBLY, BEGINNING APRIL 23, 12PM.

### OPENING WORSHIP 4/23, 7PM

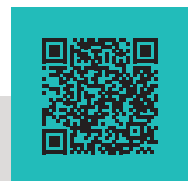
All are invited to opening worship for the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly. Open to the public, the service will include a message from Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni and special music by the Bethany Chancel Choir, synod members, and Denver Brass.

### DESSERT RECEPTION 4/23, 8:30PM

Following opening worship, stay awhile and enjoy a dessert reception with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and special music by Guitarist, Isaiah Grip, intern at Ascension Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, CO.

### FRIDAY NIGHT @ BETHANY 4/24, 6:30PM

For the final evening of Assembly, all are welcome to gather at Bethany. Enjoy appetizers and desserts, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, live music led by Lauren Lier, Director of Worship Life at Abiding Hope in Littleton, CO., documentary screenings, an art project, and time to connect and catch up with others. Or grab some popcorn and spend sometime in the Chapel hearing stories across the synod.



ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

## ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS

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