



# DAILY NEWS

NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

## SCHEDULE

All events are at Neumann Auditorium unless otherwise noted.

### SATURDAY

All Day: Ministry Exhibits, Registration

7-8:15	Breakfast, <i>Mensa</i>
7:30	Registration Begins
8:30	Service of the Word
9-10:30	Plenary Session II
10:45-11:45	Forums, Seminars*
12 Noon	Deadlines: <i>Resolutions, Nominations</i>
12-12:45	Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
12-1:30	Lunch, <i>Mensa</i>
1:30-2:30	Forums, Seminars*
2:45-3:45	Forums, Seminars*
4:00	Plenary Session III
5-5:45	Choir Rehearsal, <i>Chapel</i>
5-6:30	Dinner, <i>Mensa</i>
6:45	Plenary Session IV
8:00	Holden Evening Prayer, <i>Chapel</i>
8:45	Hospitality, <i>Mensa</i>

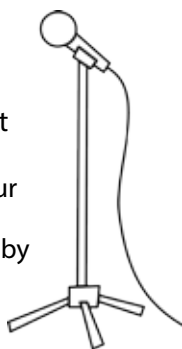
### SUNDAY

7-8:15	Breakfast, <i>Mensa</i>
7:30-11:00	Registration
8:30-9:30	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Mensa</i>
9:45-10:30	Plenary Session V
10:45	Holy Communion, <i>Chapel</i>
12-1:00	Dinner, <i>Mensa</i>

\* Check session for location

## Share Your Education Story on Sunday

During the Sunday morning plenary session, assembly participants are invited to step up to the microphone and share stories about how education has renewed your life or your congregation, and how you have taught others by word or deed, thereby renewing their life and faith.



## Synod Assembly Presenters

*Celebrating Renewal: Philip Melanchthon — Education*

Saturday morning's plenary session will feature the keynote address, report from the churchwide organization, and Bishop's report, along with other greetings and introductions.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**The Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Wengert**, an

ELCA pastor and professor emeritus of Reformation history at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now known as United Lutheran Seminary), will present the keynote address, "More Lutheran than Luther: Philip Melanchthon and the Educational Reformation of the Church."



A parish pastor for seven years in Minnesota and Wisconsin, Wengert received his doctorate from Duke University (Durham, North Carolina, USA) in 1984. He has written extensively on the Reformation, including several books on Philip Melanchthon and Martin Luther. He was co-editor of the English edition of *The Book of Concord* (Fortress, 2000) and translated *Luther's Small Catechism*, widely used throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Wengert will present three seminars on topics related to "Luther's Catechisms," the "Augsburg Confession," and "Melanchthon's Apology of the Augsburg Confession."

### CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE

Representing the churchwide organization will be the Rev.

**Heidi Torgerson-Martinez**, director for Global Service,

ELCA, in the Global Mission unit. Heidi leads the team that recruits, calls, trains, and supports some 230 ELCA missionaries in nearly 50 countries around the world.



Torgerson-Martinez's previous calls include eight years of service as the Program Director for Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) and four years of mission service in Mexico. She is originally from small-town North Dakota, and is a graduate of Luther College and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

She will present two seminars related to global mission service: "Being Co-Converted: Missionary Service in a Fractured World" and "Our Companions in Hungary."

## Treats & Music Tonight

Come to the *Mensa* tonight at 8:45 p.m. for treats and special music by Susan Brackett, Susan Ackerman and Linda Thoreson. Special thanks goes to the Mission Investment Fund, ELCA, for sponsoring this event.

## Try your hand at assembling a Lego Luther Rose

Everyone attending the synod assembly is invited to help assemble a Lego version of the Luther Rose.

Members of Bethlehem Lutheran of Cedar Falls created the 50" x 50" replica of the Luther Rose last fall to honor the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. One hundred 5" x 5" clear or white baseplates sit on top of a template, which guides people where to place Legos to complete the rose.

Bethlehem has been loaning the mosaic rose to other congregations for them to assemble, and has brought it to Wartburg for assembly here. It is located in the Hub on the first floor of Saemann Student Center. Instructions sheets and an explanation of the symbol and colors of Luther's seal are included.

"The fun is seeing if you can make the blocks fit to match the template," says Gary Hedding, Bethlehem pastor. "It can be quite the puzzle."



Congregations interested in borrowing the mosaic for their own use can contact Robin Souhrada, Director of Faith Formation, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church – robin@bethlehemcf.net or 319-266-3541.

### Visit the Ministry Exhibits

Please take time to visit the ministry exhibits, which will be on display Saturday on first floor of Saemann Student Center near the Book Store.

- 1517 Media (Augsburg Fortress)
- Luther College
- Wartburg College
- Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
- Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Lutheran Student Center, UNI
- Lutheran Campus Ministry, ISU
- Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, UI
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)
- Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)
- ELCA Mission Investment Fund
- AAMPARO Welcoming Network
- Candidacy Committee
- Companion Synod-Hungary Network
- Companion Synod-Namibia Network
- Disaster Response Network
- Generosity Network
- Home Life Network
- Hunger Network
- Lutheran Youth Organization Network (LYON)
- Racial Justice Advocacy Network
- S.A.F.E. Ministry Team
- Synodical Women's Organization

### Video Survey

This year's churchwide report includes the video "We Are Lutheran," which features a message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

The team that produced the video is seeking feedback from those who viewed the video at the synod assembly.

Please consider visiting the website link below to take a short online survey and give feedback about the video to help with future productions.

Thank you!

<https://surveys.elca.org/scripts/rws5.pl?FORM=savideo18>

### Download Churchwide Report

The churchwide office has created the PDF document *2018 Synod Assembly Churchwide Report in Detail*, which is available for download on the Northeastern Iowa Synod website.

This 36-page document includes information about ELCA ministries, campaigns, reports and more.

[www.neiasynod.org/synod-assembly-2018](http://www.neiasynod.org/synod-assembly-2018).



### SATURDAY DEADLINES

**12 Noon: Submit nominations** to the synod secretary. A nomination from the floor must be written and include the nominee's willingness to serve. See the pre-assembly binder, pages 77-82.

**12 Noon: Submit resolutions** to the synod secretary. Use the form in the front pocket of your binder.