

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Conference of Bishops

Theme: Connections

Sept. 22-26, 2026

The Lutheran Center, Chicago

AGENDA

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Executive Committee Lunch and Meeting

Opening Worship with Holy Communion and Land Acknowledgment

Hospitality

Dinner

Welcome and Activities

Introduction of New Bishops

History Night

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Session 1

Welcome and Introduction to Those in the Room (sing!)

Presiding Bishop Report

Secretary Report

Good Samaritan Fund Report

Worship — Service of the Word

Chaplain Prayer and Lunch

Session 2

Song and Study

Treasurer Update

Update of the Financial Coordination Task Force

Misconduct Prevention Survey Report

Misconduct Prevention Training

Break

Equity Task Force Update

Executive Session

Report Any Actions/Discussions for the Record

Bishop Announcements

Chaplain Prayer and Dinner

History Night Part 2 (optional)

Thursday, Sept. 24

Session 3

Song and Study

Task Force on Interdependence and Purpose/Christian and Community Leadership Committee

Break

Task Force on Interdependence and Purpose (continued)
Chaplain Prayer and Lunch

Session 4

Candidacy Manual Update
Portico
Executive Session
Break
Executive Session
Report Any Actions/Discussions for the Record
Bishop Announcements
In Memoriam: Remembering Those Who Have Died
Regional Dinners

Friday, Sept. 25

Session 5

Morning Prayer
Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust Social Statement
Pastoral Response
Committees, Ready Benches, Affinity Groups
Diversity Update
Break
Song and Study
Bishops Academy Update
Greeting from the Seminary Presidents
Chaplain Fund 10-year Anniversary
Chaplain Prayer and Lunch

Session 6

Executive Session
Report — Roster Decisions
Bishop Announcements
Holy Communion Worship
Evening Activity

Saturday, Sept. 26

Session 7

Song and Study
Committee Reports
Retire Fossil Fuels video
ELCA Youth Gathering video
Unfinished Business
Bishop Announcements
Evaluation
Closing Worship
Departure