

Schedule at a glance

2026 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering
July 16–19, 2026 | Des Moines, Iowa



Thursday, July 16

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration Opens
Explore Des Moines (Do It Yourself Walking Tour)

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open
Silent Auction

Food Court Open

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Opening Worship
o Bishop Amy Current (SE Iowa Synod),
Preaching
o The Rev. Minna Bothwell, Presiding

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Opening Reception
Donor Reception

9:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Late Night Boldcafe Café & Dance Party (Pre-
registration)

Friday, July 17

All Day (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Exhibit Hall and Food Court Open

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Executive Board Meet & Greet / New Board &

First Time Attendee Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Morning Plenary Session 1

- o Bible Study: The Rev. Sara Olson Smith
- o Speakers: Dr. Elyssa Salinas-Lazarski and
Elise Seyfried

Silent Auction Winners announced

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Blood Drive

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Campus Ambassadors: Girls space

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Learning Opportunities & Workshops (Session 1)

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Learning Opportunities & Workshops (Session 2)

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Discernment Reception (Hosted by ELCA Seminaries)

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Donor Reception with International Guests (Invite
Only)

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Evening Film Screening: *The Voice of Hind Rajab*

For more information, visit: welcatg.org



Schedule at a glance (continued)

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Saturday, July 18

All Day (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Exhibit Hall and Food Court Open

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Run, Walk & Roll 5K

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Morning Plenary Session 2

- o Bible Study: The Rev. Sara Olson Smith
- o Speakers: The Rev. Martha Anbarangu and Elise Seyfried
- o International Guests

Campus Ambassadors (Girls Space)

Quilt Challenge & Auction Announcements

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Campus Ambassadors (Girls Space)

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Learning Opportunities & Workshops (Session 3)

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

- Learning Opportunities & Workshops (Session 4)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SWO Leaders Reception (Off site)

Sunday, July 19

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Closing Worship

- o Secretary Rev. Lucille “CeCee” Mills, Preaching
 - o The Rev. Minna Bothwell, Presiding
- Sending & Celebration

Times and details are subject to change. A full detailed schedule with session, locations will be available closer to the event.