

# 2026: ELECTIONS & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

For Lutherans, civic engagement is both **our calling as Christians** and **a responsibility for residents of the United States**.

The ELCA and the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin (LOPPW) **provide resources and opportunities** to support rostered ministers, congregations, synod offices, seminaries, campus ministry groups, and individuals with civic engagement. Engagement with God's work in the public sphere is based on **careful discernment that transcends partisanship**.

*\*Any participation by congregations in activities related to the electoral process must be strictly nonpartisan and abide by Internal Revenue Service guidelines.*



## Election Dates in Wisconsin:

- **August 11:** Primary Election
- **November 3:** General Election

There are many ways to get involved during an election year. From researching candidates and making a plan to vote yourself to organizing activities such as voter registration drives and volunteering as a poll worker – there are ways for everyone to engage!

Below are resources from the ELCA that can help support your work on this. The back side of this sheet outlines LOPPW's plans for 2026.

## ELCA RESOURCES

- Lutherans Engaging in the Electoral Process
- Being a Public Church in the Electoral Process
- ELCA Election Engagement Toolkit (*forthcoming*)
- Prepared to Vote Checklist (*forthcoming*)
- And more!

Access these and other resources at:

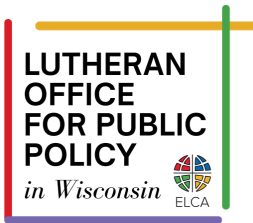
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# ELECTIONS & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: Events, Opportunities, & Resource Guides

**Elections are a season, not a day!** Join the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin throughout this year to learn, engage, and get inspired. A list of anticipated activities is below.



## ONLINE EVENTS

**Summer 2026**

**Elections & Civic Engagement:** What the ELCA Teaches & How Congregations Can Engage

**Fall 2026**

**The Election is Over, Now What?** Post-Election Processing & Ongoing Engagement



## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

**Training opportunity** on civic engagement education for youth – available to rostered and lay leaders who work with young people (*details coming soon*).

**In-person presentations** from LOPPW at your congregation or to your ministry team (*contact us to arrange one!*).

**Blurbs with trusted election information** that can be shared in your congregation or ministry team newsletters.



## RESOURCES & GUIDES

**Civic Engagement Planning Tool** (*forthcoming*) – Use this tool to help plan civic engagement activities based on your capacity and goals.

**One-page guides for synod teams, congregations, ministries, and individuals** (*forthcoming*) – Use these Wisconsin-specific guides to prepare, engage, and identify relevant ELCA resources to support your outreach and activities.

**Additional resources** on specific topics are also planned. Sign up for our mailing list and visit the Elections 2026 webpage regularly so you don't miss new materials and opportunities!

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