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Prayer Petitions for This Sunday

To download the **Updated BC Synod 2025-2026 Prayer List for Congregations**, please click here.

It can also be found on our website bcsynod.org under Resources.

Sunday, Nov. 15
Grace Lutheran in Burnaby - Rev. Nathan Fong
Our Saviour's Lutheran in Prince George

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Full Communion Cycle of Prayer. Please click here

HIGHLIGHTS

- **NEW** ELCIC Job Opportunities
- **NEW** Advent Resources
- Annual Report Covers Now Available
- **Nov 14** Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?
- **Nov 15** CLAY coffee chat for leaders!
- **Nov 21** BC Synod Youth Connect
- **Nov 21** Winter Fair at Hills of Peace, Kamloops
- **Nov 24** Advent / Lent Book Study
- **Nov 28** Craft Fair at King of Life, Coquitlam
- **Dec 1** BC Synod AGM
- **Dec 6** Save the Date - Christmas Carols at the Border
- **Feb 22-26** Engage Difference DUIM 2027
- **Compensation Guidelines for 2027** can be found on our website here
- **BC Synod Council Highlights** can be found on our website here
- Living Systems - Exploring Everyday Relationships

For more details, other announcements, prayer requests and resources, see below.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Resources



The season of Advent is the beginning of the new church year, and a time of reflection, expectation, and hope. We hope that the resources page on our website will be helpful to you personally or in your congregation.

Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church together with Lynn Valley United Church is hosting a Panel Discussion on **November 14 at 3:00pm** - "Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?"

For more information, and to register, please click here.

Lynn Valley UNITED CHURCH Gloria Dei LUTHERAN CHURCH

Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?

November 14, 3:00pm



Rabbi Laura Duhan-Kaplan Shadia Qubti Ron Dart

Join Lynn Valley United Church and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for a truly eye-opening panel exploring the complex intersection of faith, politics, history, justice, and peace. Hosted at Lynn Valley United Church, this event will prompt attendees to ask, in a time of deep polarization, how can Christians move beyond slogans and engage in the realities of Palestine and Israel with humility, compassion, and courage?

Learn more and register now:

3201 Mountain Highway, North Vancouver
www.lynnvalleychurch.com

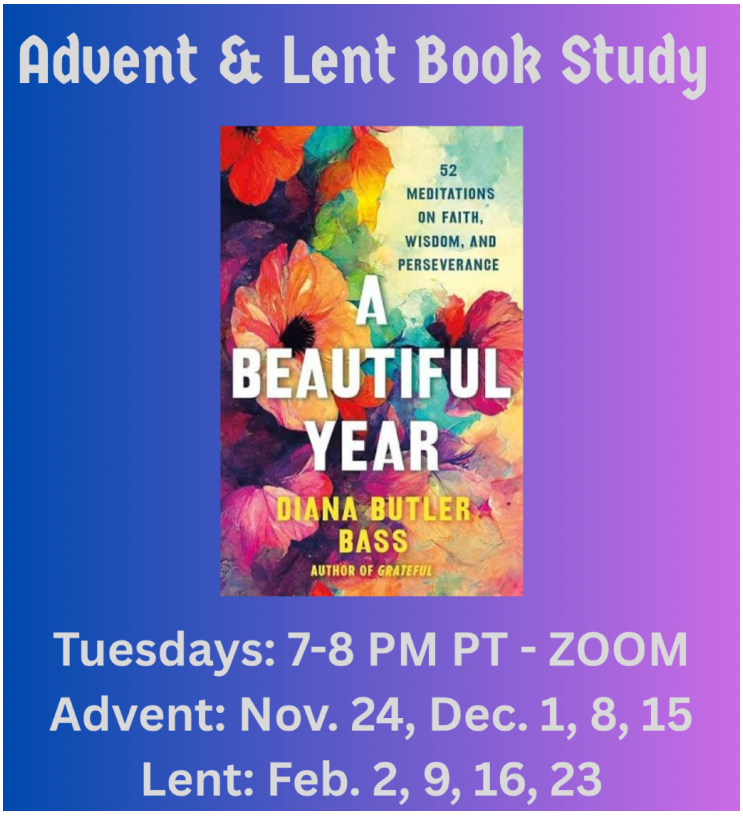
BC Synod Youth Connect



Winter Fair at Hills of Peace, Kamloops



A Beautiful Year: Book Study for Advent and Lent





Join us for an Advent and Lenten book study online (on Zoom) based on the book,**" A Beautiful Year:** by Diana Butler Bass, * a renowned theologian and author.

Click here to view a short video by Diana Butler Bass introducing the book.

*This book is available to purchase on Amazon.ca for $27.00 + taxes (hardcover) or Kindle version: $21.99 + taxes

Financial assistance to purchase the book, " A Beautiful Year" by Diana Butler Bass is available upon request by contacting Deacon Brigitte McKenzie at brigitte.mckenzie@gmail.com.

Craft Fair at King of Life, Coquitlam



NOVEMBER 28TH
10AM TO 3PM

Come Celebrate the Season & Find Some Special Handmade Gifts!



BC Synod AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod for 2026 will be held on **Dec 1, 2026, at 7:30 pm** on the Zoom online platform. Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote. More information can be found here

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Christmas Carols at the Border

Join our Northwest Washington Synod siblings and BC Synod friends for **Christmas Carols at the Border** on the afternoon of **Sunday, December 6,** 2026, at the Peace Arch Border Crossing in Surrey, BC / Blaine, WA.

Come lift your voices in song as we celebrate friendship, fellowship and hope, and sing together for a more peaceful world!

Watch this space for confirmation of the event time coming soon.

ELCIC NEWS

Annual Report Covers Available Now





Are you preparing for your Annual General Meeting? Even if planning is still far away, our Annual Report Covers are now available! These are offered free to any congregation or ministry across the ELCIC. The cover includes devotions for opening and closing your annual meeting. Orders are expected to be mailed shortly. When placing your orders, congregations are invited to help cover postage costs at a fee of approximately $25 per package. To place your ELCIC 2026 Annual Report Covers, please click here.

Youth Ministry - CLAY 2027 in Nanaimo

SAFE HARBOUR
CLAY 2027 • Nanaimo, BC

Lutheran and Anglican youth and their leaders are invited to attend CLAY 2027 - Safe Harbour! The gathering will take place **August 19-22, 2027** in Nanaimo, BC at Vancouver Island University. CLAY is an opportunity to gather with youth age 14-19 from across Canada for a time of fellowship, worship, learning, and fun! Want to learn more? Check out updates that will be coming out on the website at claygathering.ca and watch our socials for more info (Instagram, Facebook). Deacon

Gretchen is hosting a **coffee chat for leaders on November 15, 4:00 p.m. Saskatchewan time**. Please register when you click here.

MORE NEWS

ELCIC Job Opportunities

The ELCIC National Office is seeking applicants for two part-time positions: **Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship** and **Assistant to the National Bishop for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations**. Both positions are .25FTE, with an anticipated start date of December 1, 2026. The Worship position supports worship planning and resource development, while the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations position focuses on strengthening relationships with church and interfaith partners.

For full position descriptions and application details, please visit our website. The application deadline for both positions is November 15, 2026.

Exploring Everyday Relationships

living systems counselling & training

For more information and/or to register please click here



DUIM 2027

Registration is now open!

To register click here and to download a pdf poster click here

Registration closes January 31st



Transitions in Ministry

Transitions, Vacancies and Call Processes in the BC Synod can be found here:
Transitions in Ministry | Resources | British Columbia Synod (bcsynod.org)

BC Synod Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

BC Synod staff work a variety of hours in various locations, including from home offices. To better serve you, please contact the synod office before dropping by to ensure someone is present to receive you.

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