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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

November 30, 2022

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WWW.WELCOMEANGELS.ORG

9 AM ROSTERED AND RETIRED LEADERS
7 PM LAY LEADERS

CONTACT THE BC SYNOD OFFICE FOR THE ZOOM INVITATION.

You're invited to a special presentation sponsored by the BC Synod Office!

Welcome Angels is a new Welcoming Church Initiative that seeks to welcome newcomers to Canada in practical ways by connecting people with resources and friends as they settle into their new lives.

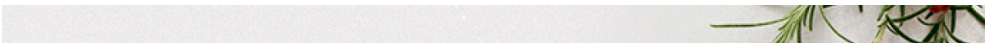
In their own words: *This initiative is named "Welcome Angels," with the aim to show radical love and hospitality in Christ, to care for the practical, social, and spiritual needs of the newcomers. We see this as God's call for us to journey with them to find hope, joy and peace in this new land, where they can settle and call home.*

Join the conversation and discover how you can become a Welcome Angel via **Zoom** on **Thursday, December 1**! Contact the BC Synod Office for the Zoom invitation if you're not already on the contact list for Morning Brew or the lay leader gatherings.

9 am Rostered and Retired Leaders (Morning Brew)
7 pm Lay Leaders (Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting)

Ecumenical Advent Series

Join This Week's Conversation on Signs of the Times with ELCIC National Bishop Susan C. Johnson



What Are We Waiting For? Advent meditation series is an ecumenical Advent initiative among the church leaders of The Anglican Church of Canada, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and The United Church of Canada.

Every Monday during Advent, church leaders will release an **ecumenical Advent meditation and conversation** reflecting on that week's Advent theme. On each of the following **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. EST,** you are invited to join in a live discussion on that week's Advent theme and ask questions with one of the leaders via Zoom. To read the full news release and download the bulletin inserts that can be shared with your congregation or ministry group, please click here. If you would like to receive the meeting link for each of the weekly events during Advent, please sign-up when you click here.

Prayer Petitions for Sunday, December 4, 2022

BC Synod Cycle of Prayer

Grace Lutheran Church in Burnaby and their pastor Rev. Nathan Fong
Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Smithers

Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

ACC: The Primate: Archbishop Linda Nicholls and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada
ELCIC: National Bishop: Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

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Campus Ministry Grants

Our synod deeply values the work of campus pastors and the ministry they provide to our colleges, universities and post-secondary institutions. As a way of supporting and inspiring those with a passion for this area of ministry we are planning a new initiative to offer campus ministry grants. If you have an idea for a project or experiment in ministry with students at an institution near you we want to hear from you. Grants will be awarded up to $5,000 per application. We expect to have an application form available by the end of November with an **application deadline of January 15.** So keep your eyes open and start dreaming!

Luther Seminary - Prepare Your Heart During Advent

In this Advent season, join the community of Luther Seminary in opening the door of their hearts to the newborn King, our Savior.

Follow the lyrics of a beautifully written hymn of adoration and welcome, focusing your thoughts on God’s great love for us. This compilation of insightful devotions is based on the inspiring

hymn, “Fling Wide the Door.”

Spanning from the beginning of Advent on November 27 through Christmas Day, this devotional e-book will turn your attention to the reason we celebrate the season, and give you food for thought to meditate on throughout each day.

Click here **to find out more...**

Worship Planning Resources for the Season of Advent and Christmas

The Program Committee for Worship is a committee of the National Church that seeks to resource congregations across the ELCIC for worship prep and planning. The committee prepares worship resources seasonally that are specifically developed with small congregations or congregations without a pastor in mind. Materials and resources can be found at worship.ca. Worship resources for the **Season of Advent and Christmas** are now available at: http://www.worship.ca/worship-planning-calendar/.

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16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

This year's annual global **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence begins on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends on December 10, Human Rights Day.** The theme and activities of the 16 Days of Activism in 2022 are under the global banner **"UNITE! Activism to End Violence Against Women & Girls."** The goals are to mobilize society, women's rights organizations, governments, and human rights defenders in the prevention of violence against women, to stand in solidarity with women's rights activists, to support feminist movements around the world to resist the rollback on women's rights, and to call for a world free from violence against women. For more details on how you can take and inspire action, please click here.

Bishop Kathy's Article from the Oct/Nov Edition of the Canada Lutheran

A resilient little congregation

Generosity upon generosity, grace upon grace

By Bishop Kathy

I want to tell you about the resilience of one little congregation in the Fraser Valley. They have been getting a little smaller and a little older each year.

They are served faithfully by retired clergy from the surrounding area. They make ends meet but they do not want to live only for themselves or the maintenance of the building.

One of their most significant ministries has been support of those in need here and around the world. As a congregation they have been praying, consistently and faithfully praying, for new members to join them in this call to join God's mission in the world.

One Sunday a group from another denomination showed up en masse, about 30–35 new people, including families with children. They pitched in, helped, brought cake for coffee time, helped with dishes and music, and started a Bible study and children's ministry. An incredible answer to prayer, it seemed. READ MORE

Preparing for Christmas, with Prayer

If you would like an email prayer delivered to you each day during Advent, click the link below, or send an email (with "subscribe" in the subject line) to pbprayer@telus.net
https://mailchi.mp/telus/advent-2022-landing-page
Rev. Bruce Ehlert
Saskatoon

Save the Date! - BC Synod Rostered Leaders Study Conference

The BC Synod Rostered Leaders Conference will take place at Loon Lake Lodge, Maple Ridge **Monday-Thursday, May 8-11, 2023.** Our speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein, William Hordern Professor of Theology, Associate Academic Dean, Affiliate Professor of Theology and Director of Contextual Education at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon. All BC Synod rostered leaders and their families are welcome to attend. Further details will follow as they become available

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

CLAY August 10-13 Registration will open February 2023

Come and join us for CLAY 2023 from Thursday August 10th until Sunday August 13th, registration will open early 2023 and the cost will be $575 per person including all accommodation and meals!

SYNOD CONNECTIONS

Other than the Morning Brew, invitations for these Zoom gatherings are sent via email. If you need the connection details, please contact bcsynod@elcic.ca.

Tuesday Morning Brew (for active rostered leaders)

- meets weekly at 10 am

Click on the link below to join the **Tuesday** Morning Brew by ZOOM.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84350751371?pwd=WlN1VjE0VkJkSmlic0l1dm9jV2o5dz09
Meeting ID: **843 5075 1371**
Passcode: **059471**

Thursday Morning Brew (for active rostered leaders)
The Thursday Morning Brew meets once a month on the first Thursday of the month.

- Next date: **Thursday, December 1 at 9 am**

Click on the link below to join the **Thursday** Morning Brew by ZOOM:
https://zoom.us/j/4087746922?pwd=VlhBTEI3b3k1dXIHMDN4VzdXWkVwdz09

https://zoom.us/j/408774692?pwd=VlnBTFlsbsk1dXlFlMDN4V2dXWkVwd209

Or call in by dialing: 778-907-2071

Meeting ID: **408 774 692**

Password: **372384**

Lay Leader Gatherings

- Meets monthly
- Next date - **Thursday, December 1 at 7 pm**

More Leisurely Brew (for retired rostered leaders)

- Meets monthly
- Next date: **Thursday, December 1 at 10am**

OTHER NEWS, ARTICLES, & ONLINE EVENTS

(The following announcements have been provided to us by other churches or organizations and we are passing them along for those who may be interested.)

Invitation to "The Other People" Event at Temple Sholom

“The OTHER People” are 7 individuals committed to breaking down stereotypes.

These Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Asian/Buddhist, Indigenous, Black and Jewish community leaders are working together to overcome racism, bigotry and implicit bias.

Come hear their experiences in speaking to over 1,000 BC High School students and learn about the impact of their recent trip to Dubai and Israel.

Location: Temple Sholom—7190 Oak St Vancouver BC
Thursday, Dec 8th at 8:00 pm
Co-sponsored by Temple Sholom & the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.

THE OTHER PEOPLE
"MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!

To learn more about The Other People, please check their website theotherpeople.ca

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Executive Skills for Church Leaders - California Lutheran University

JANUARY 9-13, 2023

This popular week-long continuing education event for pastors and church leaders explores how concepts from an MBA program can be applied to the arena of congregational life. Click here for more information

CLASSIFIEDS

LTS is Seeking a Grace Professor of Leadership (tenure track)

Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon, a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, invites applications for Grace Professor of Leadership (tenure track). Applicants should demonstrate academic and practical engagement with church leadership and be prepared to teach courses on church leadership to students in MDiv, MTS, and DMin programs, diaconal candidates, and lay leaders. This position is offered at the assistant rank. Applications received by **December 5, 2022**, will receive first consideration; further applications will be considered as they arrive until the position is filled. Submit by email to: exec.lts@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca.

click here for full job description

Mount Olive, Surrey is Seeking a Bookkeeper

Mount Olive is looking to hire a bookkeeper to do the daily accounting tasks and payroll. The time commitment is around 8 to 10 hours per month depending upon the bookkeeper's knowledge and experience. The accounting package we are using is Quickbooks and I am sure the majority of the work could be done remotely with the information, invoices etc being sent via email. Our timeline for this person would be Jan 2023 if possible but we can be flexible with that.

Please forward your resume and covering letter details to:
Richard Ostereicher
Treasurer
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Email: admin@mountolivelutheran.ca

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