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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

November 25, 2026

BC Synod announcements are sent out on **Wednesdays.** Do you have an announcement you want to send out? Please send it to bcsynod@elcic.ca **no later than 9:00 pm on the Sunday prior to the week of first publication**. All announcements may be edited as needed. Thank you.

Prayer Petitions for This Sunday

To download the **NEW** **BC Synod 2026-2027 Prayer List for Congregations**, please click here.

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

Sunday, Nov. 29
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Comox
Our Seminaries in Saskatoon and Waterloo and for all faculty, staff and seminary students

We give thanks for the many years of service of our retired pastors & deacons.
Thanks be to God for the ways they continue to support ministers and ministries in their communities. This week we celebrate these retired ministers:
Rev. Curtis Aguirre, Rev. Arnold Alskne

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- **THIS WEEK** **Nov 29** ELCIC Conversations Across the Church
- **NEW** CLWR - Gifts from the Heart
- **UPDATED** Advent Resources
- Annual Report Covers Now Available
- CLAY Band Call-Out
- **Nov 28** Craft Fair at King of Life, Coquitlam
- **UPDATED** **Dec 1** BC Synod AGM
- **NEW** **Dec 3** Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering
- **Dec 6** Save the Date - Christmas Carols at the Border
- **Dec 21** Forget-Me-Not Cafe, Penticton

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering

Thursday Morning Brew (for all rostered leaders)
Meets monthly
Next date: **Thursday, Dec 3 at 9 am**

Click here join the Morning Brew by ZOOM,
Or call in by dialing: 778-907-2071
Meeting ID: **811 6876 9079**
Passcode: **926542**

More Leisurely Brew (for retired rostered leaders)
Meets monthly
Next date: **Thursday, Dec 3 at 10am**

Click here to join the meeting, or contact the synod office if you need to connect by phone.

Lay Leader Gatherings
Meets monthly
Next date - **Thursday, Dec 3at 7pm**
* Note: We will have a short Bible study and Advent worship. Please bring a Bible with you.

Click here to join the meeting, or contact the synod office if you need to connect by phone

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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.

Craft Fair at King of Life, Coquitlam



NOVEMBER 28TH
10AM TO 3PM

Come Celebrate the Season & Find Some Special Handmade Gifts!

Have Something to Sell?

TABLE RENTAL IS $25

email: kolchurchoffice@telus.net

1198 FALCON DRIVE, COQUITLAM

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

If you wish to receive an advance copy of the Auditor's Report for the BC Synod AGM please email your request to the BC Synod office (bcsynod@elcic.ca) by **no later than 10 am** on **December 1, 2026**. A copy of the report will be sent to those on the list once the auditors make it available for distribution.

Christmas Carols at the Border

Please click here to download the poster

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 3pm, at the Peace Arch Border Crossing in Surrey, BC / Blaine, WA. We will meet under the Peace Arch. Please bring your passport along, just in case you are asked to present documents.

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

We will meet under the Peace Arch. Use Beach Ave exit. Map available here.



December Forget - Me - Not Cafe, Penticton





ELCIC NEWS

Conversations Across the Church

You are invited to join ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer for *Conversations Across the Church* – an hour-long online gathering bringing together members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) from coast to coast.

- **Advent 1 – Sunday, November 29, 2026**
  - Join ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer for an hour of conversation as we explore *Becoming: Together* — an invitation to the ELCIC to listen, imagine and discern together what God might be calling us toward in this moment and into the future.
  - Registration is required: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/2BXYV-oLQCK895G1asFaTg

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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.

CLAY 2027 - Safe Harbour - Band Call-out

Interested in helping lead music at the Large Group Gatherings for CLAY next year? CLAY 2027 is looking for band members ages 19+ who can help craft and lead **youth-oriented, theologically grounded worship music** at CLAY 2027 - Safe Harbour in Nanaimo, August 19-22, 2027. To make organizing more manageable, priority will be given to those coming from around the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

Find out more info here and apply here.

SAFE HARBOUR
CLAY 2027 • Nanaimo, BC

MORE NEWS

Gifts From the Heart - CLWR



Hello Friends, Looking for Christmas gifts that help people around the world?
Look no further — the 2026 Gifts from the Heart catalogue is here!

You'll find favourites like goats and chickens along with tangible ways to help families who have been forced to flee.

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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We encourage you to forward this email to them so that they can sign up for The Synod Announcements

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