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British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

May 1, 2024

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 BC Synod 2023-2024 **Prayer List for Congregations**, please [click here](#). It can also be found on our website bcsynod.org under the Resources.

On May 5, we pray for:

*Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria - Rev. Lyle McKenzie and Rev. Lyndon Sayers
For prison chaplains and their ministries*

Lutheran Anglican Cycle of Prayer for Advent 2023 to Reign of Christ 2024.

To download your copy, please [click here](#).

HIGHLIGHTS

- To be added to, or removed from the **Pulpit Supply List**, please contact the Synod Office
- **May 2** [Morning Brew](#), [More Leisurely Brew](#) and [Lay Leaders' Gathering](#)
- **May 4** [St. Paul's, Prince Rupert celebrates 100 years](#)
- **NEW May 8** [Invitation to Mutifaith Action Society's AGM and Supper](#)
- **REMINDER May 8** deadline to register for the online [Healthy Boundaries workshop](#) on May 30th
- **May 9** [Racial Justice Workshop](#)
- **NEW May 10** [Invitation to view LTS graduation events online](#)
- **May 5, June 2** [Game Night for Young Adults](#)
- **May 11** [Hearts United for Ukraine](#)
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- **NEW May 18** [Invitation to the Ordination of Elina Singh](#)

- **NEW June 1** [Spirit of Life Benefit Concert](#)
- **July 18-21** [2024 National Worship Conference](#)
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- Gloria Dei, North Vancouver is looking to [hire a Church Administrator](#)
- [Resources:](#) Congregational Stewardship, ELCIC Mutual Ministry Guide, Eternity for Today, and Canada Lutheran Subscription

For more details, other announcements,
prayer requests and resources, [see below](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation to Multifaith Action Society's AGM and Supper

You are cordially invited! Please join us in
celebrating the achievements of the past year and
in setting action plans for the coming year.

Multifaith Action Society's

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Guest speaker: Harold Rosen, author

Wednesday, May 8
Dinner is provided
6:00 p.m.

Unitarian Church
949 W49 Avenue, Vancouver
Main Hall, Hewett Centre

Please RSVP to admin@multifaithaction.org



MULTIFAITH ACTION
SOCIETY

Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering

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.

Thursday Morning Brew (for active rostered leaders)

Meets monthly

Next date: **Thursday, May 2 at 9 am**

[Click here join the Morning Brew by ZOOM,](#)

Or call in by dialing: 778-907-2071

Meeting ID: **408 774 692**

Password: **372384**

More Leisurely Brew (for retired rostered leaders)

Meets monthly

Next date: **May 2 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, May 2 at 7pm**

[Click here to join the meeting,](#) or contact the synod office if you need to connect by phone.

Healthy Boundaries Workshops

In keeping with Letters of Call, employment contracts, and good order, Healthy Boundaries training is required to be updated every five years. Additionally, anyone intending to be on the BC Synod pastoral supply list for preaching or presiding in an ELCIC congregation must keep their Healthy Boundaries training up to date.

For more information and to visit the BC Synod website page [here](#).

Missions Committee invites applications

BC Synod Missions Committee is once again inviting applications to fund neighbourhood and community experiments and learning opportunities.

The upcoming application deadlines for the ELCIC Mission Fund (formerly know as CECF) 2024 are:

May 15

October 15

For more information and to access the application form, [check the synod website](#).

"Hearts United for Ukraine: A Celebration of Culture and Compassion"

To purchase tickets, go to:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/gloria-dei-lutheran-church/events/hearts-united-for-ukraine-dinner/>

For more info call 604-988-5838



*Hearts United
for
Ukraine Dinner*

**Humanitarian Aid
Ukraine**

Tickets - \$45
May 11 - 6-9pm

**1110 Gladwin Dr.
North Vancouver**

Gloria Dei
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Invitation to the Ordination of Elina Singh

BC Synod Council voted unanimously to extend a half time call to Elina Singh for Specialized Ministry as Assistant to the Bishop. Elina accepted the call! She will also continue in her work as Executive Assistant.



*You are cordially invited
to the Ordination of*

Elina Singh

*May 18th, 2024
10 am*

*First Lutheran Church
5745 Wales Street, Vancouver, BC*

*Potluck lunch to follow;
please bring a dish that does not need to be heated up.*

Masks are encouraged.

*Rostered Ministers are invited to vest.
The liturgical colour is red.*

St. Paul's, Prince Rupert will celebrate 100 years!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Prince Rupert will be celebrating 100 years of worship and service May 4th with a lovely catered dinner and light entertainment and then celebratory worship on Sunday, May 5th at 11:00 AM. You may join us on Facebook for worship [here](#)
You don't need a Facebook account to view the service.



Racial Justice Workshop




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Racial Justice WORKSHOP

Looking for a way to start
conversations on addressing
racism in the church and
Canadian society?

**Sign up for an upcoming online
Racial Justice Workshop.**

Carmen Ramirez (she/her), ELCIC's Assistant to the Bishop
for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will hold two workshops
on racial justice. These are intended to be taken together.

REGISTRATION

ELCIC members..... Free
Presbyterian members \$50

Sign up early as each session will be capped at 50 participants.

SESSION 1 — MAY 9, 2024
11:30 am EST to 2:00 pm EST
[Click here to register](#)

SESSION 2 — MAY 9, 2024
3:00pm EST to 5:30pm EST
[Click here to register](#)

If you're looking for a way to start conversations on addressing racism in the church and Canadian society, you can join our online **Racial Justice Workshop**. ELCIC's Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will hold two workshops on racial justice.

These workshops are intended to be taken together. **Session 1 is on May 9th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (ET)** and **Session 2 is also on May 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (ET)**. Registration is **free to all ELCIC members**. To register for Session 1, please [click here](#). For Session 2, please [click here](#).

To view and download the event poster, please [click here](#). You may share this event widely to your network.

Information for Treasurers

Attention congregational treasurers! A reminder that CRA requires your congregation to submit its Charity Information Return (T3010) no later than six months after your fiscal year-end. Most congregations have a December 31st fiscal year-end, in which case the T3010 form for 2023 must be filed no later than June 30th, 2024.

The recommended method for completing and filing your T3010 return is through CRA's [My Business Account](#) for your congregation.

Please note: the CRA has updated the T3010 form for charities with fiscal periods ending on or after December 31, 2023. Please ensure you use the correct form.

If you prefer to prepare and mail hardcopy forms you will need:

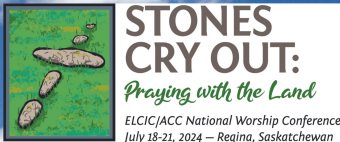
[T3010 Registered Charity Information Return](#) (updated)

[T1236 Qualified Donees Worksheet](#)

[T1235 Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet](#)

Your completed 2023 financial statements

National Worship Conference



STONES CRY OUT:
Praying with the Land
ELCIC/JACC National Worship Conference
July 18-21, 2024 — Regina, Saskatchewan

Registration is open!

Early bird price, before May 31:
\$475 per person

June 1 and later:
\$525 per person

Visit
www.nationalworshipconference.org
to register now!

The [2024 National Worship Conference](#) titled 'The Stones Cry Out: Praying with the Land' will be held on **July 18-21, 2024** in beautiful Regina, Saskatchewan.

Registration is now open! Visit our website at: nationalworshipconference.org and follow us on Facebook [@nationalworshipconference](#) for updates regarding the keynote speakers, workshops, and Friday evening hospitality options!

Gifted keynote speakers will help us to think about, talk about and pray about the ways in which we can transform our worship, in authentic ways - from language and image of empire and colonialism, to one which recognizes our rich multi-cultural and Indigenous heritage. These are challenging and, at times, difficult conversations and learnings. Together we will explore our own experiences, biases, and hopes for new ways of being the church!

Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei

Gloria Dei in North Vancouver is seeking a Church Administrator.
Permanent Part Time 18 hrs. per week

Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM and one evening or afternoon/month
Please click [here](#) for more information.

More Announcements

Invitation to LTS Graduation Events Online

We give you thanks, O God, for all life and for our common calling as your servants, for the work of your church and for the ministries of word, sacrament, and service. We give you thanks for the women and men whom you call to be leaders in your church and for teachers who form them for service. Through the witness and mission of our seminaries may the church join courageously in your work of compassion, mercy, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.



The University of Emmanuel College-
College of Emmanuel & St. Chad,
Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon,
and St. Andrew's College

are pleased to invite you to the

JOINT CONVOCATION CEREMONIES OF THE SASKATOON THEOLOGICAL UNION

Friday, May 10, 2024
7:00 pm

Knox United Church

838 Spadina Crescent East
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Reception to follow

Livestream:

<https://youtube.com/live/JMKqwTVM00An>

Game Night for Young Adults Organized and Hosted by a Lutheran Young Adult



SUNDAY APRIL
7TH, MAY 5TH, &
JUNE 2ND, 6PM-
8PM

COME TO...
GAME NIGHT
FOR YOUNG ADULTS

EVERYONE WELCOME

FOOD PROVIDED

BRING A BOARD OR
CARD GAME TO PLAY

ST. LAURENCE ANGLICAN
CHURCH (825 ST LAURENCE
ST, COQUITLAM, BC V3J 6G7)

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO:
TRICITIESYOUNGADULTS@GMAIL.COM

Spirit of Life Benefit Concert

**SPirit of LIFE
COMMUNITY LUNCH
PROJECT**

BENEFIT CONCERT

**ALL PROCEEDS
ARE IN
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JOSEPH STACY, SUSAN KIDDIE, CLIFF & LORRAINE REINHARDT & MORE!
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AUCTION, GAMES!**

BRING CASH FOR SNACKS & GAMES

SATURDAY, 1 JUNE | 3PM
 Spirit of Life Lutheran Church
 375 W 10th Avenue Vancouver B.C.

ENTRY BY DONATION
 Entry & Silent Auction Donations accepted by
 cash, check and transfer to
spiritoflifetransfer@gmail.com
 Entry Donations over \$20 are eligible for a tax
 receipt.

CLWR Bible Studies



Did you know that CLWR has created Bible studies to help congregations delve deeper into themes of injustice and compassion by engaging with Scripture and considering how God calls us to act together? These studies can be adapted for your congregation's needs and are free to use. We have been

adding a new study to the collection monthly and each one focuses on a unique topic, while exploring local, national and global connections. The most recent study, based on 2 Kings 5:1-14 and focused on health, is available now - download it directly [here](#) and keep an eye on clwr.org/bible-study for more!

RESOURCES

Congregational Stewardship Resources

Looking for stewardship resources to assist your congregation? Consider the [resources from the Lake Institute](#). Their library of resources offers a wealth of information on generosity. You can also find all the archived resources from the Ecumenical Stewardship Centre - which are the resources the National Office previously mailed out to all ELCIC congregations

ELCIC Mutual Ministry Guide

The [Mutual Ministry Guide](#) is designed to nurture good and healthy mutual relationships between rostered ministers and church leadership, and encourage regular evaluation of congregational ministry.

Eternity for Today - Our Daily Devotional Publication

The ELCIC National Office has taken over the publishing of our daily devotional resource. Congregations and individuals with a current subscription should be receiving their April-May-June copies any day now.

- **New to *Eternity for Today*?** Consider subscribing to this daily devotional series written by ELCIC members. Subscribe today using this link: <https://simplecirc.com/subscribe/eternity-for-today> You can also GIFT a subscription to someone using the following link: https://simplecirc.com/give_a_gift/eternity-for-today

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- For new congregational subscriptions, please call the ELCIC National Office to set up your new subscription at 204-984-9177.
- Gift an individual *Canada Lutheran* subscription here: https://simplecirc.com/give_a_gift/canada-lutheran

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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Auto Deposit has been enabled. No password is required.

The message field of the eTransfer should explain what the payment is for. (It is like the memo field of a cheque, but with more space).

If a congregation is doing their monthly congregation remittance, then the remittance form can be emailed or mailed separately at the same time that the transfer is done.

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