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British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

September 23, 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 **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, September 27

First Lutheran in Vancouver- Rev. Nikkeya Berryhill

Lutheran campus ministries and campus chaplains in BC Synod

You are also invited to continue to hold Pastor Kristen Steele in your prayers.

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Full Communion Cycle of Prayer. Please [click here](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

Please note that the Synod Office will be closed on Wednesday, September 30th.

- **NEW** [Resources for Truth and Reconciliation Week](#)
- **Sept 29** [Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC Notice of Special General Meeting](#)
- **NEW Oct 1** [Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering](#)
- **New Oct 1** [Luther League Legacy Fund: Call for Applications](#)
- **New Oct 4** [Grace at the Table - DEIA](#)
- **NEW Oct 14** [Langley Christmas Choir](#)
- **Oct 15** [ELCIC Mission Fund Grant Applications Deadline](#)
- **Oct 26** [Forget-Me-Not Cafe](#)

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, Oct 1 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, Oct 1 at 10am**

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

Lay Leader Gatherings

Lay Leader Gatherings
Meets monthly
Next date - **Thursday, Oct 1 at 7pm**

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

ELCIC Mission Fund - Grant Applications

We are inviting applications for grants to fund neighbourhood and community experiments and learning opportunities that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- a) explore what God is doing in your neighbourhood
- b) seek to develop relationships with others in your community
- c) encourage participation in God's mission in the local community
- d) encourage action and reflection learning

Through these experiments, we will continue to learn from and with each other as we share our stories, experiences, and our learning with the rest of our synod and the wider church. Experiments need not be large-scale or require the commitment of large dollar amounts. Successful applications are inspired by imagination and a curiosity about what God is up to in our midst.

Grants are funded by the ELCIC through the ELCIC Mission Fund and are given on a one-time basis and are not intended to subsidize ongoing funding needs of regular church programming. Grant recipients will be invited to submit the "faith story" of their missional experiments, which will be shared with the synod and the communities and be asked to give an accounting of how the grant money is spent, and to return any unused funds.

The application deadline is October 15, 2026

Applications and information can be found [here](#).

Please note that all congregations and groups that receive funding must complete the reporting form when their experiment is complete. This allows us to reconcile funds and report to the National Church, which is a requirement of our committee. It also gives you a chance to reflect with your team and share your experience with us.

The updated reporting form contains both reflection questions and a space for financial reconciliation, and is available in word or pdf format

here: <https://bcsynod.org/resources/funds-grants>

Forget-Me-Not Cafe, Penticton, Oct 26



The Forget-Me-Not Cafe

A Dementia Friendly Neighbourhood Cafe
welcoming those with dementia
& their family or friends

Next Cafe:
Monday October 26, 2026
11:30am - 1:30-ish (\$5.00/person)

Enjoy lunch, music, arts,
conversation & laughter

Pre-register for the Forget-Me-Not Cafe by:

- Calling 250-492-6861 or
- Emailing: pentictondementiacafe@gmail.com

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church*
1370 Church Street, Penticton

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Langley Christmas Choir



If you or someone you know loves to sing in choirs and is looking for an opportunity to sing in a short-term choir, why not consider singing in the Langley Christmas Choir? Now in its 4th year, Gail Suderman started the choir when she began working at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Langley, BC as part-time music director in 2023. Each year, almost 50 singers join, rehearse from mid-October to the beginning of December, and then sing one concert performance on the first Sunday of December. We are excited to welcome gospel/R&B singer Crystal Hicks and classical baritone, Stephen Duncan as our guest soloists.

Previous experience singing in a choir and reading choral music is recommended. For more information and a link to a registration form, check out <https://www.svlc.ca/featured-event/langley-christmas-choir/>

Rehearsals are at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, [20097 72nd Avenue](#) in Langley on **Wednesday evenings from 7:45 - 9:30 pm, beginning Wednesday, October 14th**. Choral arrangements from traditional SATB to popular music and gospel will be included - something for everyone to enjoy singing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Gail. Her email address can be found by clicking the link above. And if you know of anyone who might enjoy singing in the choir, please feel free to pass this message along.

Resources for Truth and Reconciliation Week

[The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) (NCTR) shares that planning for Truth and Reconciliation Week 2026 is well underway. The Truth and Reconciliation Week (TRW) website has officially launched, and the education portal for teachers is open - with new learning resources being added through the fall. The website also provides other valuable resources for everyone, such as lunch & learn webinars and national events. Truth and Reconciliation Week this year is **from September 21 to 26**. To learn more and to access these resources, please [click here](#).

Looking Ahead: September 30 marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters. For information, resources, and more, please [click here](#). You can also find more resources from the [Anglican Church of Canada website](#).

Grace at the Table -

Join us for an evening of listening, learning and reflection through ***Grace At The Table... Two Stories, Two Journeys on Sunday, October 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST***. The online event, part of the ELCIC's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) Initiatives, will feature Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken (Lutheran) and Jodey Porter (Anglican), as they share their personal stories and lived experiences of abilities, inclusion and belonging. For more information on this event and to register, please [click here](#). To view the event poster and share it to your congregation and network, please [click here](#).

A poster and more information can be found here:
[Grace at the Table | Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion | British Columbia Synod](#)

Luther League Legacy Fund: Call for Applications

This is your chance to submit an application for the [Luther League Legacy Fund](#) (LLLLF). If you are 30 years of age or under, and looking to be involved in a leadership development opportunity or looking to plan a project that would benefit people 30 years of age and under, please check out our application guidelines when you [click here](#). Deadline for applications is fast approaching on **October 1, 2026**.

More News

Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC Notice of Special General Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC calls a Special General Meeting for Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM. The mode of meeting will be hybrid: both in-person at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, and by Zoom.

Per the Society's Bylaws, all members of ELCIC-BC Synod congregations and all members of parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in British Columbia are eligible to become members of the Society by registering for and attending the AGM.

The purpose of the Special General Meeting is to approve the Society's Audited Financial Statements for the 2025 Fiscal Year and appoint the auditor for the 2026 Fiscal Year.

The Board welcomes everyone to attend in person in the facilities located at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, or by Zoom. To attend by Zoom, go to the link below.

10th Avenue, Vancouver, or by Zoom. To attend by Zoom and to obtain the link, please register by contacting Chair Stephanie Oldford, at stephanie.oldford@gmail.com no later than Noon on Monday, September 28, 2026.

On behalf of the Board,
Stephanie Oldford, Chair

Transitions in Ministry

Transitions, Vacancies and Call Processes in the BC Synod can be found here:
[Transitions in Ministry I Resources I British Columbia Synod \(bcsynod.org\)](https://bcsynod.org/Transitions-in-Ministry-I-Resources-I-British-Columbia-Synod)

BC Synod Office Hours

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

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