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British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

October 21, 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, October 25

Grace Lutheran in Victoria

Mount Olive Lutheran in Surrey – Rev. Lori-Anne Boutin Crawford

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- **NEW** [CRA is Going Digital ... A Quick Guide for ELCIC Treasurers](#)
- **NEW** [Sermons by Email: A Ministry of Sharing and Connection](#)
- **NEW Oct 24** [St. Marks 65th Anniversary and Oktoberfest](#)
- **Oct 25** [Join Us for ELCIC's 40th Anniversary Worship Service](#)
- **Oct 25** [Celebrating 65 Years of Gloria Dei!](#)
- **Oct 26** [Forget-Me-Not Cafe](#)
- **Nov 14** [Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?](#)
- **Nov 15** [CLAY coffee chat for leaders!](#)
- **NEW Nov 21** [Winter Fair at Hills of Peace, Kamloops](#)

- **NEW Nov 28** [Craft Fair at King of Life, Coquitlam](#)
- **Feb 22-26** [Engage Difference DUIM 2027](#)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us for ELCIC's 40th Anniversary Worship Service - October 25



As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada celebrates 40 years in 2026, members and congregations from across the church are invited to come together for a special **National Worship Service on Sunday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m. (Saskatchewan Time)**. Led by National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the service will be livestreamed from Camp Kinasao at Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan, where youth from across the Saskatchewan Synod will gather for a weekend retreat. Please plan to join our celebration worship via livestream by [clicking here](#). And [click here to access the website page](#) for worship resources for this Sunday.

St. Marks 65th Anniversary and Oktoberfest

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is celebrating their 65th anniversary. Join their Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 24th for an open House with guided heritage tours; a Story Circle with long-time

members; an anniversary concert (church choir, brass ensemble, guest choir); and a reception.

For details, and to RSVP, [see here](#).

On Sunday morning, there will be a celebrative worship service at 10 am, followed by a banquet.



Celebrating 65 Years of Gloria Dei!



Join us on **Sunday, October 25 at 11:00 a.m.** for our **65th Anniversary Festival Service**, with **Bishop Kathy Martin**, Synod Bishop, and special music by our choir.

Following worship, we'll enjoy a catered anniversary lunch with guest speaker **National Bishop Susan Johnson (retired)**.

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for the Festival Service. The anniversary lunch is a ticketed event and, as we have now reached capacity, we are unable to accommodate walk-ins.

Come celebrate 65 years of faith, worship, and community with us!

Any clergy in attendance are invited to vest. The liturgical color is red.

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](#).



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



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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Winter Fair at Hills of Peace, Kamloops



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Hills of Peace Lutheran Church

Winter Fair



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



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ELCIC NEWS

Sermons By Email: A Ministry of Sharing and Connection

What began as a temporary resource within the ELCIC's British Columbia Synod in 2016 under the oversight of Rev. John Graham has grown into a valued ministry of sharing preaching resources and connecting congregations across the church. We give thanks to Rev. Jane Gingrich for her many, many years of dedicated coordination and service of this valued resource to the church.

Since 2020, the ministry has also been enriched by the ELCIC Sermon Series contributions of Synod and National Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops. This fall, we welcome Rev. Steve Johnston who takes on the role of coordinator for Sermons By Email, with contributions from ELCIC leaders from across the church.

October contributors will begin with members of the ELCIC's Program Committee for Worship. Rev. Tanya Varner prepared a sermon for Sunday, October 11; Rev. Sean Bell is providing the sermon for Sunday, October 18; And as part of the ELCIC's National Worship Service in celebration of the ELCIC's 40th Anniversary, ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer's sermon will be available for congregational use (you may also choose to join with your congregation to watch the livestream that day).

More information can be [found here](#).

If you are interested in receiving Sermons By Email, please sign-up by sending an email to: sermonsbyemail@elcic.ca.

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

CRA is Going Digital - Here's How to Keep Your Congregation Compliant

A Quick Guide for ELCIC Treasurers

Starting January 1, 2027, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will require all registered charities, including ELCIC congregations, to file their annual T3010 charity information returns electronically. A Quick Guide for ELCIC Treasurers on how to keep your congregation compliant has been prepared as a resource, outlining these changes and providing guidance to help ELCIC congregations prepare for the transition. To download the resource now, 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





Engage Difference!

DUIM 2027

(Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry)

Ottawa, Ontario - February 22-26, 2027

Kanata United Church | 33 Leacock Dr, Kanata, ON K2K 2B9

Registration has two options:

- Commuters who will join daily after breakfast.
- Residential who will stay at the Kanata Comfort Inn.



This program is in person.



Bursaries are available for participation.



If childcare is a barrier, email intercultural@councilofchurches.ca



[See Program Agenda](#)

PRICING

Commuters:
\$950

Residential:
\$1,770

Do not miss this opportunity to engage with diverse leaders and learn about interculturality together!!

[REGISTER NOW!](#)



Forum for Intercultural
Leadership and Learning

Forum pour le leadership et
l'apprentissage interculturels

Transitions in Ministry

Transitions, Vacancies and Call Processes in the BC Synod can be found here:

[Transitions in Ministry | Resources | British Columbia Synod \(bcsynod.org\)](#)

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