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1. Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday

June 1 is Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday



The ELCIC recognizes Sunday, June 1 as [Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday](#). This joint day of emphasis with the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) is an opportunity to lift up our partner churches in the region—The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

“These are our partner churches. That means we have an ongoing relationship with them and a commitment to walk with them in times of joy and in times of adversity,” said ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson.

[Find out more about Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday here.](#)

2. Canada Lutheran

Canadian Christian Communicators Association Awards



Canada Lutheran, the national publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, has been recognized with nine awards at the 2025 Canadian Christian Communicators Association (CCCA) awards program held on Friday, May 23. [Read the full news story here.](#)

The following is a list of awards presented to Canada Lutheran:

- First Place – ‘From the Editor’ Sarah Malina, “Joyful Fellowship” – December 2024
- First Place – ‘Opinion Piece’ Rev. Seth Perry, “The Wounded Family” – January/February 2024
- First Place – ‘Student Award’ Aiden Kallioinen “Faith in Action” – October/November 2024
- Second Place – ‘Poetry’ Deacon Faith Nostbakken “Ordination” – June 2024
- Second Place – ‘Photo Essay’ Catherine Crivici “Insight” – March 2024
- Third Place – ‘Biblical Theological Reflection’ Carmen Ramirez “Grace, Vocation and the Eucharist” – September 2024
- Honourable Mention – ‘Marketing Campaign, Marketing or Fundraising’ Trina

- Honourable Mention – Marketing Campaign – Marketing or Fundraising Trina Gallop Blank “Rebranding of the ELCIC”
- Honourable Mention – ‘General Excellence’ – Editorial Director Trina Gallop Blank, Designer Catherine Crivici, Editors Carter Brooks and Sarah Malina – April/May, June, October/November 2024 issues
- Honourable Mention – ‘A.C. Forrest Memorial Award’ – Aiden Kallioinen “Faith in Action” – October/November 2024

3. June is Pride Month

Get Involved

Are you or your congregation participating in any Pride events within your city or locale this June? If so, [we'd love to hear from you!](#)

Eastern Synod Participation

The Eastern Synod Queer Committee has announced the Synod will be participating in the 2025 Toronto Pride Parade on June 29. Synod Bishop Carla Blakley, Assistant to the Bishop Adam Snook and others are asking those from within the G.T.A. to consider signing their congregation up for the event. [Registration for the event can be done here.](#) Questions can be directed to easternqueercommittee@elcic.ca.

4. 2025 National Convention

Countdown to Convention



National Bishop Discernment Process

In April, the National Church Council's Pre-Identification Committee [shared that it had received seven submissions for possible names for National Bishop](#) with six names choosing to move forward in the process. [The names of these individuals, along with their](#)

[bios and introductory videos are now available on the ELCIC website.](#)

Countdown to Convention

Want to stay up to date on Convention news? The ELCIC is once again providing a weekly email update for those interested in following along as we prepare for the 2025 National Convention. [Countdown to Convention](#) is a weekly e-newsletter filled with updates, highlights and information leading up to the gathering. Delegates are automatically subscribed, but if you're eager to stay connected to convention communication, [sign up here](#). Watch for the first Countdown to Convention to be emailed out later this week!

5. Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

Faith Matters MAID Workshop in Winnipeg



FAITH MATTERS WINNIPEG 2025

A WORKSHOP SERIES ON CURRENT ISSUES
FACING THE CANADIAN CHURCH

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Filipino United Community Church, 1039 Pritchard Avenue, Winnipeg

On Saturday, June 7, *Faith Matters* is hosting a free workshop, MAID in Canada - A Matter of Life & Death, at the Filipino United Community Church (1039 Pritchard Ave in Winnipeg).

This workshop - hosted by Dr. David Guretzki - is geared towards those within the church who may interact with individuals considering MAID or navigating its challenges through a Christian perspective. What does Scripture say about this issue, and why should you be concerned?

The workshop will run from 9:00 - 11:30 AM and will be followed by a complimentary lunch and discussion. A church leaders gathering will occur from 12:30 - 2:00 PM. [Register for this event by Wednesday, June 4 by clicking here.](#)

6. Compassionate Justice

Citizens for Public Justice

You are invited to attend CPJ's Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 29 from 6:30-8:00 PM.

- CPJ staff will lead a panel discussion titled *The 2025 Federal Election: Reflections & Next Steps*, which will feature insights and anecdotes from our time spent engaging the public across the country on our 2025 Election Tour,
- CPJ members will be able to cast votes on Board nominees and key questions about the organization, and
- We will share information about what CPJ does and how you can contribute to our public justice efforts by becoming a member.

[Sign up and learn more by clicking here.](#)

G7 Jubilee People's Forum in Calgary

You're invited to the [G7 Jubilee People's Forum in Calgary](#) on June 12-15. Highlights will include an interfaith worship service, a visit to Stoney Nakoda land for prayers with elders, hearing Indigenous and Global partner voices, Jubilee campaign training, and a creative public action in the heart of Calgary. To register, [please click here](#). For more information and to check on updates, [please click here](#).

7. From the National Office

Summer Sermon Series 2025



For the sixth year in a row, the ELCIC bishops and assistants to the bishops have agreed to provide sermons for congregational use **from May to September 2025**

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Resources include both text and video files of the sermons for each week. These are downloadable files that may be used as part of your congregation's worship however works best for your context.

As sermons are submitted and edited, they will be posted publicly to the online folder and made available for download. The first three sermons featuring Bishop Kathy Martin, Rev. Paul Gehrs and Bishop Trish Schmermund are available now! The full sermon schedule can also be found within the Box folder.

Not only are the sermons helpful to use if you need to cover vacation leave over the summer but they are a wonderful way to introduce members of your congregation to our bishops and assistants to the bishops from across the ELCIC.

[To access these resources, please complete the following form by clicking here.](#)

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8. Effective Partnerships

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for **Sunday, June 1:**

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Toronto

ELCIC: The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan

MOR: The Rt. Rev. Paul Graf, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province

An Invitation to the 29th LWF International Seminar for Pastors

[The LWF Center Wittenberg](#) of [The Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF) Invites you to the 29th LWF International Seminar for Pastors, "Basics of Lutheran Theology - Preaching the Word of God and Celebrating the Sacraments" from November 8-22, 2025 in Wittenberg. For more details on this invitation, [please click here](#). The LWF looks forward to welcoming

pastors from member churches in times of global insecurity, fostering a sense of theological and spiritual togetherness across national and church borders becomes even more important. This invitation is nomination-based. [Please click here](#) for the nomination form. If interested, please apply. For information, please [email](#) Rev. Paul Gehrs. Deadline for nominations is June 10.

Luther: An Evening With Mary Hynes

Join in [an evening conversation with Mary Hynes](#), host of CBC Radio's *Tapestry* on June 12, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. EDT at Knox Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, Ont. This event will be facilitated by Luther's Principal-Dean Kristine Lund. Please [click here](#) to download the event poster.

CLWR Job Posting:

Senior Manager, Communications and Marketing

CLWR is also looking to fill the role of senior manager, communications and marketing. A permanent, full-time role based out of Winnipeg (preferred), Kitchener or Vancouver, the job listing will remain open until filled. Resumes and cover letters are to be emailed to hr@clwr.org. [A full job description can be found here.](#)

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