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British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

August 19, 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, August 23rd

Our Redeemer Lutheran in Penticton

Trinity Anglican + Lutheran Church in Port Alberni

Sunday, August 30th

St. Paul's Lutheran in Prince Rupert

Our Saviour Lutheran in Richmond - Rev. Christoph Reiners

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

During the summer months, announcements will be sent out every two weeks.

- **NEW** [Justice Updates from the ELCIC](#)
- **NEW** [An Update from LTS - Transitional President Search](#)
- **NEW** [Aug 24 Worldwide Prayer for Ukraine](#)
- **NEW** [Aug 24-28 Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd, Coquitlam](#)
- **NEW** [Aug 29 Community BBQ Mount Olive, Surrey](#)

- **NEW September 3** [Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering](#)
- **Sept 11** [Campfire in the City](#)
- **NEW Sept 12** [Music in the Park\(ing\) Lot](#)
- **NEW Sept 13** [ELCIC Save the Date - Conversations Across the Church](#)
- **Sept 17 - Nov 5** [Liberating Lutherans: Theology & Organizing for the Church Today](#)
- **Sept 20** [Save the Date 135th Anniversary Mt Zion](#)
- [Job Opportunity - Youth Minister](#)
- [Living Water Season of Creation 2026](#)
- [Summer Sermon Series](#)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS at Good Shepherd, Coquitlam

Please find the QR code link to the registration form [here](#)





August 29th - Community BBQ

Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering

Thursday Morning Brew (for all rostered leaders)

Meets monthly

Next date: **Thursday, Sept 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, Sept 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, Sept 3 at 7pm**

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

Music in the Park(ing) Lot - Sept 12

QR code link to the eventbrite site can be found [here](#).





Liberating Lutherans: Theology & Organizing for the Church Today

Spirit of Life and Church of the Cross are collaborating on an education offering. Liberating Lutherans: Theology & Organizing for the Church Today. September 17 to November 5, 8 Thursdays for 60 minutes per class over Zoom.

This is a reading and discussion group that will offer a brief survey of liberation theology in the context of application for ministry today. The idea grew out of the small group discussion around Broad Based Organizing at the One Body Gathering in Coquitlam in June.

This online theology course is free and open to anyone who wants to join. It is not a synod offering, but a conversation two congregations are opening to others. There will be a syllabus ready by early September, but you can expect excerpts and articles from authors like James Cone, Wil Gafney, and Gustavo Guitérrez. As well as applications of organizing and theology principles participants will be invited to make in their own ministry context. Rather than following one book we will be making readings available online that everyone can access.

Expect around 20 pages of reading per week. This is not an academic course, it is about making theology accessible to everyone.

For more info contact either of the church offices, who will forward your email to the leaders: Audrey Guay, Pr.

Aneeta Saroop, and Pr. Lyndon Sayers

Contact: spiritoflifelutheranoffice@gmail.com

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WEEKLY READINGS &
SPECIAL GUESTS
LEADERS: AUDREY
GUAY, PR. ANEETA
SAROOP, PR. LYNDON
SAYERS

135th Anniversary at Mount Zion

save the date



We're celebrating

135 YEARS OF MINISTRY

LOVING GOD LOVING ONE ANOTHER

1891 - 2026

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

10AM FESTIVE WORSHIP

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE LOWER HALL



930 CUMBERLAND ST. NEW WESTMINSTER
WWW.MTZIONLUTHERAN.CA

CJAG - Living Water - Season of Creation 2026

The BC Synod Climate Justice Action Group (CJAG) invites Lutheran congregations to celebrate the global and ecumenical initiative "Season of Creation" this Fall. The logo, "Living Water," portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility.

Season of Creation starts September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and end October 4th, the day of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Please look up the 2026 Celebration Guide at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

A PDF with more info can be downloaded [here](#).



Campfire in the City

Come and join us at Dunbar Lutheran's garden (3491 West 31st Ave) for evenings of family-friendly campfire fun – songs, stories, and s'mores.

We gather **Friday, September 11th**, 7:30 pm – 9 pm.

Stop by for the evening, or just for a while. Bring a lawn chair if you have one – if not, we'll find a seat for you. Light drizzle won't stop us, but in case of heavy rain, the event will be cancelled.





Job Opportunity - Youth Minister

Are you a relational, pastorally gifted leader
with a heart for young people?

Good Shepherd Lutheran and St. Laurence Anglican in Coquitlam

are two congregations working together across their traditions:
affirming, justice-oriented, and investing in dedicated professional
youth ministry leadership to build on strong foundations
and grow what they have begun together.

This is a role for someone who loves working with young people, thrives on genuine relationships, and is ready
to build something meaningful in partnership with a community poised for growth
To see more details and learn how to apply please [click here](#) or check out the ignYte page on Good Shepherd's
website [here](#)

ELCIC NEWS

Ukrainian Churches Appeal for Worldwide Prayer

The Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations is appealing for churches
everywhere to join a Worldwide Prayer for Ukraine **on August 24**, which also marks the 35th
anniversary of Ukraine's Independence. For resources and more information, please [click here](#).

ELCIC Justice Updates

NATI-RETI: "Where Now for Visible Justice?"

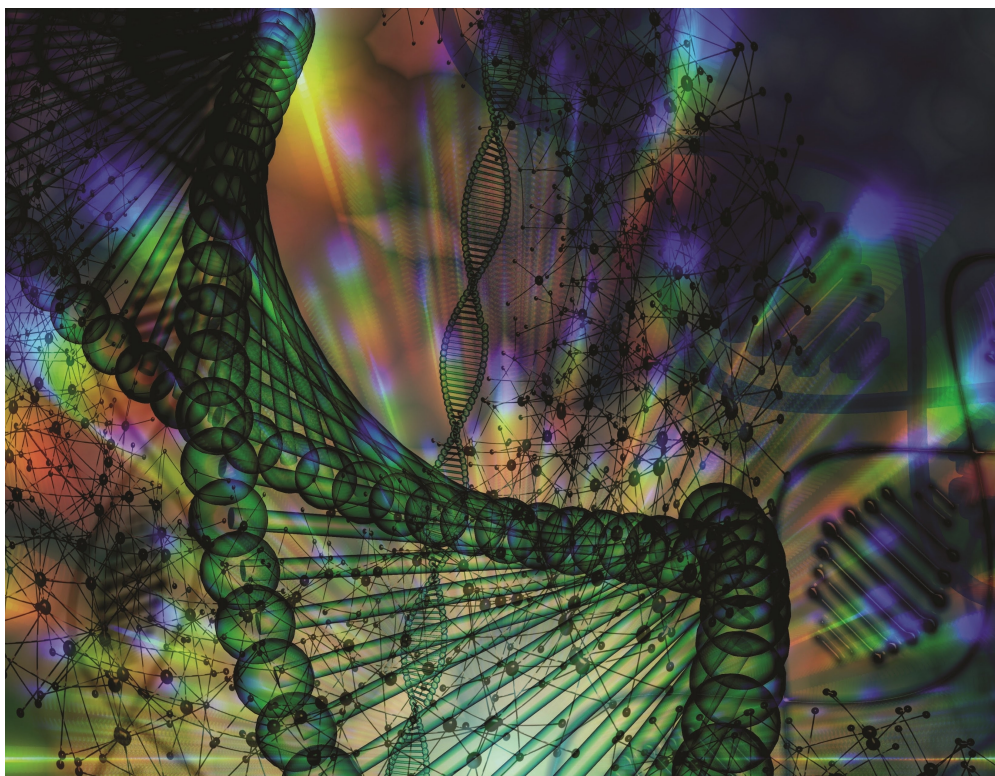
The [North America-Turtle Island Regional Ecumenical Theological Institute \(NATI-RETI\)](#) took place
from August 3-16 under the theme: "Where Now for Visible Justice?" The institute began with a
residential week in Detroit, followed by a second week at the University of Toronto, where
emerging theologians and ecumenical leaders from Canada and the United States spent two
weeks of intensive learning, prayer, encounter and community life. For more information on NATI-
RETI and to read the full article, please [click here](#).

Join the CPJ Ride for Refuge

The [Citizens for Public Justice](#) (CPJ) is holding a fundraising initiative called CPJ Ride for Refuge -
where they're fundraising for refugee and migrant rights, and to keep the advocacy work going
strong. On October 3rd, CPJ and their supporters are gathering in downtown Ottawa (and at

satellite events across the country) for the CPJ Ride for Refuge. Teams of CPJ supporters are collecting pledges now. Those who will will fundraise will celebrate their achievement at the CPJ Ride for Refuge event. For more details on this and to learn how to join, please [click here](#).

Join in the Faith and Life Sciences Essay Contest



The [Faith and Life Sciences Reference Group \(FLSRG\)](#) is an active group of life scientists, ethicists and Church leaders, working under the aegis of [The Canadian Council of Churches](#), tasked to capture, evaluate and provide recommendations for faith-based perspectives in the rapidly-emerging area of the life sciences and related technologies. The FLSRG has created this essay contest to engage students in robust reflection on pressing issues that have bearing on the Canadian church today. Each year winning essays are eligible for cash awards. This essay contest is fully bilingual; submissions written in French or English are invited. For more information and to learn how to join, please [click here](#).

Save the Date: Conversations Across the Church

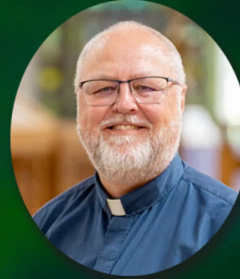


Across the Church

Sunday, September 13, 2026

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST

Please join **National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer** and guests for an hour of devotion, reflection and conversation.



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



Join us for our next Conversations Across the Church **on Sunday, September 13!**

Our focus for the third Conversations Across the Church of the year will be on Season of Creation — a time to come together in prayer and action. ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer will be joined by three speakers on why this is a priority for our church.

Join with ELCIC members across the church for Conversations Across the Church by registering here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/PPJGV3gQ2SLvj9Mr1Rwyg> (Please note, you must register to receive the Zoom link.)

Watch previous Conversations Across the Church online events by [clicking here](#).

ELCIC Sermon Series





Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops are once again offering weekly sermons for congregational use, available from May through October.

Each weekly sermon includes both written and video formats, ready to download and use in ways that best fit your worship context. These resources are especially helpful during vacation season and offer a meaningful way to connect your congregation with leaders from across the ELCIC.

Interested in using these sermons? [Sign up to access the full set of resources.](#)

*** Please note it may take a couple of days to receive access.**

An invitation to a shared Box folder will come from Carter Brooks in the ELCIC National Office.

More News

An Update from LTS - Transitional President Search

LTS and St. Andrew's have shared an important update on their future together, including what lies ahead for Lutheran theological education and the upcoming search for a Transitional President.

Read the full update here:

<https://lutherantheological.ca/lts-news/lts-and-sac-prepare-for-the-next-stage-of-their-shared-future>

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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