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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

October 28, 2026

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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, Nov. 1
Grace Lutheran in Dawson Creek
Deo Lutheran in Salmon Arm - Rev. Erik Bjorgan

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Full Communion Cycle of Prayer. Please click here

HIGHLIGHTS

- **NEW** LTS Forum Summary
- **Updated** Sermons by Email: A Ministry of Sharing and Connection
- **NEW Nov 3** Brain Health and Wellness, Penticton
- **NEW Nov 5** Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering
- **Nov 14** Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?
- **Nov 15** CLAY coffee chat for leaders!

- **NEW Nov 21** BC Synod Youth Connect
- **Nov 21** Winter Fair at Hills of Peace, Kamloops
- **NEW Nov 24th** onwards - Advent / Lent Book Study
- **Nov 28** Craft Fair at King of Life, Coquitlam
- **Feb 22-26** Engage Difference DUIM 2027
- CRA is Going Digital ... A Quick Guide for ELCIC Treasurers
- **NEW** Living Systems - Exploring Everyday Relationships

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, Nov 5 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, Nov 5 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, Nov 5 at 7pm**
Topic: Planning for Advent

Click here to join the meeting, or contact the synod office if you need to connect by phone

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Brain and Health and Wellness, Penticton

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.

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?

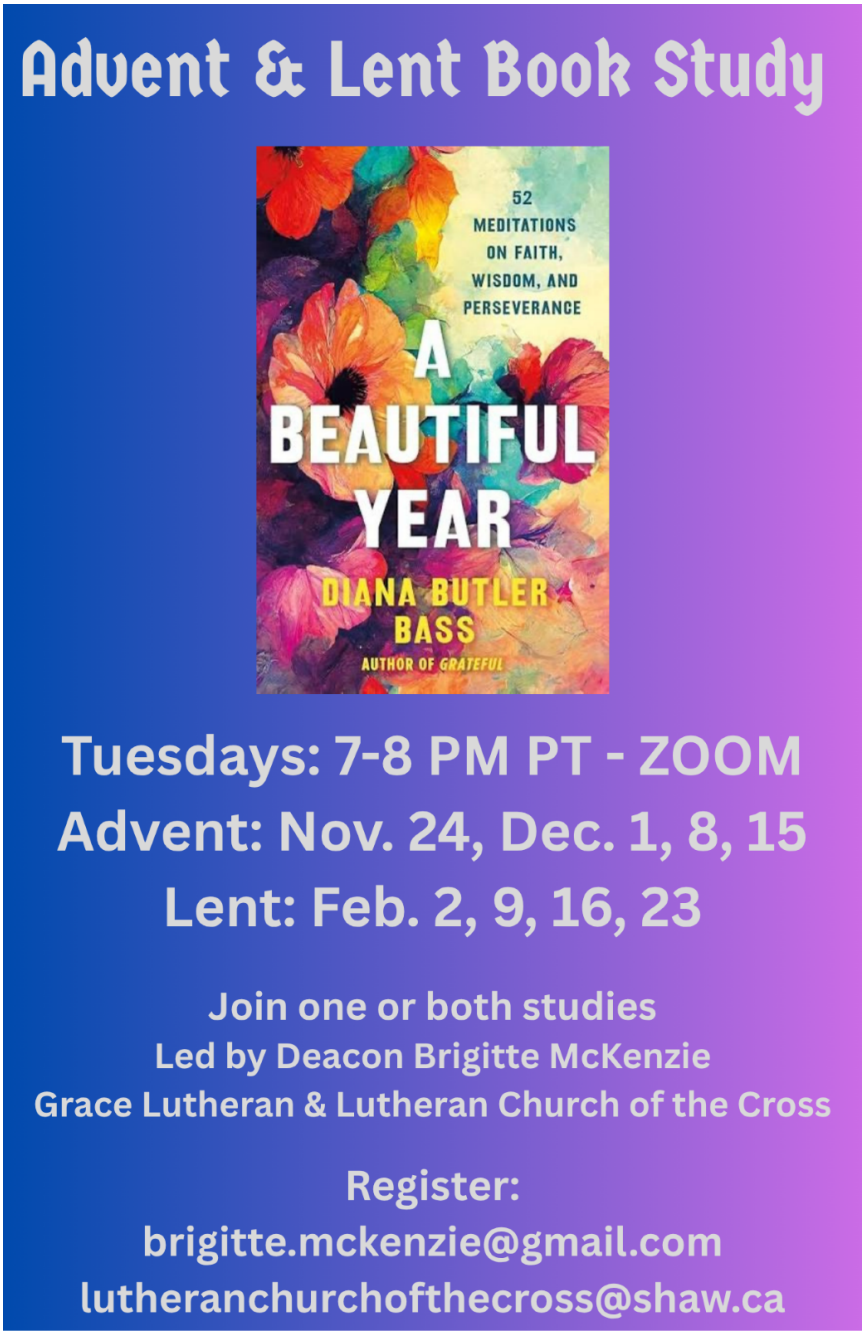
Learn more and register now:

3201 Mountain Highway, North Vancouver
www.lynnvalleychurch.com

BC Synod Youth Connect

Winter Fair at Hills of Peace, Kamloops

A Beautiful Year: Book Study for Advent and Lent



Join us for an Advent and Lenten book study online (on Zoom) based on the book," **A Beautiful Year:** by Diana Butler Bass, * a renowned theologian and author.

Click here to view a short video by Diana Butler Bass introducing the book.

*This book is available to purchase on Amazon.ca for $27.00 + taxes (hardcover) or Kindle version: $21.99 + taxes

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

1198 FALCON DRIVE, COQUITLAM

ELCIC 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

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.

Sermons By Email: A Ministry of Sharing and Connection

What began as a temporary resource within the ELCIC's British Columbia Synod around 2006, with the blessing of Bishop Gerhard Preibisch and Rev. John Gram as the first Coordinator/Manager of the program, 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

LTS Forum Summary

LTS hosted two online forums to discuss our developing future with St. Andrew's College, with thoughtful questions about Lutheran identity, formation, and the changes ahead. A central commitment throughout: Lutheran theological education and formation will remain central to our shared future. Read or download the forum recap for the questions raised, commitments made, and details still taking shape.

Thank you so much for your continued support of LTS. We appreciate your care and prayers.

Exploring Everyday Relationships

living systems counselling & training

For more information and/or to register 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

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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