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**June 3, 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](http://bcsynod.org) under Resources.

Sunday, June 7

*Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Comox*

*Our Seminaries in Saskatoon and Waterloo and for all faculty, staff and seminary students.*

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](#)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Memorial Service

Celebration of Life for **Trudy Hergesheimer**, spouse of Pr. Richard Hergesheimer (Pr. Hergy) will be on Sunday, June 7th at 3:00 pm at St. Hilda's Anglican Church, 5838 Barnacle St, Sechelt. Everyone welcome. Reception to follow.

The service will be livestreamed. You can view it here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85148232565>

### BC Synod Youth Camp *Growing in Faith, Friendship and Justice*

August 10-14, Loon Lake, Maple Ridge. Everyone welcome. Click the image below to register.

The Financial Aid Application form can be found [here](#).

Please register before June 8th



Youth Camp Core Planning Team Members:  
Pastor Courtenay Reedman Parker, Sarah Pawlos,  
Pastor Eric Krushel, Rachel Genge, Pastor Erik Parker

*This is where we're having youth camp for BC synod youth?*

*Sure is!  
We're looking forward for youth to joins us to talk justice August 10-14 @ Loon Lake*

**REGISTER NOW**

## Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew

**Thursday Morning Brew** (for all rostered leaders)

Meets monthly

Next date: **Thursday, June 4th 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, June 4th at 10am**

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

**\*No Lay Leaders' Gathering this month.**

## Cross-Border Friendship Gathering

BC Synod and NW Washington Synod

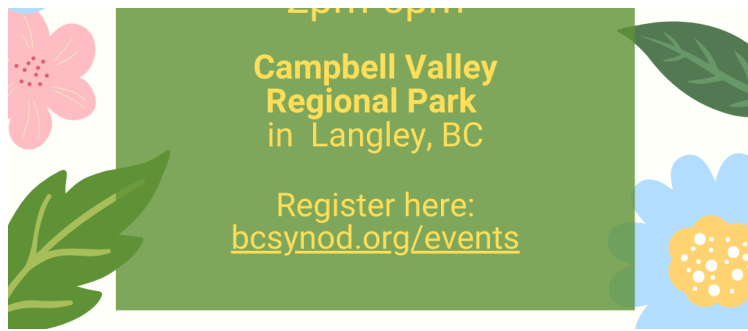
You can download a pdf poster [here](#).

**NEW** - Check out the video here: <https://youtu.be/JtYkxHGn4iE>

Borders are meant to divide us, the lines that have been drawn are meant to keep us apart. But we are one in Christ. To celebrate our shared mission and our oneness across the border, we will gather for a picnic to share food, stories, and joy. Come and meet Lutheran friends from across the border.

The picnic shelter is of limited capacity - please [register here](#) so we can reserve additional space if needed. The deadline for registration is **May 31st**.





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## We are One Body - Part 2



### You Are Invited

We invite you to continue a journey that began last year - a journey of connecting, reflecting, and growing together as we explore the yearnings we share for the future of our church here in BC. This gathering is an opportunity to continue a journey that began last year - a journey of connecting, reflecting, and growing together as we explore the yearnings we share for the future of our church here in BC.

**We will gather June 5-7, 2026, at King of Life Lutheran Church, Coquitlam**

### Important Notes

This gathering builds on the foundation laid in 2025, but it is not simply a status report. It is an invitation to continue co-creating the future of our church through Spirit-led collaboration rooted in genuine passion and shared responsibility. BC Synod will cover the costs of the event (gathering program and on-site costs).

If you have registered and are travelling from a distance, please contact the synod office regarding your travel plans. We will try to find ways to share rides / rental cars / carpool, etc. Please let us know if you can help with rides, or if you'd need a ride.

**Registration**  
[REGISTER HERE](https://bcsynod.org/events)

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**DEI Committee-Prayer for the beginning of Pride month**

The following is prayer for the beginning of Pride month, and an invitation for a Synod-wide collaborative piece.

Oh God, thank you for the gift of diversity within our church and community. For all the ways that LGBTQ+ people have and continue to contribute to the work and life of the church. Open our eyes to see the human-set limitations that hinder our ability to effectively love all people and your creation well.

Grant strength and peace to all who are in need of it

Amen

What are your thoughts on God and Gender? If the Spirit moves you, please send a short meditation to Tressa, of Ascension Lutheran Church in Nelson, at [tressstf@gmail.com](mailto:tressstf@gmail.com). The meditations will be published together at the end of Pride Month. Please send all meditations before June 17th!

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## Invitation to Leave Taking Service at Peace Lutheran, Abbotsford Monday, June 22

YOU ARE INVITED



June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026

10:00 AM Leave Taking Service  
followed by BBQ and Reminiscence

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2029 Ware Street, Abbotsford  
RSVP (604)859-5409 or [peacecl@shaw.ca](mailto:peacecl@shaw.ca)



### Farewell to Building

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 AM a "Leaving Service" will be held at Peace Lutheran Church as the property transfers to new ownership on June 25th. After the service, a celebratory lunch will be held. This marks the final gathering in the church hall before the sale is finalized. It's a bittersweet moment, filled with both nostalgia and excitement for what lies ahead. As friends and clergy come together, the hall will buzz with laughter and warmly illuminated memories. A sense of celebration will envelop the space, as we honor the countless joyful occasions held here over the past years. We invite you to share stories that will echo past events and linger fondly in every corner. This last meeting is more than a farewell; it is also a celebration of new beginnings as we continue our discernment sessions to discover where God is guiding our congregation in the upcoming months.



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## 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 on **Friday evenings June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, and 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.

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Come join us for

# Campfire in the City



Summer Fridays 7:30 – 9 pm


June 12      August 14  
July 10      September 11

Songs, stories, and s'mores  
Bring a lawn chair if you have one

Dunbar Lutheran Church garden  
3491 West 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
dunbarlutheran.ca

## The Art of Belonging

# The Art of Belonging, Colours of Community








## WORLD REFUGEE DAY


**A DAY OF CULTURE, COMMUNITY & CONNECTION**


Join us for an uplifting afternoon of fashion, delicious food, storytelling, and togetherness as we celebrate the beauty of diversity and the strength of our community.


**WEAR YOUR TRADITIONAL CULTURAL DRESS AND SHARE YOUR STORY!**

**FREE ADMISSION ~ By Donation Only to 'My Sister's Closet'**


 <p><b>UKRAINIAN BUFFET LUNCH</b></p> <p>Enjoy delicious Ukrainian dishes including pierogies, cabbage rolls and more! Vegetarian options available.</p>	 <p><b>MULTICULTURAL FASHION SHOW</b></p> <p>Traditional clothing from around the world with storytelling that celebrates culture and heritage.</p>	 <p><b>COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS</b></p> <p>Meet new friends, share stories, and build a stronger, more connected community.</p>	 <p><b>PHOTO BOOTH &amp; MEMORIES</b></p> <p>Capture beautiful moments and celebrate our rich diversity together.</p>	 <p><b>STORIES THAT CONNECT</b></p> <p>Hear the meaning behind the clothing, traditions, and journeys of our community.</p>
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 **SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026**


 **12:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
Lunch: 12:00 PM  
Fashion Show: 1:00 PM

 **MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
930 Cumberland Street  
New Westminster, BC V3L 3H4


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## Forget-Me-Not Cafe, Penticton

### The Forget-Me-Not Cafe



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

#### Next Cafe:

MONDAY June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026

11:30am - 1:30-ish (\$5.00/person)

Enjoy lunch, music, arts,  
conversation & laughter

Pre-register for the Cafe by:

- Calling 250-492-6861 or
- Emailing: [pentictondementiacafe@gmail.com](mailto:pentictondementiacafe@gmail.com)



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church\*  
1370 Church Street, Penticton

\*Accessible Back Entry

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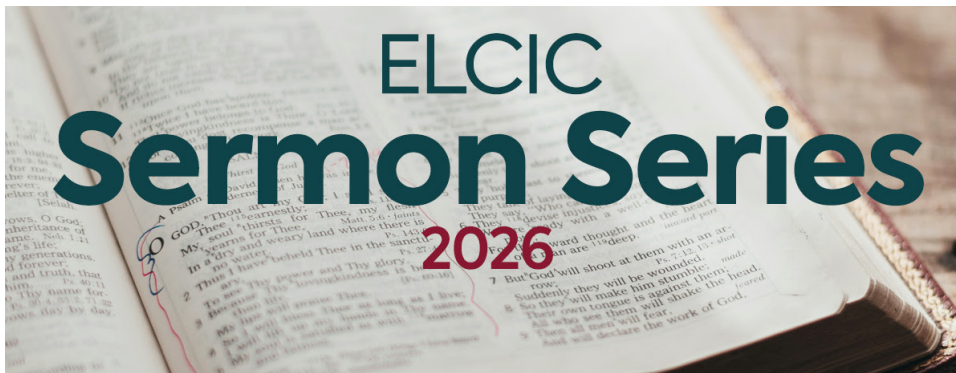
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## ELCIC NEWS

### 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.**

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## Every Square Foot Counts - What the Quiet Season is Asking of Us

This month's blog reflects on summer as a season of stewardship — what the quiet is asking of us, and what our buildings owe the generations that come after. [Read it here.](#)

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Workshop - Open Conversation about your Church Building

Join us Thursday, June 19 at 7:30 pm ET for an open conversation — no set agenda, just the questions you are carrying. Nine monthly workshop sessions have happened, the evening belongs to you, the building committee members in the ELCIC and your questions.

For more information and to register [follow this link.](#)

## 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.

**Website:** [British Columbia Synod \(bcsynod.org\)](http://bcsynod.org)

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