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### Week of April 14, 2026

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### 1. Go Serve Your Community and be a Church that Cares



**ELCIC Day  
of ACTION**  
MAY 31, 2026



This year we are marking 40 years as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada! There are a lot of exciting things planned to mark our anniversary this year - including the ELCIC Day of Action - taking place on Sunday, May 31!

As we mark 40 years as a church, the ELCIC Day of Action is a powerful expression of who we are and how we are *Living Out God's Grace and Unconditional Love*.

You are invited to join with other ELCIC congregations across the church on May 31 and step beyond your church walls and serve your community in ways that are big or small.

Need more information?

- Visit the [ELCIC Day of Action website](#) where you will find a toolkit, information on ordering t-shirts and frequently asked questions.
- Attend an upcoming information session to help you get started! Each session will introduce available resources and offer encouragement as you begin planning. If you would like to attend, please [sign-up here](#).
- Hear from our National and Synod Bishops in this [video](#) and consider how your congregation can take part. Feel free to share the video during worship ([download here](#)).
- Finally, [sign-up here](#) to let us know how your congregation is getting involved and to receive the latest updates and resources as they become available.

We are looking forward to hearing how you and your congregation are getting involved in the ELCIC Day of Action on May 31!

## 2. Climate Justice Updates and Events

**Earth Week 2026: Turning Faith into Action for Climate Justice**



**Earth Week 2026**

**Together for the Love of Creation**

From **April 19-26**, faith communities across the country are invited to join together in a shared week of prayer, learning, and action for climate justice during Earth Week 2026. This is a moment to move from awareness into hope-filled action. Across Canada, congregations are stepping forward in creative and practical ways that reflect care for creation and commitment to a more just future. Every action, large or small, helps build momentum and reminds us that change happens when we act together.

We encourage you to explore ideas on the Earth Week 2026 webpage and consider how your community might participate. You can also add your event to the national map, helping to inspire and connect others across the country. As a thank you for leading the way, the first 50 groups to register will receive a special discount code for two free [For the Love of Creation Earth Week t-shirts](#).

### **Online Workshop: Practical Climate Action for Church Buildings**

Join us **on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. EST** for a 90-minute online workshop designed to help congregations move from intention to action in a clear and manageable way. The session will introduce practical steps for energy stewardship that align with your building, capacity, and resources. More information and registration are available when you [click here](#).

### **Women Peacebuilders at the Nexus of Climate, Conflict and Gender: A Call to Act Together**



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On March 11, [KAIROS Canada](#) convened partners, allies and community members for the online launch of [Women Peacebuilders at the Nexus of Climate, Conflict and Gender](#), a project that supports local partners working at the intersection of climate change, conflict and gender inequality with a focus on strengthening women's leadership, resilience and advocacy in complex and fragile regions.

### 3. Effective Partnerships

#### Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, April 19**

**ACC:** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma

**ELCIC:** The congregations of the Southern Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

**MOR:** The Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province

**TOGETHER:** Climate justice and healthy relationships with the earth

#### CLWR is Hiring for a Communications Associate

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is looking for a **Communications Associate** to join its team! In this role, you'll help tell the story of CLWR's work by creating engaging content for the website, church relations initiatives, and donor relations communications. You'll also play a key role in gathering, organizing, and managing photos and other communications assets that bring CLWR's impact to life.

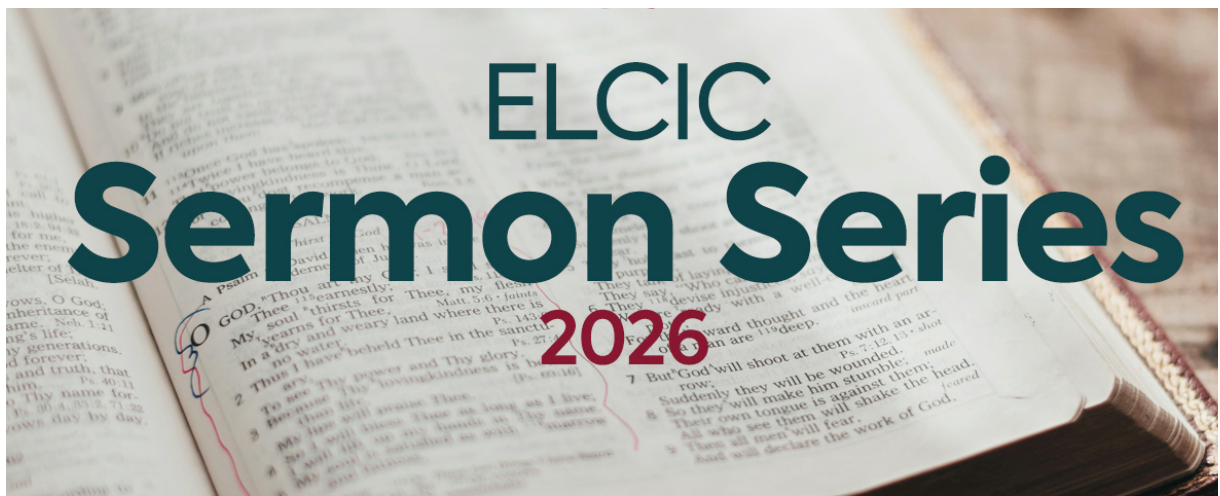
Beyond content, you'll provide hands-on communications support across departments, contributing to a wide range of projects that support CLWR's mission and outreach. If you're a creative communicator who enjoys collaboration and meaningful work, CLWR would love to hear from you. Closing date for this position is **on April 16**. To view the full job description, [please click here](#).

#### Seeing Young Adults Interested in Theology and Ecumenism

If you are an ELCIC member under 35 years of age with an interest in theology or ecumenism, there are a couple of opportunities for engagement in international events. Please contact [gpeterson@elcic.ca](mailto:gpeterson@elcic.ca) or [pgehrs@elcic.ca](mailto:pgehrs@elcic.ca) for more details. One experience is the Regional Ecumenical Theological Institute (RETI). [Learn more about RETI here](#).

### 4. Don't Forget to Sign Up! ELCIC Sermon Series Begins in May





From May through September, Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops are once again sharing a series of weekly sermons designed for use in congregations.

Offered in both written and video formats, each sermon is easy to access and adaptable to your local worship setting. Whether you're navigating the rhythms of vacation season or simply looking to bring a wider church voice into your community, these resources offer a meaningful connection to leaders across the ELCIC.

If you're interested in receiving the full collection of sermons, simply [sign up to access the full set of resources as they become available.](#)

## 5. From the National Office

### Stories of Faith and More - Get Our Canada Lutheran Today!

How are people living out their faith today? Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's award-winning magazine, Canada Lutheran, brings those stories to life through thoughtful articles, personal reflections, and perspective from across the country. Each issue invites you into the lived experiences of individuals and communities responding to God's call - offering inspiration, fresh insight, and space for deeper reflection.

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