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**British Columbia Synod**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

**July 8, 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](mailto: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, July 12

*Faith Lutheran in Kelowna - Rev. Brian Krushel*  
*Gloria Dei Lutheran in North Vancouver - Rev. Vida Jaugelis*

Sunday, July 19

*Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Langley*  
*St. Mark's Lutheran in Vancouver*

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

Please note the announcements will be sent out every two weeks in the summer

- **NEW** Synod Council Highlights can be found on our website [here](#)
- **NEW** [Living Water Season of Creation 2026](#)
- Welcome to the Synod Office [Aparna Jacob and Sarah Pawlos!](#)
- [Sacred Cuisine: Food, Love, and Resistance](#)
- [Together We Pray: Women's Prayer Book](#)
- [Summer Sermon Series](#)

- **July 10, Aug 14, Sept 11** [Campfire in the City](#)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to Aparna Jacob and Sarah Pawlos!

We are excited to announce that Aparna Jacob and Sarah Pawlos are now working at the Synod office!

Aparna is our new office administrator. We are delighted to have her join our team. Her in the office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:30am - 1:30 pm.

Sarah Pawlos is our Canada Summer jobs hire and is with us for July and August. Her work focuses on First Third Of Life (children, youth, and young adult and families). Sarah is also Camp Director for Our Synod Camp "Growing in Faith, Friendship and Justice" taking place in August.

Please join us in wishing Aparna and Sarah the very best during this time of transition.  
We are grateful for the many gifts they bring to the synod office.

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### 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](#).



**Living Water**  
Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER  
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

## 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 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.



## ELCIC NEWS

### ***Together We Pray: Women's Prayer Book***



A new prayer resource from The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is sharing the voices, experiences and theological reflections of women from across the global Lutheran communion – with significant contributions from members of the ELCIC. [Together We Pray](#) brings together prayers written by lay and ordained women, theologians, leaders, students and activists from LWF member churches around the world.

The project also carries a special connection to the ELCIC through the legacy of the former Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW) organization. Following the dissolution of ELW, remaining funds were used to establish the [ELCIC Women of Faith Fund](#), which provided annual grants supporting leadership, learning and the participation of women in the life of the church. As the Women of Faith Fund reached its final year, remaining funds were gifted to the LWF and allocated toward Gender Justice and Women’s Empowerment initiatives – including nearly \$16,000 to support the creation of *Together We Pray*.

ELCIC contributors to the women’s prayer book resource include Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken, Rev. Aneeta Devi Saroop, Rev. Katherine Gohm, Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Rev. Dr. Kristine Lund and former ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson.

[Available to download for free in English, Spanish, German and French](#), *Together We Pray* invites Lutherans around the world to experience the diversity of the communion through shared prayer.

[Learn more here!](#)

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## 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 seasons.

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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

### Sacred Cuisine: Food, Love, and Resistance

Izzeldin Bukhari is a Palestinian chef. This summer, he is touring in Canada, bringing us his love of food and cooking and his stories of life under occupation. Chef Izzeldin will be touring around BC until August, hosting talks, presentations, and cooking classes. You can find the various events [here](#).



### 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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