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1. ELCIC Day of Action - Be a Part of Our Shared Day of Service on May 31

The ELCIC Day of Action is coming up **on May 31** — an opportunity for congregations across our church to step beyond their walls and serve their communities in meaningful ways - big or small. Let us know how you and your congregation are getting involved. [Sign-up here](#) and receive further information on the ELCIC Day of Action as it becomes available

Not sure what to do yet? Attend One of Our Information Sessions

Join any of our scheduled information sessions online to help you get started! Each of our information sessions will help you and your congregation know what resources are available and to give you encouragement as you start to plan! If you would like to attend, [please sign up here](#).

As we mark 40 years as a church, this shared day of service is a powerful expression of who we are and how we are *Living Out God's Grace and Unconditional Love*. Watch for more details on social media and the ELCIC website in the coming weeks!

In the meantime, hear from our National and Synod Bishops in the video above and consider how your congregation can take part. Feel free to share the video during worship ([download here](#)).

2. CLWR Appoints New CEO to Lead Next Chapter



In photo: Darryl Loewen, CLWR's next Chief Executive Officer. (Photo credits: CLWR website)

The Board of Directors of [Canadian Lutheran World Relief](#) (CLWR) has appointed Darryl Loewen as the organization's next Chief Executive Officer effective June 1, 2026.

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Loewen succeeds Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse, who served as interim leader during the search process. Loewen brings extensive leadership experience in the faith-based humanitarian sector including nearly a decade with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Manitoba. As CLWR marks 80 years of service, he is set to guide the organization into its next chapter. To learn more, read the full announcement when you [click here](#).

3. Climate Justice Updates and Events

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](#).

Earth Week 2026

During the **week of April 19-26**, faith communities across the country are invited to pray, learn and act for climate justice. Together we can take hopeful action. Change takes all of us. Each action brings hope. Let's make hope viable across the country. Find ideas on the Earth Week 2026 webpage, and add your event to the map. Your example can inspire other and as a thank you for leading the way, the first 50 groups who register will receive a special discount code for two free [For the Love of Creation Earth Week t-shirts](#).

Faith and Climate Action Webinar - April 11

Here's another opportunity for prayer, learning, reflection, and action! The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is hosting a webinar **on April 11 at 9:00 a.m. CDT**. Please register when you [click here](#).

4. Effective Partnerships

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, April 12**

ACC: The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

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

MOR: The Rt. Rev. Amy Gohdes-Luhman, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province

Join the CLWR Team!

CLWR is hiring a **Communications Associate** to support its communications and marketing team. This position will write content for our website, church relations team and donor materials, and will help manage the collection and organization of photos and other communications assets. You'll also provide hands-on communications support to the departments across CLWR. **Closing date is April 16, 2026.** To see 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 or pgehrs@elcic.ca for more details. One experience is the Regional Ecumenical Theological Institute (RETI). [Learn more about RETI here.](#)

5. Sign-up for the ELCIC Sermon Series



From May through October, Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops are once again sharing 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.](#)

6. 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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