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British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

June 24, 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 under Resources.

Sunday, June 28

Christ Lutheran in Kelowna – Rev. Barbara Groote
Shared Ministries in BC Synod

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 that Synod Announcements will be sent out every two weeks during the summer months

- **NEW** Welcome to the Synod Office [Aparna Jacob and Sarah Pawlos!](#)
- **NEW** [Sacred Cuisine: Food, Love, and Resistance](#)
- **NEW** Please note that that **Brews** will not be taking place in July and August
- [Together We Pray: Women's Prayer Book](#)
- [Summer Sermon Series](#)
- **NEW June 27** [Mount Olive Lutheran Church Trunk Sale](#)
- **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 will be starting work at the Synod office in the coming days!

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

Sarah Pawlos is our Canada Summer jobs hire and will be with us for July and August. Her work will focus on First Third Of Life (children, youth, and young adult). Sarah is also Camp Director for Our Synod Camp 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.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church Trunk Sale



TRUNK SALE

Artisan Area

38 stalls

FREE!!
Coffee and Water
Sweet Snacks!!

For Sale

Saturday, June 27th
9:00am to 12:00pm
in our parking lot

2350 148th Street, Surrey

 **MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**
A COMMUNITY EVENT

*Please note there few stalls left for \$10 each if anyone is interested

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.

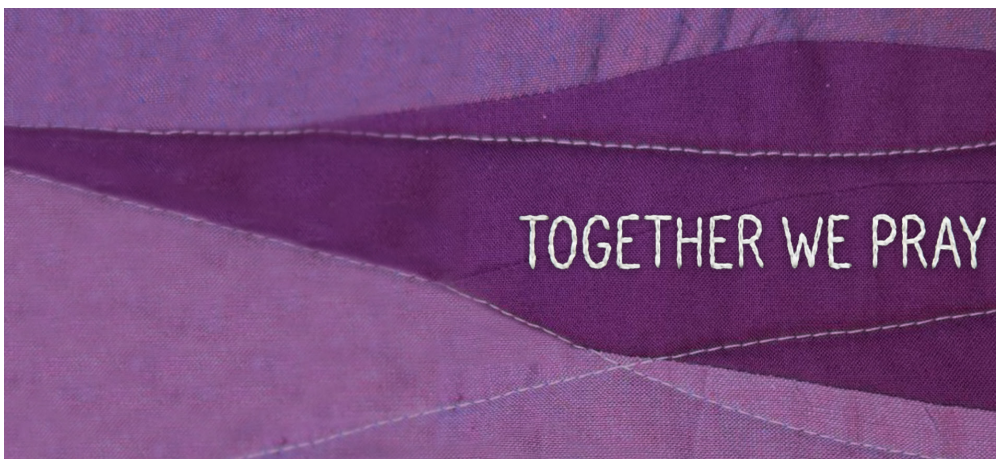
We gather on **Friday evenings June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, and September 11th**, 7:30 pm – 9 pm. Stop by for the evening, or just for a while. Bring a lawn chair if you have one – if not, we'll find a seat for you.

Light drizzle won't stop us, but in case of heavy rain, the event will be cancelled.



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!](#)

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 congregation. These sermons are available in both English and Spanish.

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.**

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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