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British Columbia Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

February 4, 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 **BC Synod 2025-2026 Prayer List for Congregations**, please click [here](#). It can also be found on our website bcsynod.org under Resources.

Sunday, February 8

Hope Lutheran in Nanaimo - Rev. Derek Solberg

For Luther Court and other institutions in our church that care for the seniors For the ministry of hospital chaplains

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

Reminder: Congregations, once compiled, please send your **AGM reports** to the Synod Office. Thank you.

- **Feb 5** [Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering](#)
- **NEW Feb 7** [Invitation to the Installation of Rev. John Boyd](#)
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prayer requests and resources, [see below](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation Invitation



*You are cordially invited to
attend the Installation*

of

Rev. John Boyd

*Saturday, February 7, 2026
7:00 pm*

*Hills of Peace Lutheran Church
695 Robson Drive
Kamloops, BC. V2E 2B4*

Refreshments to follow

Rostered Ministers are invited to vest.
The liturgical color is Green.

Youth Camp Meeting

On Saturday, February 7th at 3pm we will gather online to dream and plan for this summer's BC Synod Justice Camp at Loon Lake, Maple Ridge, August 10-14. If you want to hear what has been happening, are interested in helping out, or have something to share, please join us. All are welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84222900818?pwd=2sBFJVbAkzx8mqD48ha53SXLtiC5Hg.1>

Meeting ID: 842 2290 0818

Passcode: 405123

BC Synod Youth Camp
Aug. 10th-14th 2026
Loon Lake Lodge, Maple Ridge



ELCIC Mission Fund - Grant Applications

We are inviting applications for grants to fund neighbourhood and community experiments and learning opportunities that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- a) explore what God is doing in your neighbourhood
- b) seek to develop relationships with others in your community
- c) encourage participation in God's mission in the local community
- d) encourage action and reflection learning

Through these experiments, we will continue to learn from and with each other as we share our stories, experiences, and our learning with the rest of our synod and the wider church. Experiments need not be large-scale or require the commitment of large dollar amounts. Successful applications are inspired by imagination and a curiosity about what God is up to in our midst.

The application deadline is February 15, 2026.

Applications and information can be found [here](#).

Morning Brew / More Leisurely Brew / Lay Leaders' Gathering

Thursday Morning Brew (for all rostered leaders)

Meets monthly

Next date: **Thursday, February 5th 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, February 5th at 10am**

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

Lay Leader Gatherings

Meets monthly

Next date - **Thursday, February 5th at 7pm**

*This month we will talk about worship planning for Lent, especially for congregations who rely on lay leadership. Lorraine Reinhardt will be our special guest.

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

Diaconal Sunday, February 22

Sunday, February 22nd is Diaconal Ministry Sunday. Let us recognize and give thanks to God for all of those who serve as deacons in the regions of this synod and across the world. We are grateful for your ministry!

Deacon Brigitte is the preacher for the Diaconal Sunday resources this year!

Deacons in the BC Synod include:

Deacon Connie Landstrom (retired), Sechelt

Deacon Brigitte Mackenzie, Victoria

Deacon Keirra Maher (retired), Nanaimo

Deacon Denise Pawliuk, Kamloops

Deacon Judy Whaley (retired), Sandspit

Robin Dielissen, Diaconal candidate for ministry

Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership:

Deacon Gretchen Peterson

PRAYER FOR DEACONS (from Speak It Plain by Meta Herrick Carlson)

The call is to stand between, in the liminal and fuzzy boundaries where church and world blur, coaxing folks out of stark categories and into real life where proclaiming the gospel and serving the neighbor are never separate. You are ordained for action that embodies God's love on the margins and moves people toward purpose and love that do not require a crucifix, font or altar. Instead you show them how God lived in a body, wrapping a towel at your waist, stooping down to fill a basin with water, washing and drying your neighbor's feet with such care, they are certain they've seen Jesus. Amen

[Resources for Diaconal Sunday can be found here.](#)

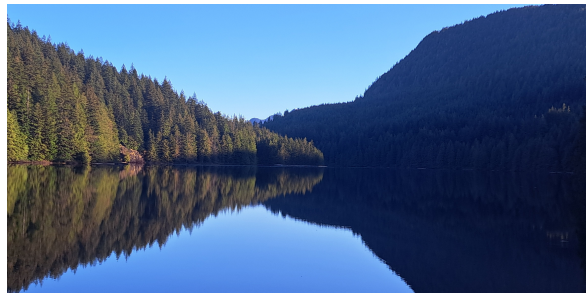
Save the Date - Installation of Rev. Erik Parker

On Sunday, March 1st Rev. Erik Parker will be installed at Saint Paul's Lutheran church in Maple Ridge at 2pm.
Details and an invitation will be sent out at a closer date.

Registration Now Open for Study Conference

2026 BC Synod **Rostered Leaders Study Conference**
May 4 to 6, 2026 - Loon Lake Lodge in Maple Ridge

[Register Here](#)



The conference will be held from **Monday May 4 - Wednesday May 6, 2026, at Loon Lake Lodge in Maple Ridge.**
Plan to arrive at 3 pm on Monday and depart at noon on Wednesday.

Early Bird Rates (registered before March 31, 2026)

Active Rostered Leader under Call - \$675
Specialized Ministry, Chaplain, Retired rostered leader, Deacon - \$325
CTEL Students – \$0, registration cost covered by the Study Conference budget
Spouse (covers meals and accommodations) - \$175 (children staying with parents stay at no cost)

ELCIC NEWS

Luther League Legacy Fund: Call for Applications



Join This is your chance to submit an application for the [Luther League Legacy Fund](#) (LLLF). If you are 30 years of age or under, and looking to be involved in a leadership development opportunity or looking to plan a project that would benefit people 30 years of age and under, please check out our application guidelines when you click on the button below. Deadline for applications is fast approaching **on March 1, 2026**.

World Day of Prayer

The [World Day of Prayer](#) (WDP) is generally celebrated on the first Friday of March with a different country writing the service materials each year. For 2026, the writing committee is WDP Nigeria and the theme is "I Will Give You Rest: Come" Matthew 11:28-30.

[Videos are available](#): Full-service World Day of Prayer Nigeria video. Country background video on Nigeria. Service promo video. Music video. 25-minute WDP service video.

Please add your service details to the [online map](#) to promote your local observances.

2025 ELCIC Parochial Reports

By this time, congregations should already have received an email invitation to complete their 2025 ELCIC Parochial Reports. If you haven't received it yet and would like to complete it now, please use either of the following:

[2025 Online Parochial Report](#)

[2025 Parochial Report \(Downloadable PDF\)](#)

Parochial Reports are to be completed with year-ending December 31, 2025. Please contact Peace Anthony-Idoko, Director, Finance and Administration via [email](#) if you have any questions or would need help in completing the form.

Prayer Vigils for Climate Justice – Lent 2026

Each Tuesday evening during Lent, 7:00-7:30 pm, Central Time, the ELCIC and its synods are hosting a *Prayer Vigil for Climate justice*. Feb. 24, and March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31.

Please [register here](#) to join the vigils live and/or to receive a link to the recording.

Join Us for Conversations Across the Church - February 22

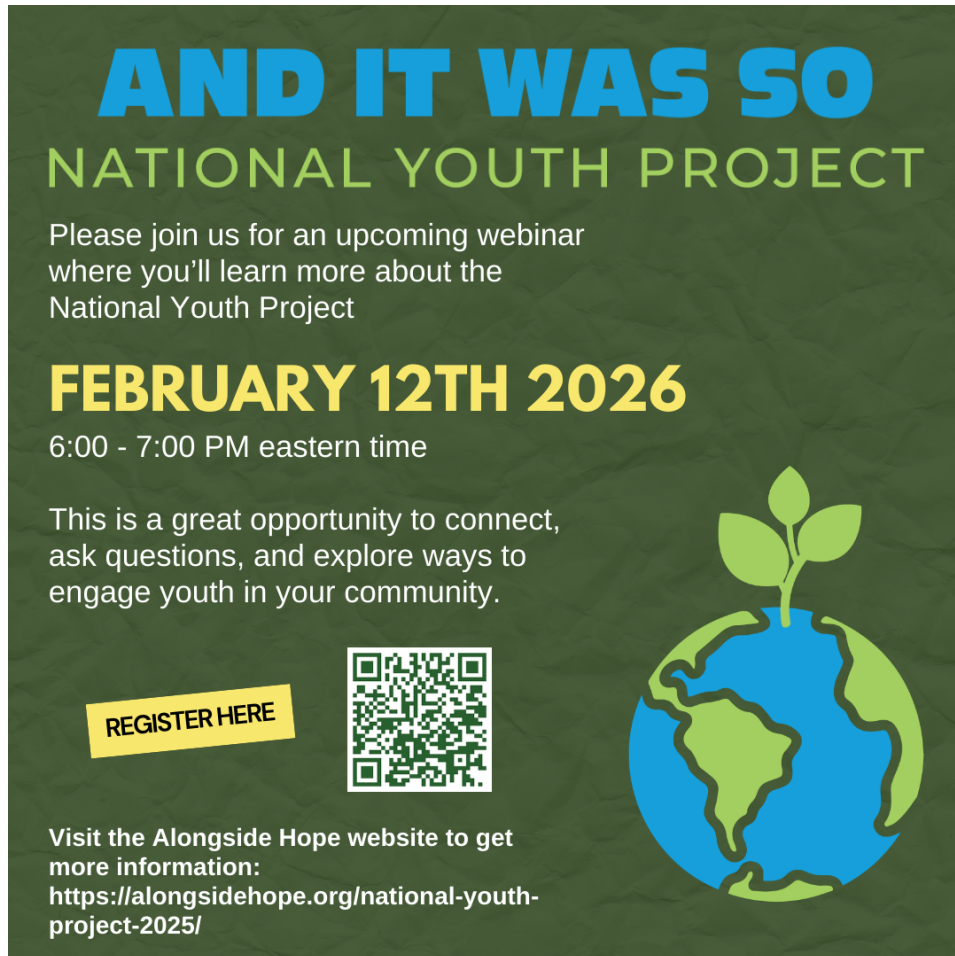
Mark your calendars for February 22 for our second *Conversations Across the Church* online event!

2026 is a milestone in the life of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada as we mark 40 years since the formation of our church. Join ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer as we begin our Lenten journey and reflect on this 40th anniversary milestone: where have we been, where are we today, and how is God calling us forward as we seek to be a church *Living out God's grace and unconditional love* for the next 40 years. To register for this online event, please click on button below:

‘And It Was So’ - National Youth Project

Join with leaders from CLWR, Alongside Hope and Canadian Food Grains Bank to learn more about the current National Youth Project! The webinar takes place February 12, beginning at 6:00 pm EST and is open to youth and youth leaders who want to learn more about this project. Register here:

[National Youth Project | Alongside Hope](#)



AND IT WAS SO
NATIONAL YOUTH PROJECT

Please join us for an upcoming webinar
where you'll learn more about the
National Youth Project

FEBRUARY 12TH 2026
6:00 - 7:00 PM eastern time

This is a great opportunity to connect,
ask questions, and explore ways to
engage youth in your community.

REGISTER HERE



Visit the Alongside Hope website to get
more information:
<https://alongsidehope.org/national-youth-project-2025/>

Exploring and connecting in ecumenical shared ministry

Two online sessions in February will offer opportunities to explore and connect around local congregational partnerships. On Feb. 12, a learning session introduces newcomers to ecumenical shared ministry. On Feb. 26, a networking session supports those already serving in partnerships. Both sessions are hosted by the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Commission via Zoom and will include special guest speakers.

[Register for the Feb. 12 Ecumenical Shared Ministry Learning Session...](#)

[Register for the Feb. 26 Ecumenical Shared Ministry Networking Session...](#)

You can download the PDF poster [here](#)



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ELCIC Task Forces - Call for Applications

The ELCIC is calling on passionate members to join one of three task forces driving our church's work in justice, inclusion, and faithful witness. By sharing your insights and experiences, you'll help shape national initiatives and support the ELCIC's vision of a church *Living out God's grace and unconditional love*.

Task Forces:

Ability & Inclusion Task Force

Task Force on Addressing Racism, White Supremacy and Racial Justice

Affirming Grace Task Force: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for All Task Force

Who should consider applying: ELCIC members - lay or rostered - who care deeply about justice, inclusion, accessibility, spiritual renewal, and the future of our shared ministries. Lived experience, ministry involvement, professional expertise, and passion for equity are all valuable gifts.

[Apply Here](#)

Treasurers Together

Registration is Open!

Treasurers Together

Feb 4, 2026 (BC, ABT, SK, MNO)
6pm BC/YT, 7pm AB, 8pm SK/MB

Feb 5, 2026 (Eastern Synod)
6pm ON/QC, 7pm NB/NS

 **gsi**
ELCIC Group Services Inc.

On Zoom
Register through GSI's website

Barb and Shelley from GSI will be hosting two "Treasurers Together" Info sessions February 4 and 5, 2026. These two-hour sessions will be held over Zoom. Topics will be the same for both sessions.

The sessions will be of particular interest to Treasurers, but members of church councils, clergy, and others who are connected to the ELCIC will also be welcome to join. Topics will cover a range of Treasurer responsibilities, such as:

- enrollments of new employees
- terminations
- life events such as disability and marriage
- T4 completion
- the role of GSI and how it can be helpful for Treasurers and congregations

More information and the registration form is now available on the GSI website: [REGISTRATION](#). **The registration deadline is January 30.**

MORE NEWS

New Course Offering- Addictions Ministry

Substance use disorder is a growing concern in our rapidly progressing society. It can be a strange, and terrifying experience both for those who suffer from it, and those who witness it. But did you know that substance use disorder, otherwise known as addiction, has its roots in biological processes, and socioeconomic factors that affect all of us?

Join us as we explore the history, biology, and an approach to substance use disorders, and contextualize it to a Biblical worldview!

Register today:

<https://emmanuelstchad.ca/addictions-ministry/>

• **Dates:** February 28th, March 21st, April 25th

• **Times:** 9am to 12pm

• **Registration:** \$500

* **Please note:** \$250 (for Anglicans) + \$25 one-time registration fee



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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